

Crisfield and the board as to the amount he is to receive annually for his services as counsel, this being, according to my understanding of the matter dependent upon the quantum of service required and rendered. When settling an account of his at the last meeting of the board, for procuring lands for the right of way, and for other professional services, he raised a claim for extra services in Annapolis, last winter, and there was voted him the extra sum of one thousand dollars for the great sacrifice he was obliged to make of his concerns at home, when required unexpectedly by the company to go hastily off to Annapolis, where, when he reached, it was found the business of the company required him to remain till the end of the session. This service was peculiarly unpleasant and oppressive to him, as you, sir, yourself, (who was present) can well imagine, and the pay which the company awarded him, if it can be regarded as adequate, will scarcely, in my humble opinion be considered as extravagant. In my absence from the board at the same meeting, the directors voted an extra allowance of five hundred dollars to the president of the company, in consideration of his confinement at Annapolis last winter, and the great trouble which was encountered during the year in endeavors to improve the monetary condition of the company. This sum was voted by a spontaneous movement of the board, without the slightest indication from me, that it was desired or expected, or any thing like it. If the salary of president was adequate remuneration for his labor, and an indemnity for his losses and his expenses, I could not receive this extra allowance, but as this matter stands, I shall do it whenever the company shall be in condition to pay its just debts.

My memory I think serves me sufficiently to say with confidence, that the three items here stated are the only extra allowances, even given or promised to be given by the board since I have had a seat at it, to any of its officers or employees.

This answer, although made from memory and such memoranda as I have in my possession, I hope may be found sufficient to reach all the objects of your enquiry, and if, in my desire to be full upon the points likely to be of interest to you, I shall be found tedious or irrelevant, I shall hope for an appreciation of the motive, and that the committee will pardon me.

I am, sir, with much respect,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS EMORY,
President of Eastern Shore Rail Road Company.