

DISTRICT INVESTIGATION

IMPORTANT EXPLANATION BY GOVERNOR SHEPHERD.

A BILL PASSED ON THE FIFTEEN-THIRTEEN... THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES... THE SENATE...

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, April 1, 1874.

SEVENTEENTH DAY. Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

TESTIMONY OF F. A. JOHNSON. F. A. Johnson was called, sworn and examined.

By Mr. Chairman: Q. State your relations to the District government? A. I am a clerk in the contract office.

Q. Are you chief clerk? A. Yes, sir. Q. Have you charge of the contract office, and have charge of them?

Q. You have access to the vouchers and contracts now in the custody of the committee? A. I have access to the vouchers, and the vouchers are the more immediate charge of Mr. Burr, of the auditor's office.

The Chairman: We desire you to produce, from day to day, such contracts as the committee may call for.

By Mr. Wilson: Q. Who is associated with you in your care of these contracts? A. John A. Hurley and George J. T. Howard.

Q. Is it necessary that three of you should be in attendance here? A. Well, it was deemed necessary at the time that these checks were in, in order to release each other. We stay here at night all the while.

Q. Are there three of you having charge of the contracts, or only two? A. One of the checks of all the checks, and I understand it.

Q. That is to say, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Burr have charge of all the documents? A. Yes, sir.

Q. It is necessary for two of you to stay here all the time? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long since you have been paid anything for your services? A. Not since the first of November last.

Q. In what has the payment been made to you? A. In cash.

The Witness: The last payment? Mr. Wilson: Yes, sir, what was your last payment made in? A. Part in money and part in bonds.

Q. What proportion in money and what proportion in bonds? A. About one-half.

Q. What kind of bonds did you get? A. Seven bonds.

Q. What were those bonds worth on the dollar at the time you got them? A. They were worth forty dollars.

Q. What were they worth in the market? A. I did not order any in the market.

Q. Where are those bonds now? A. They are all in my hands.

Q. What was your compensation per month? A. One hundred dollars.

TESTIMONY OF THOMAS S. BURR. Thomas S. Burr, having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

By Mr. Chairman: Q. What is your relation to this District government? A. I am a clerk in the auditor's office of the Board of Public Works.

Q. Have you charge of the vouchers? A. I have not.

Q. A. Yes, sir. Q. We desire you to produce from the day to day, such vouchers as the committee may call for.

By Mr. Wilson: Q. What is your compensation? A. One hundred dollars per month.

Q. How long is it since you have been paid for your services? A. Since the first of November we have not been paid.

Q. When you were last paid, for how many months were you paid? A. I think three months.

Q. Up to what date were you paid? A. The 31st of March.

Q. In what part were you paid? A. Part in money and part in bonds.

Q. How much money and how much in bonds? A. There was rather more money than bonds, but very nearly equally divided.

Q. In what kind of bonds were you paid? A. Seven bonds.

Q. What were those bonds worth in the market at the time you received them? A. I took them for one hundred cents each.

Q. I presume you did, but what were they worth? A. They were quoted at 70 to 72 cents.

Q. You have those bonds yet, or have you disposed of them? A. No, sir, I passed them off to the bank.

Q. You have used them in your business? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you ratify doing so? A. I used them, fortunately for me, dollar for dollar. I don't know whether others were so fortunate, but I was so situated that I could do so.

Q. Will you, from time to time as this committee calls upon you, produce such vouchers as the committee may call for?

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FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

THE CURRENT BILL PROGRESSING IN BOTH HOUSES.

INTERESTING DEBATE IN THE SENATE—ADDRESS OF SENATOR JONES OF NEVADA—A CLOSE VOTE—COURT DEBATE IN THE HOUSE—THE MISSING BILL PASSED.

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CAPITOL AND DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER BOARD ON LEAGUE ISLAND.

IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE THE ISLAND A FIRST-CLASS NAVAL STATION—THE STATEMENT OF THE ENGINEER BOARD—THE ENGINEER BOARD'S REPORT.

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF BUREAU OF WEATHER SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, April 1, 1874.

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