

Q. Was that also your recollection?

(Objected to as leading.)

A. That is my recollection, certainly, that there was no request for the Board to take action upon it. If you wish it, I will say what my impression was.

Q. I don't want that; I want your recollection.

A. I have stated it.

Q. There is a statement at the end of paragraph 26 of the Bill, in which, at the meeting of the shareholders held the 29th of June, 1869, Mr. Williams, "in order to relieve himself from the pressure put upon him, assigned among other reasons for his determination, that a loss to the estate would ensue if the Broad Street lot were not used for that purpose. In answer to this, it was at once arranged that any such loss should be met by voluntary contributions in relief of the estate; whereupon, the defendant declined the proposition, and announced his final determination to place the building on that lot under all circumstances;" and the answer of the defendant, on page 19 of his Answer, avers as follows:—

"I am not aware that any arrangement was made to meet by voluntary contributions, the loss which would or might ensue from a sale of the lot so purchased. I never heard any arrangement even suggested to make up the additional amount which would be required to purchase another lot."

Please state whether you have any, and what, recollection upon the subject.

(Objected to as suggestive and leading, and that the witness should be asked what did occur on these occasions.)

A. My recollection is very indistinct upon that subject. I have heard, at some time or other, some proposition of that kind. I don't think it amounted to the words used here, "it was at once *arranged* that any such losses would be met by voluntary contributions." I think it was merely a proposition of somebody; whether at that meeting or not, my memory is not clear.