

Company was called at Mr. Wilson's, and there the following persons surrendered their claims as common stock for the Company: O. Jerome, J. Bullen, Jr., J. G. Wilson, H. Bacon, C. W. Turner and Russell Allen. But in the process of this business, it was named, that any member of the Company could cast as many votes as he might hold shares of stock. Upon learning this fact, Mr. Turner refused to surrender his claim, or to do anything about it. It was engaged by the Agent, that the offensive article in the Constitution should be so amended, as again to limit the vote to ten, even should stock-holders own more than ten shares. Mr. Turner still objected; but all the others, however, were disposed to abide by these proposals, some, if not all of them, reserving an acre or two for their own use, to be selected where they might choose. I wrote a letter to be conveyed by Mr. Allen to Hannibal, the purport of which was, that these persons had surrendered their locations for a home for the Company, thereby sacrificing what they had for the benefit and welfare of that body; leaving it with them to make such compensation as they might deem proper, when they should see what these claimants had endured to secure so good a location.

It was not, till many months after this, generally known that any security was given to any persons for the relinquishment of their claims to the Company. When the Directors were transacting different matters of business, they learned that Bacon and Wilson had notes against the Company to the amount of \$1,500 and \$2,000, from Allen and Bullen; and since then, that Dewitt Bullen had also a note from them for \$1,500, for the Kimball claim. All this appeared to have been kept a secret as long as possible, for the purpose of deceiving C. W. Turner into a relinquishment of his claim; but when the Directors were consulting on the amount to be allowed to them for holding the same, it was ascertained that they even had a greater amount secured to them than some of the Directors were disposed to allow. On account of this, and other deceptions practised by the Agent about this time, Mr. Turner's refusal to surrender his claim was fully justi-