

members of the staff, becomes a full admission on the part of every one whose name is attached to the pay-sheet, that he receives his appointment, either directly or indirectly, from the Contractor ; and therefore, that the Contractor has a right to use or employ him as he pleases.

If, on the contrary, the same meaning cannot be made to attach to the two terms ; and if, by using the words " Employed by Hon. Thomas McGreevy," does not directly, or even remotely, imply that the Contractor has the right not only to appoint, but to make such use of the Engineering staff as he may deem proper, I shall make no further objection to the use of the original form, provided the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, instruct me to do so.

I know that the Chicago Contracting Company never attached the least importance to the form as originally prepared by me ; but inasmuch as the present Contractor seems to regard it as so particularly important to his own interests that the original form should be restored, I would respectfully advise that the most careful consideration should be given to the subject before acceding to his wishes, or rather peremptory demands.

Having thus, to the best of my ability and understanding, warned the Directors of the dangers that will inevitably result from an erroneous decision of the important matter now before them, I shall await the result with an entire consciousness of having at least endeavored to perform my duty to the Company in a matter which I conceive to be of far greater importance than any other which has come before the Board since I have had the honor of being connected with the Road.

I hope that it will not be inferred, from what I have said, that I have the least personal feeling in this matter ; or that my views are influenced by any feeling of hostility towards the Contractor.