

Ques. 617. Did any inconvenience arise from Mr. Brown's acting in the double capacity of Commissioner and Secretary? Was any objection ever made by any one on that score in your hearing?—Ans. There did not arise any inconvenience, but the reverse. Mr. Brown was both an excellent and active Secretary, as well as Commissioner; I do not remember to have ever heard of such an objection.

Ques. 618. Did all the Commissioners reside at the same hotel and occupy the same parlor? Was Mr. Brown ever "closeted with witnesses" to your knowledge, except in common with his brother Commissioners?—Ans. The Commissioners occupied the same parlor in the same hotel, and, as all had access to that parlor at all times, no one could have been closeted there.

Ques. 619. Mr. Smith, in reply to question 251, quoted a passage from the evidence of Hugh Manual, given before the Commissioners, in which the following words occur: "Keely has told witness that officers who gave testimony in favor of the Warden would be dismissed, and more than him have said so; Skynner has said so; he said Pollard and Manual and a good many others, who would be in the Warden's favor, would be dismissed; Skynner said the Commissioners told him so, when he was before them." Please to say if any such statement was made to Skynner, or any other person by the Commissioners?—Ans. So far as my knowledge extends, no such intimation was ever made by any Commissioner, and certainly was not made by the Commissioners collectively.

Mr. Brown concluded his examination in chief of Mr. Bristow.
The Committee adjourned until 11 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.

Saturday, 10th May, 1856.

Committee met,—

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Felton,
Mr. Wilson,

Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sanborn.—4.

Mr. Brown was present.

At 12 o'clock noon, the Committee adjourned in consequence of the absence of Mr. Macdonald, until 10 o'clock, A. M. on Monday, the 12th instant.

Monday, 12th May, 1856.

Committee met,—

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JAMES MOIR FERRES, ESQUIRE,
(Chairman.)

Mr. Masson,
Mr. Wilson,

Mr. Sanborn,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Felton.—6.

The Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Brown were present.

MR. Bristow cross-examined by Mr. Macdonald.

Ques. 620. In your answer to question 423, you say that, "the Commission under which the Commissioners were appointed states that "divers charges had been made against the conduct and management of the Penitentiary." Do you