

ciples of an act of Parliament, and the integrity with which it ought to be enforced, then it is in vain for an individual humble as myself, to raise a voice in the exposure of such nefarious conduct and proceedings, which no honourable body of men would dare to pursue.

It may perhaps be said, that the public have little or nothing to say in the matter, for that a very considerable number, if not all, of the original shareholders (under the provisions of the amended act) are withdrawing, or seeking to withdraw, their money which they had paid in, and cancel their stock. In reply it may be urged, that every ratepayer who contributes in the shape of TAXES for the construction of this road is virtually a shareholder. Besides, there are others who cannot relieve themselves from their position as stockholders by virtue of the amended act. There are many who, actuated by a desire to promote this enterprise, and induced by the fair representations made them, have accepted in payment for lands sold the Company, and for work done upon the road, the stock of the Company. All these parties hold shares of the Company, all instalments being paid up in full, and hold their scrip, for stock thus paid up, in respective amounts of from twenty pounds, up to three hundred pounds. Such parties have or ought to have not only something to say, but something to do in the matter, prior to a single word from the so called President, so long as he holds his present equivocal position at the board of a Company to the capital stock of which he had paid the magnificent sum of £12 10s, and for what I know to the contrary, has not since contributed any further amount. The books of the company, were they accessible, would prove the fact.

When Mr. Morrison has disentangled and released himself from the questionable position in which he stands, that of being the minion of others, it would be well for him, or for the contractors, or for whomsoever he may be acting his part, to advertise the public of the fact. Under existing circumstances, and overshadowed as these circumstances are, by a cloud of mystery, accompanied by such a peculiar combination of events already known to have occurred, any transient gleam *forshadowing* a brighter day, will be hailed as a god-send. Until this has been experienced, little confidence can be placed in a company whose Directors are so lamentably wanting in the impartial discharge of those duties which they owe to the public.

What a pretty "kettle of fish" have the contractors served up in the composition of the present Board, for the gratification of their own appetites, regardless of the palate of the public, who have always something more or less to say in a matter of this nature! The contractors, in their anxiety to escape a dilemma, have jumped, "*out of the frying pan into the fire*," and well will it be for them if in the end they do not find themselves pretty well scorched. Against the possibility of this, however, they had timely and sufficient warning, and the neglect to act under each warning must be placed to the DEBTT