Answer. From recollection, I should say it was on or about March 20th 1858. I cant swear positively as to that day.

171 Cross Int. Can you not state that the meeting referred to was not held after you made the entries [illegible]

Answer. I am quite sure it was not.

172 Cross-Int. Do you not remember whether the entries which you prepared, as stated in your answer to Interrogatory 144, were entered by you on the same day?

Answer. I do not know that the entry was made on the books of the Company on that day; but I have no doubt that they were prepared by me on that day and subsequently entered on the books by Mr. Phipps.

173d Cross Int. Fix as nearly as you can the date when you prepared those entries in presence of the Executive Committee?

Answer. From my recollection I should say March 20th 1858.

174th Cross-Int. In what room were the Executive Committee at the time they were considering this subject?

Answer. It was in the President's room, adjoining the room that I was in.

175th Cross-Int. Were you in the President's room while they were meeting there?

Answer. Well I was repeatedly in and out of the room. I dont wish to say that I was there the whole time that they were meeting together; I was repeatedly called out.

176th Cross-Int. Did you consider the assemblage of the Executive Committee on that occasion as a meeting of the Executive Committee?

Answer. I should say not, from my interpretation of the by-laws of the Company.

177th Cross-Int. Was Mr. Sherman present at that assemblage?

Answer. A portion of the time he was, but took no action.

178th Cross-Int. How do you know that he took no action if as you say, you were not present all the time of the meeting?

Answer. I only know that he took no action in my presence.

179th Cross-Int. Do you know that he took no action in that committee when you were not present?

Answer. No further than what I have previously said, in substance, that Mr. Mehaffey, told me that Sherman had nothing to do with the adjustment of that account.

180th Cross-Interrogatory:- You have no personal knowledge then, but simply information from Mr. Mehaffey, in respect to what happened at this meeting when you were not present?

Answer. No further than asking Mr. Sorrey and Mr. Hodgood personally, myself, if they approved and sanctioned the account, as before stated.

181st Cross Int. Can you say that Mr. Sherman was not present at this meeting in the President's room at times when you were not there?

Answer. I would not like to say positively.

182nd Cross-Int. Were you present at that meeting only occasionally when you were called for, or during most of the time of the meeting?

Answer. I mean to say that I was present during most of the time of the meeting, and from recollection may have been called out for a moment or two, and then back again.

183d Int. Was any entry of the action of that meeting made in the minutes of the Company?

Answer. I think not.

184th Cross Int. Was the meeting regularly organized, and did it act by resolutions,

or were all its proceedings informal?

Answer. I can only say in answer to that question, that the President and a majority of the Executive Committee were present.

185th Cross-Int. Was any resolution passed or offered at that meeting?

Answer. There was not; no resolution.

186th Cross-Int. Was any motion made in a formal manner, as on the regular action of the Board of Directors or other organized body?

Answer. No further than this; when I was called in the room Mr. Mehaffey, the President, said to me; "We have met in hopes of making a final settlement and adjustment of the A. M. Sherman loan account."

187th Cross-Int. I observe a meeting of the Board of Directors on the 7th of April, 1858, recorded in the book of minutes of the Company now shown you. Is the minute of that meeting in your handwriting?

Answer. It is.

188th Cross-Int. Were you present at the whole of that meeting?

Answer. I think I was.

189th Cross-Int. Did the Executive Committee, or any member of that committee report at this meeting of the Directors, that the committee had made a settlement with A. M. Sherman, and what settlement they had made?

Answer. It does not so appear on the minutes.

190th Cross Int. Are not the minutes correct in this respect?

Answer. I meant them to be.

191st Cross-Int. Have you any doubt that they are correct?

Answer. I don't think it is impossible for me to err.

192nd Cross-Int. Would you not have entered such a report of the Executive Committee if it had been made?

Answer. Undoubtedly, I think I could.

193d Cross-Int. Look at the book of minutes under the date of April 9th 1858. Is that minute in your handwriting?

Answer. It is.

194th Cross-Int. Was any report of this settlement made at that meeting?

Answer. There was not.

195th Cross-Int. Look at the minutes of the meetings of April 13th, 14th, and 15th, and meeting of stockholders on April 15th, meetings of Directors on April 19th, 23d, 24th, 26th, 30th, May 1st, 11th, 15th, 18th, 20th, 24th, 27th, 28th, June 4th, 5th, and the stockholders' meeting of June 7th, and say if at any of those meetings of Directors or stockholders, it appears that the Executive Committee reported the alleged settlement made with Mr. Sherman on the 20th of March.

Answer. I have examined the minutes of those meetings held by the Board of Directors and stockholders, and find no record of a report having been submitted by the Executive Committee at any of those meetings.

196th Cross-Int. Do those meetings comprise all the meetings held between the the 20th of March and June 7th, 1858, when the Board of Directors and Executive Committee went out of office?

Answer. They comprise all the meetings held between the 20th of March and June 7th, 1858, inclusive.

197th Cross-Int. Are the minutes referred to all in your handwriting?