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To the Honorable the Wardens of the port of Baltimore
Gentleman I would wish to make known to your honours the State of a
Case wherein I am Concerned & very much Blamed & I think Innocently in
The Beginning of this Summer I Agreed with Mess^{rs} Seering & Barge
to Build a Wharf for them at the Head of the Basin Sometime after when
I had said Wharf Ready to fix in its place M^r Morrison Coming to me
Said Very Angry that I was going too far Down than M^r Morrison And
I measured 50 feet from the East or outmost Corner of his wharf up Sea Street
Dock and likewise 50 feet at the same Distance from the Edge of said
Wharf up Forest Street Dock and drove Stakes in at that Distance for me to
Range Mess^{rs} Seering & Barges Wharf by which I did to the Greatest
Exactness untill I Rec^d Orders from said Seering & Barge to move the wharf
on Sea Street nearly the Distance of 12 feet which I with great Difficulty
did to the best of my Judgment the wharf being in great Forwardness and in Moving
The Corner Next to M^r Morrison's unavoidably Shod^d Down toward Forest Street
about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 feet I then went on till I saw that a M^r Hart & others Came a
Surveying of the wharf when I was Inform^d that the Lower or Southmost Corner
was fourteen Inches in Sea Street Dock than with a high tide and a strong purchase
from M^r Morrison's wharf I got it moved near 2 feet Back and out of said Dock
as I suppose but it is not in my power to move it Even that 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet without
Cutting the Wharf which I hope your Honours will not insist on being
Done as I could not help it altho it was at my own Request for Seering
& Barge desired me to keep within their permission Especially as I put it as
I was shown by M^r Morrison and only about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Diff^{er}ent through
my means

gentle^r I am with great respect
your very humble servant
Michael Fry