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## CITY OF BALTIMORE

## WATER DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE DIVISION

CITY HALL

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WATER ENGINEER

CLEON L. RECTOR,  
SECRETARY

June 11th, 1921.

Mr. William Merriken, )  
 114 E. Lexington St., )  
 Mr. Thomas R. Bond, ( REAL ESTATE BOARD.  
 12 E. Lexington St., )  
 Mr. Stuart Cassard, )  
 Towson, Maryland. (

Gentlemen:-

At the direction of the City Solicitor, I am sending to you below the information available in this office in reference to the exchange of land between J. Marsh Matthews and the City in the latter part of 1911. An excerpt from the Minutes of the Water Board meeting held on August 31st, 1911, reads as follows;

"Mr. Bernard submitted for approval an agreement he had made on behalf of the Water Board under date of July 8, 1911, with J. Marsh Matthews for the purchase from him of 75 acres, more or less, of bottom or low land, bordering on the Gunpowder River, at \$225.00 per acre. The agreement provides that, should there be more than 76 acres below a certain line shown on the blue print used in the negotiations, the City will pay Mr. Matthews \$300.00 per acre for such excess. In part payment the City transfers to Mr. Matthews 60 acres, more or less, of the Mann tract, as described in the agreement, at \$150.00 per acre. The agreement also provides that the City will pay to Mr. Matthews \$250.00 for the removal of a Hay Barrack from where it is now located at the bend in the river; and an additional \$200.00 for losses accruing to him during the past three years, due to overflow and injury to crops and property, and for a release forever on behalf of himself and his tenants for any damage or loss occasioned, or that may be caused by the present dam in the bed of the Gunpowder River at Loch Raven.

"Mr. Field moved that Mr. Bernard's action be ratified and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion.

"Mr. Bernard said that the Law Department has passed on the agreement and that the Mayor approves of it. He also said in reply to a question by Mr. Strohmeier, that the Mayor thinks, at the prices being paid for land in the Gunpowder Valley, the improvements can be made well within the Five Million Dollar Loan.

"Mr. Strohmeier said he is anxious to get the improvements started and has been trying to do so for two years. He also said that, under the advice of the City Solicitor, the Water Board should be authorized to purchase the property and that, if the property