

Magee of the City of Annapolis, praying for the payment of a claim against the State by her late father Joseph Clarke, who was the architect of the Stadt House, for the superintendance of a completion of certain repairs of the Stadt House and government house in the said city; which memorial was referred to the committee on grievances and Court of Justice" (MSA 2/20/4/30)

The footnote is correctly given in an earlier chapter and refers the reader to the William T. Claude Collection². This item is currently missing from the MSA, however, confirmation of the document is provided by a Baltimore Sun article³. The article states that a balance of 17,000 pounds Maryland Currency was due to Clark when he left in 1794. Clark publicly charged Luther Martin of denying him the claim because of personal emnity. I have searched the Maryland Gazette (both Annapolis and Baltimore editions), Federal Gazette and Daily Advertiser, and Baltimore Telegraphe and have not found a newspaper conflict. I was able to find a notice given to Clarke's creditors in which he relates that

the ungrateful and the crudity of one of my debtors, which he already has extended to ruin me and my children and to deprive me of all possible means to pay you...he has held at various periods, for nearly nine years, from eleven to nearly sixteen thousand dollars of my property⁴.

It is a distinct possibility that the "ungrateful debtor" to which Clarke refers is Luther Martin.

III Biographical Sketches:

A. Jospheh Clarke

² SC 444

³White, Roxana. The Baltimore Sun. "Did Maryland Pinch Her Dome Designer". 1941/06/22.

⁴Federal Gazette and Daily Advertiser. 1797/10/06.