

"Whereas by the act entitled 'An Act for emitting Bills of Credit and other Purposes therein mentioned made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the seventeenth Day of November seventeen hundred and sixty nine the Stadt House now building in the City of Annapolis is directed to be well and securely covered with good Slate Tile or Lead and the major Part of the Superintendents appointed by that Act have by virtue thereof contracted and agreed with Charles Wallace the Undertaker for the said Building to cover the same with Slate but forasmuch as it is represented to this General Assembly that a Slate Covering will very frequently require Repairs and be subject to other Inconveniences Be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the Same That the said Stadt House shall be covered with Copper of the Thickness of Eighteen Ounces four Penny Weight at the least to every foote Square of the same Covering instead of Slate Tile or Lead any thing in the said Act or Contract notwithstanding And to guard the said Stadt House as far as may be against any Accident from Lightning Be it further enacted that the said Undertaker shall fix place and secure in the best Manner an Iron Rod pointed with Silver or Gold of six feet at least above the Height of the Cupola of the said Building and conducted at least six feet in the Ground And be it further enacted That the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit shall pay to the said Charles Wallace on his order out of the Bills of Credit to be emitted in Virtue of the Act intituled 'An Act for emitting Bills of Credit' and applying Part thereof passed this present Session and by the same Act directed to be applied as the General Assembly should appoint so many of the said Bills of Credit as shall amount to one Thousand four hundred and fifty five Pounds two Shillings and Eight Pence Sterling at the rate of four Shillings and six pence Sterling per Dollar in full for the Difference of the Expence between a Copper and Slate Covering and for the Expence of the said Iron Rod And be it enacted that before the Commissioners of the Loan Office shall deliver out of the aforesaid Sum of Fourteen hundred and fifty five Pounds two Shillings and Eight Pence Sterling to the said Charles Wallace they shall and are hereby required to take good security from said Undertaker in double the sum so delivered out with Condition that the said Sum of Sterling Money shall be repaid into said Office with four percent Interest for the same for the Benefit of the Public in case a Coat of Copper be not put on said Stadt House on or before the first day of June 1775 in a Compleat and Workmanlike manner so as to answer the Purpose of a safe and secure Covering." 4

Wallace says that in the year 1772, the basement and first story were up and early in 1773 the second story was up also, and the building would have been covered that year if it had not been for the controversy over the materials to be used. Therefore, all work had to be suspended