

Nobody had had a more difficult time fulfilling a contract than had Charles Wallace. In addition to the problems already cited about the building, lightning struck the dome and required a great deal of repair work on it plus the damage caused to the rest of the building by subsequent rainfall.

At the end of 1779, his nerves and his finances were equally nonviable; therefore, he gave the job up as impossible. But the end was not yet. Years later, his erstwhile partner, Joshua Johnson of the firm of Wallace, Davidson and Johnson, sued him in Chancery Court for an accounting of the partnership. ^{Johnson's} allegations in regard to the State House are interesting, as is the reply of Wallace.

Complaint

"Whether the said Charles Wallace did Contract with the State of Maryland to build the Stadt-house - and at what time. Whether the said Contract was on his Sole Risk, and for his sole benefit. Whether the said John Davidson, or your orator or either of them was interested or concerned in the risk or benefit of the said Contract or any part thereof. Whether the said Wallace did employ Workmen and others in and about the building of the said Stadt-house: Whether the said Company of Wallace, Davidson and Johnson, did at the request or on the credit of the said Charles Wallace furnish or pay goods, money or other property to a large and what Amount to workmen or others employed by the said Wallace in and about the said Building; particularly to a certain Thomas Price and Anderson or either and which of them - Whether the accounts of the said Price and Anderson, and of all the Workmen and others employed by the said Wallace in and about the said Building or of any and which of them for supplies furnished them by the said Wallace, Davidson and Johnson, and charged to the Several persons in the Books of the said Company or any and what part thereof can or are not chargeable to the proper Account of the said Charles Wallace - and whether he has ever accounted with the said Company therefor, or for any and what Part thereof." - 15