

CHAPTER V

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1. Council Proceedings, 1791-1793, pp. 69, 114 Ms., Hall of Records. The advertisement for bids appeared in the Maryland Gazette May 3, 1792, p. 2.

"In Council Annapolis, May 2 (1792) .

"The General Assembly having appropriated a sum of money to repair the Stadt House, in the City of Annapolis, any person or persons wishing to contract for the same, may see the design and particular of all the work to be done, on the first Monday in June next, at the home of Mr. Joseph Clark, in this city, and on the Monday following the governor and council will receive proposals for executing the carpenters and plasterers work, together or separately. The contractor or contractors are to find all materials, and necessary advances of money will be made for the purchase thereof, on security being given.

T. Jackson, jr. cl."

2. John Shaw was born in the parish of Glasgow on April 25, 1745. Birth date was given me courtesy of Mrs. G.E. Baltz, furnished through the Scots Ancestral Research Society, Edinburgh.

3. Council Proceedings, 1791-1793, f. 114.

4. Appendix B.

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6. "A petition from Mary Dance, widow of Benjamin Dance, of the City of Annapolis, stating that her husband was unfortunately killed by a fall from the dome of the stadt house and praying that the legislature would either grant her an annuity for life, or a sum of money sufficient to defray the passage of herself and daughter to her native country, was preferred, read and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Harwood, to consider and report thereon." Mary Dance's petition was turned down on second reading. Votes and Proceedings of the House of Delegates, November Session, 1793, p. 100. The "Benjamin" Dance was subsequently corrected to "Thomas" Dance. | annuity

"Today - Dance the plasterer, fell from the upper scaffold of the Doome of the Stadt House, and is dead or dying ... supposed to be about 90 feet high from where he fell." William Faris Diary, Maryland Historical Magazine, XXVIII, 197. February 23, 1793. | " "

↓ J. Hall Pleasants, ed.,

7. Clark inserted this notice in the Gazette of February 28, 1793:

"Every person having any legal claim against the estate of Thomas Dance, deceased, are requested to present it lawfully authenticated to Joseph Clark. It is expected that he has left a sufficiency to pay his just debts and this mode is pursued to save the expence of letters of Administration."

8. Council Proceedings, 1793-1799, p. 23.

9. Ibid., p. 39.