appurtenances & of the said wharves thereunto buildings & appurtenances aforesaid & which the said Craig & Barron were so seized & possessed respectively of the pieces of ground & the wharf & wharves severally & respectively mentioned and described in the preceding counts hereof to wit, on the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred & fifteen, at the City of Baltimore, to wit at the county aforesaid & on divers other days and times between that day and the day of impetrating the writ in this cause & up to the time of impetrating said writ wrongfully & injuriously turned & diverted certain streams of water, and graded and paved certain streets, and cut down certain grounds, and erected and made certain dams and ditches and embankments by means and in consequence whereof the waters whereon & whereat the said pieces of ground & wharves in the first & second counts hereof & the said wharf in the last count hereof mentioned, do severally and respectively lie & bound as aforesaid were, at the times aforesaid & continually up to the time of the impetrating the writ aforesaid obstructed & filled up with sand & dirt and clay and otherwise & the depth of said waters lessened, and the said Craig & Barron disturbed in the use & deprived of the benefits & advantages aforesaid of said pieces of ground and wharves & wharf & of said buildings and appurtenances, and the said Mayor & City Council of Baltimore kept up & continued to the time aforesaid & yet keep up and continue the obstructions and injuries aforesaid, on those several days & times & during all the time aforesaid and ever since have by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, been greatly injured and disturbed in the use, enjoyment, value, profit and advantage as aforesaid, of said pieces of ground & wharves & wharf & buildings & appurtenances & could not, nor can, have and enjoy the same, in so large, ample and beneficial a manner as they otherwise, during all the time aforesaid & thereafter and henceforward, might, would & ought to have had & enjoyed & to have & enjoy the same to wit, at the City of Baltimore at the county aforesaid. Wherefore the said Craig & Barron say that they are injured & have sustained damage to the value of twenty thousand dollars and therefore they bring suit &c. David Hoffman, Peter H. Cruse, Charles St. Mayo.

And thereupon on motion of the said John Craig & John Barron, by their Attorney aforesaid, it is ordered by the Court here, that the Mayor and City Council aforesaid answer to the declaration aforesaid, of the said John Craig and John Barron, in the plea aforesaid or judgment by the Court here will be rendered against them in default thereof. And the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore aforesaid by their said Attorney, defend the force and injury when and so forth. Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by consent of the said parties, and their Attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon, is continued until the third Monday in September next.

At which said third Monday in September, to wit, in the year of our Lord