

For the above reasons and others which might be given they have been induced to build at this time only one additional machine, and not two as directed by the third section of the aforesaid ordinance.

See vouchers of W. Dunsford and the Acc. of Machine No. 2. 4th In compliance with the directions of the 8th section of the said ordinance, the Port Wardens have "caused a survey to be made of the ground east of Ann Street to Harris' Creek" a plat of which accompanies the present report; from which it will appear, that the contemplated object of "diverting the water which now flows down the Hills into the Harbour, so that it may flow into Harris' Creek" is not impracticable, - the levels being taken and the estimated expence (a calculation of which is annexed to the plat) amounting to \$10,000. - But as the projected canal will pass thro' the ground of persons opposed to the measure, and from a consideration of the present state of the City funds the P. Wardens are constrained to submit its expediency at this time, to the wisdom of your Honorable body; merely suggesting that much injury to the Navigation arising from those waters which heretofore have been accustomed to flow down Barford Street, has been obviated by the construction of temporary dams or abutments on Dulaney Street near Ann Street, - On Smith in Ann Street, - and in different parts of Wolf Street; the beneficial effects of which are so apparent, that the P. Wardens are induced to harbor an opinion, that by a multiplication of these abutments in different situations, the wash may be so far obstructed as to render any more expensive mode of diverting the water by no means indispensable at the present time.

In the vouchers of John Gouldin, John Davis, William Davy, Isaac Atkinson and Robert Ling, - a part of which expenditures were at the instance of the City Commissioners, whose application for similar purposes was expended.

The Port Wardens further report, that agreeably to the direction of the 4th section of the aforesaid ordinance, they have endeavored to procure for the use of the City the adjoining Lot to that on which the powder-house is erected for the purpose of enlarging the Wharf, and as a place of deposit for the mud taken from the Harbour; but as some documents necessary for ascertaining the title are among the papers of the Court of Chancery which the Register of that Court has been unable to produce copies of in consequence of the Records being removed from Annapolis no conclusive arrangement with respect to the purchase of the said Lot has yet been effected.

As the duties enjoined by the 8th section of the Ordinance, the P. Wardens beg leave to state, that in order to "enter into an agreement with the owners of property situated on the Cove east of Jones's Falls" they caused a copy of the following advertisement to be inserted in all the public papers of Baltimore, to wit:

Attention!

"All persons owning ground on Calum Bay (or the Cove) between the Town and Point, particularly on the south side of Mills Street from Jones's Falls to Bond Street, - West side of Bond Street from Mills to Thomas Street, - Northwest side of Thomas Street, from Bond to Queen Street, - and North side of Queen Street, are requested to attend a meeting at the Merchants Coffee House, on Saturday next, the 8th Instant at 6 O'clock P.M. for the purpose of nominating a Committee to confer with the Wardens of the Port of Baltimore respecting Docks, Streets &c."

January 4th