beyond the limits of the City. There appears then to be even now no legal difficulty in the holding and effecting the purchase by the corporation, and on application to the next General Assembly the entire object had in view may be secured.

I remain, gentlemen,
very respectfully, yours,
Jacob G. Davies, Mayor.

Health Office,
Baltimore, November 20, 1845.

To Jacob G. Davies Mayor:

Sir

The unusual prevalence of the small pox in the city at this time demanding of the board of health the adoption of some efficient means to prevent the spread of the contagion, and to eradicate the disease, has caused its attention to be turned to the provisions of resolution No. 124, approved April 13th, 1844, which directs the city commissioners, then acting as commissioners of health, with the approbation of the Mayor, to obtain some suitable lot of ground near the Patapsco river, not nearer to the city limits than the point known as the Lazaretto, and as remote as possible from all dwellings, and erect thereon a small pox hospital; and pursuant to the instructions contained in that resolution, the board has examined grounds near the shore of the Patapsco with a view of obtaining a suitable location for said hospital, and beg leave to recommend the point of land on the southern shore of the river, nearly opposite to Fort McHenry, now owned by Mr. McCulbin, as one embracing more of the qualities necessary for the purpose contemplated than can be obtained than can be obtained in any other near the limits of the city, the qualities manifestly necessary to a suitable location are, that while the spot shall be entirely removed from great thoroughfares, as well as thickly settled neighborhoods, yet the approaches to it must be such as render it easily accessible to the city and to the shipping especially.

The point of land herein designated has these qualities in an eminent degree, being within five miles of the city by land, and about three by water, having a sufficient depth of water immediately in front of it to allow the larger class of vessels to approach within fifty yards, and being yet more remote from any of the accesses to the city than any other location on our environs.

The adoption of a measure of this kind is rendered more important because the authorities of the United States have refused the use of the Lazaretto buildings, except upon such terms as were wholly impossible to be embraced, and, indeed, in adopting the necessary means to purify vessels and passengers, the health officer must always be indebted to the courtesy of the officers of the federal government, or be the subject of private hospitality.

These considerations induce the board to urge this matter upon your earliest consideration, more especially as the very inauspicious location of the present hospital, and the incompetency of the building to meet the present emergency, is such as cannot give the citizens that protection from disease which they rightfully demand at the hands of the municiple government.

Yours, respectfully,
Wm. T. Leonard,
D. H. Lawrence
James Peregoy
Board of Health.

Baltimore, Nov. 19, 1845.

Articles of agreement made and concluded, between Henry W. Macculbin of the one part, and Jacob G. Davies of the second part, Witnesseth, – that for and in consideration of the payment of twenty dollars, to the said Henry W. Macculbin by the said Jacob G. Davies in hand paid, the said Henry W. Macculbin doth contract, covenant and agree to convey to the said Jacob G. Davies, his heirs and assigns, on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and forty-five, all that tract or parcel of ground situate on the Patapsco river, in Anne Arundel county, Md., on which the said Henry W. Macculbin now resides, containing about one hundred and twenty-five acres, more or less, together with all the buildings and improvements which are now erected thereon, for the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, one-third cash, one-third in six months from the day of sale, and the other third in one year from the first day of December, 1845. And it is further understood by and between the parties of the first and second part to this agreement, that the said Jacob G. Davies has the option to comply or refuse to fulfil the terms of purchase on the day above appointed, but if accepting, the said Henry W. Macculbin, for and in consideration of