publick to harves, beg leave to report, in part, and so far as respects certain claims made by individuals to the centre Market space; that by a Law passed by the Legislature of Maryland 1784 Chapter 62, it was enacted that Samuel Smith and others therein named, "shall have full power and authority by this act to build and erect a Market House on a parcel of ground situate in said Town opposite Harrisons street, beginning on Baltimore Street and running thence South, parallel with Gay Street of the width of one hundred and fifty feet to Water Street, with the privilege of extending the same to the Channel, and that the said Market House when erected and the grounds whereon the same shall be built with the privileges aforesaid, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be vested in the Commissioners of Baltimore Town, and their successors for ever, from and immediately after the said Market House shall be built and erected, to hold possess and enjoy the same, the Market House, ground and privileges aforesaid to and for the use and benefit of said Town, in as full and ample a manner as if the said Commissioners had been legally constituted a Body Politic and corporate in deed and in name, provided said Commissioners shall build a Market House" &c. That thereafter Thomas McElderry and Cumberland Dugan being the owners of two Lots on the marsh on the South side of Water Street, one on the East and the other on the West side of the market space, made application to the Commissioners of Baltimore Town, of which the following is a copy of the

proceedings had thereon:

Baltimore 17th February 1794

The Commissioners of Baltimore Town met.

Present
Samuel Chase
David Bowley
Wm Goodwin
Thos Elliott
Philip Graybill
David McMechen
} Esquires

The Commissioners of Baltimore Town being called together by Thomas McElderry and Cumberland Dugan to consider the propriety of granting the following application, to wit,

To the Commissioners of Baltimore Town

Gentlemen, We the subscribers request your permission for making a canal and wharf at our own expense, in the Market space, from the South side of Pratt Street to the channel or Wardens Line, the Canal to be eighty feet wide and the street on each side the same to be thirty five feet wide, the said Canal, Wharf and Street to be made public for the use of the inhabitants, under the laws and regulations of your board, and the whole of the same to be relinquished up to the Commissioners whenever the same or any part thereof may be wanted for market Houses

Your most obt Servts

Baltimore 10th Feby 1794.

Signed { Cumberland Dugan
Thos McElderry

The Commissioners of Baltimore Town having considered the above application have no objection to Mr Thos McElderry & Mr Cumberland Dugan filling up the space of 165 feet wide on a line with the present market space from Water Street as far as a line drawn from the South side of Pratt Street shall intersect or cross the said space, and after filling up the said space, the Commissioners have no objection