Brought forward from the journals -

May 26th 1777

Commissioners not according to adjournment. Present: John Hamilton, James Hamilton, Patrick Williams, James Orrick, Edward Jackson and Thomas Hughes.

J. iverson Webb applies to take up Lot No. 13 now under lease to Mr. James Orrick (and Mr. Orrick agrees to give it up) and paid Fine and Fees to Thomas Hughes.

August 11th

Commissioners act. Present: Nathan Heron, James Pritchard, John Hamilton, James Orrick, Patrick Williams, Edward Jackson and Thomas Hughes and order that the streets within the Town by the 25th day of this month and that public notice be given to the Inhabitants.

Monday May 11th 1778

The Commissioners not according to the Act of Assembly. Present: Meares, Baruch Williams, John Hamilton, James Pritchard, James Orrick and Thomas Hughes.

Mr. James Orrick pay 55/- for rent due from Joseph Elliot for sunken Lot.

Mr. Edward Parker applies to take up Lot No. 48 for the Union Company which is granted Fine & Fees paid 50/.

Sarah Holland applies to take up Lots No. 149 & 135 which is granted and she pays £4.10 and Clerks fees 10/-.

The Commissioners adjourn to Wednesday the 30th of June.
May 10, 1780

The Commissioners not agreeable to Act of Assembly. Present: James Fritchard, William Gibson and Thomas Hughes.

Mr. Williams having signified his intention of resigning his seat as Commissioner the inhabitants proceed to Elect one to serve in his room and upon closing the polls a majority of votes was for David Corbet who was present and took his seat accordingly.

June 26th 1780

The Commissioners put to sale at public vandue the grass growing on the street enclosed by Andrew Crab and the same was struck of to Mr. Patrick Hamilton for ninety-one pounds Cash.

Mr. Patrick Hamilton agrees to give the Commissioners fifty pounds for the old storehouse that stood on the Publick Ground adjoining the Still House Lot.

May 10th 1781

The Commissioners of Charlestown not according to the Act of Assembly. Present: James Fritchard, Edward Banzley, William Gibson, David Corbet and Thomas Hughes.

Capt. James Fritchard is appointed Overseer of the Streets for the ensuing year.

The Commissioners adjourn to Monday the 20th of this Instant.

March 4th 1782

Sell, Lewis Oseal took up Lots 180, 181, 193, 194 - paid 10 ten pounds for which the Commissioners gave to Oseal an article dated the fifth of June following and the date of the purchase is to commence from the 5th day of June.

Friday 10th May 1782

The Commissioners not according to Act of Assembly. Present: William Gibson, David Corbet, Mr. Thomas Hughes, Mr. James Fritchard being dead Mr. James Corbet having resigned and Mr. John Hamilton being absent out of the State.

The inhabitants met and made choice of David Smith, Nathan Norton, Basil Williams and Edward Mitchell to serve in the room of the above mentioned Gentlemen. Their being present took their seats accordingly.

The Commissioners appoint Edward Mitchell in the room of Mr. Thomas Hughes deceased - Mr. Samuel Kirkpatrick is appointed Overseer of the Streets the ensuing year, who is ordered to return a list of delinquents.

Ellis Chandley applies to take up Lot No. 75 & 130 which is granted Fines & Foss paid.

James Bailey removed Lot No. 13 paid 50/.
May 14th

✓ Hans Bonsel took up Lot No. 116 paid 50/ and John Allies took up Lot No. 123 paid 50/.

May 20th

✓ Mr. Condon paid 50/ for Lot No. 50.

May 21st


✓ Mrs. Fritchard Executrix of the Estate of James Pritchard deceased surrendered to the Commissioners a lease of Lots No. 164, 177, 178 and 190 dated 11th June 1772 for 21 years.

✓ Thomas Rogers took up Lot No. 133 paid 50/. He gave his note to the Commissioners.

✓ James Cunningham took up Lot No. 126 and gave his note to the Commissioners for the money paid.

✓ John M'Neal took up Lot No. 92 paid 50/.

✓ William Winchester paid 2/6 for rent of Lot No. 92 for the last year.

Ordered that the Clerk advertise that the Commissioners intend to let the remaining the public wharf by private contract and that workmen are requested to attend on the fourth of June next to make proposals.

✓ Paid David Corbet 13/3 for expenses this day.

The Commissioners adjourn to the 4th of June Next.
May 23rd

Henry Fortnay took up Lot No. 147 paid 50/.

May 29th

Doctor Montgomery took up Lot No. 141.

June 3rd

Frederick Rothrock took up Lot No. 161, 137.

Christian Sin took up Lot No. 148 paid 50/.

June 3rd

James Hazelit took up Lot No. 155 paid 50/.

June 4th


Mr. Francis Brumfield took up Lot No. 86 paid 50/.

The Commissioners order the Clerk to pay Francis Brumfield ten shillings for expenses here last Friday.

Paid Mr. Brumfield 3/0 for expenses this day.

Capt Thomas Bridgen Heiss took up Lots No. 149 & 121.

The Commissioners adjourn to the first Tuesday in August.

July 1st

William Crothers took up Lot No. 83 paid 50/.

July 17th

Jacob Fans took up Lot No. 123 paid 50/.

July 18th

Diederick Heiss took up Lot No. 42 paid 50/.

July 18th

George Switzer took up Lot No. 15 paid 50/.

July 20th

John Peter took up Lot No. 49 paid 50/.
July 18th 1782

✓ John Tron took up Lot No. 23 paid 50/.

July 22nd


The Commissioners for repairing and building the jail in Town applied for the stone pit the Old Sharf which was granted upon their consent to remove the stone if desired or pay their full worth in cash when required. Edward Mitchell is of opinion that the Commissioners of the Town ought to have some further security as an article but it was carried by a majority against him.

Paid for Mr. Brunfield 5/ for expenses this day.

The Commissioners adjourn till the time of the last adjournment.

July 29th

The Commissioners for building the jail having contracted for stone with Mr. Crookshank have declined to take the stone from the Old Sharf.

✓ Phillip Kleins took up Lot No. 171 paid 50/.
✓ Jacob Uhrig took up Lot No. 135 paid 50/.
✓ Michael Kleins took up Lot No. 170 paid 50/.
✓ Abraham Butler took up Lot No. 134 paid 50/.

July 29

✓ Jacob Uhrig took up Lot No. 157 paid 50/.
✓ George Gondacker took up Lot No. 143 paid 50/.

July 30th

✓ Sebastian Stonemcra fook up Lot No. 110 paid 50/.

Aug 2nd 1782

✓ Elias Albright took up Lot No. 112 paid 50/.
✓ John Jones took up Lot No. 150 paid 50/.
✓ Henry Cruger took up Lot No. 164 paid 50/.
August 6th 1782

The Commissioners met agreeable to adjournment. Present: David Smith, David Corbet, Nathan Norton, & Edward Mitchell.

\(\checkmark\) Thomas Hitcham took up Lot No. 111 the thirtieth day of July paid 50/.

\(\checkmark\) Capt. Adam Jameson applies for Lot No. 177 which was granted paid 50/.

The Commissioners agree to have a wall built to secure the end of the old Warehouse and appoint Edward Mitchell to superintend the business and contract with workmen & three labourers.

Paid Mr. Brunfield 3/ for expenses this day.

The Commissioners appoint Mr. Norton & Mr. Corbet, to present Mrs. Hughes account and make a settlement with her and order the Clerk to make out the debt due to him against the next meeting.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday the 13 Instant.

\(\checkmark\) Mr. David Smith took up Lots No. 173, 187 and agrees to pay Interest for the money till paid.

\(\checkmark\) Andrew Hart took up Lot No. 136 and agrees to pay Interest till he pays the money.

August 13


\(\checkmark\) Richard Bond applies for Lot No. 102 which is granted Fines & Fees paid.

Paid Mr. Palmer 6/ for expenses this day.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday the 20th Inst.

August 20th 1782


The Commissioners agree that where any member does not attend at the time place appointed shall forfeit five shillings for the use of the Town unless he can assign a sufficient reason for his absence of which the Commissioners are to be the judge.

Paid Mr. Coulter 4/ for expenses this day.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday the Fourth of Sept at 10 O'Clock at Mr. Samuel Kirkpatrick.

\(\checkmark\) Peter Greimbabwe took up Lot No. 178 paid 50/.
August 22nd, 1782

Patrick Carson took up Lot No. 165 paid 50/.

August 26th

William Seaman & Richard Hunt, Jersey State took up Lot No. 166 paid 50/.

August 27th

The Commissioners met and settled the Col. Parker account and struck a balance.

Sept 3rd, 1782


Paid Mr. Kirkpatrick 4/- for expenses this day.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday the 17th Instant at Francis Brumfield at 2 o'clock.

Sept 3rd

The Commissioners settled with Samuel Kirkpatrick and gave their bond for 21 pounds and Sept 4th the Commissioners settled with Mrs. Hughes who gave her bond to Mr. Kirkpatrick for 1 and the Commissioners took up their bond payable to Mrs. Elizor Foster.

Tuesday 17th

The Commissioners met agreeable to adjournment. Present: Nathan Norton, Basil Williams, David Corbet & Edward Mitchell.

Paid Francis Brumfield 3/4 this day.

The Commissioners order the Clerk to pay Mrs. Pritchard her account.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday 24th Inst at 20'o'clock.

Sept 18th, 1782

John Barber took up Lot No. 179 paid cash.

Sept 24th, 1782


The Commissioners adjourn till Saturday the 26th of Oct.
October 15th 1782


The Commissioners adjourn till Saturday the 26th of Oct.

October 26th

The Commissioners not according to adjournment. Present: William Gibson, Edward Mitchell.

The Commissioners adjourn till Saturday the 26th of Oct.

October 26th


The weather being rainy and no more Commissioners convended, the Commissioners present adjourn to Tuesday the 29th of this Inst. October.

Edward Mitchell

October 29th


The said Commissioners adjourn to the thirtieth of this Instant October.

Edward Mitchell, Register

October 30th

The Commissioners not according to adjournment. Present: Wm. Gibson, Nathan Norton, Edward Mitchell and David Smith.

The Com. adjourn to the 12th day of Nov. next.

Edward Mitchell, Register

November 12 1782


The Commissioners adjourn to the 26th day of this Month.

Edward Mitchell, Register
November 26th 1782


The Commissioners order the Clerk to pay Mrs. Palmer 19s. for expenses this day.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday the 3rd of December next.

December 3rd.

The Commissioners not agreeable to adjournment. Present: David Corbet, David Smith, Edward Beazley, Basil Williams and Nathan Norton.

The Commissioners adjourn to the 17th day of this month.

Nathan Norton Clerk at this meeting.

December 23rd.

George Acree took up lots 135 & 133 paid £5.

December 17th.

The Commissioners not by adjournment. Present: David Corbet, Nathan Norton, Basil Williams and David Smith.

The Commissioners adjourn to Tuesday the 24th day of this Current.

December 24th 1782.


The Commissioners order the Clerk to advertice their intention of selling a part of the Public Grounds.

The Commissioners contract with Mr. John Crookshanks for 150 logs at 7/6 each to be delivered by the first day of May.

Edward Mitchell declaring his intention to go to Virginia Mr. David Smith is appointed as Register and Treasurer in his absence.

Paid Mrs. Palmer 47/ for expenses this day and two proceeding this.

The Commissioners adjourn till the second Tuesday in February next.
Tuesday 11th 1783

The Commissioners not agreeable to adjournment. Present: David Smith, Nathan Norton, Basil Williams, David Corbot and Edward Mitchell.

The Commissioners having not last Tuesday in order to survey the Town and ordered the Clerk to pay Mr. Drumfield 13/ for expenses that day.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday the 18th.

February 16

Paid eight dollars for two wheelbarrows purchased by order of Commissioners that being the common market price.

February 16

Commissioners Purchases

Paid two dollars for putting and advertisement in the newspapers to entitle them to sell certain parcels of public grounds and for other purposes.

April 5, 1783

The Commissioners not to let the public fisheries. Present: David Corbot, Nathan Norton, Basil Williams, Edward Beasley and Edward Mitchell.

Senequa Point was knocked off to Col. Parker at three pounds, no other person having bid for it and the Wharf fishery was rented by Mr. Basil Williams for seven pounds.

The Commissioners order the Clerk to set up advertisements in Town to inform the Public that they are requested to up their hogs, sheep, and goats that the Inhabitants may have the benefit of pasture intended them. Those that are permitted to run at large after the 15th of this Instant may expect to have them killed for the use of the prisoners in the County Jail.

Ordered that the Clerk call upon John Crookshanks to enter into bonds with the Commissioners in an arbitration between said Crookshanks and said Commissioners concerning the delivery of logs for building a church and it is further ordered that the Clerk enter in the said bonds in behalf of said Commissioners and if the said Crookshanks should fail to arbitrate the said matter the Clerk is ordered to have a suit commenced in the name of the said Commissioners.

The Commissioners being petitioned by the Dutch Inhabitants of said Town for a lot in the public square in the Northeast part of said Town it is ordered that the lot bounded on the East by Lot No, 100 on the North by 111 on the west by Cecil Street and by Caroline Street on the south be laid out for them and for their use provided they build a school house or church on it within three years from the date hereof.

The Commissioners order the Clerk to pay Mr. Brumfield 3/9 for expenses this day.
May 10th 1783


Edward Mitchell is ordered to pay of the bond payble to Samuel Kirkpatrick from the Commissioners.

Ordered that Edward Mitchell pay Mr. James Morrow his account for two days surveying due to him not exceeding thirty shillings.

Ordered that Mr. Basil Williams be paid 12/6 of expenses on the journey to Annapolis and Mr. Nathan Norton 3/6 paid at same time.

Mr. Basil Williams having declared his intention to resign and Doctor William Gibson having deceased the Inhabitants proceed to elect Mr. Andrew Barret and Mr. Dederick Hiess who took their seats accordingly by a majority of fourteen votes each.

The Commissioners order the Clerk to pay Mr. Brumfield 13 for expenses on 9 May while surveying the Town and 2 1-3-9 while surveying the 10th May and the Commissioners expenses this day at meeting agreeable to adjournment.

The Commissioners having viewed the house of Andrew Grub are of opinion that it is sufficient to save the Lot and vest the property thereof in him.

The Commissioners order the Clerk to demand the fifty shillings from the Walk Company for the renewal of Lot No. 48 & to dispose of the Lot to another person in default of payment.

The Commissioners adjourn till the 20th of May Inst.

May 12th

Col. Barrett Williams, Col. Edward Parker and Mr. David Corbet jointly paid 50/ for Lot No. 48.

May 20th

The Commissioners not agreeable to adjournment. Present: Edward Beazley, David Smith, Nathan Norton, Edward Mitchell, Andrew Barret and Dederick Hiess.

Received this day 10 pounds in full of Leven & Ford Note.

Ordered that the Clerk advertise a second time that the hogs sheep and goats shall be kept up and the Clerk write the Law relative thereto verbatim as it is in Bacon's Law.

The Commissioners adjourn to morrow evening.
The Commissioners met and adjourned till Tuesday next.

Then they met present: David Corbot, David Smith, Nathan Norton, Edward Mitchell and Andrew Barrett.

The Inhabitants of the Town appearing to be averse to the sale of any of the Public Ground in said Town it is ordered the Register write the first opportunity to the Members of the Assembly for Cecil County requesting them to withdraw the petition to the Commissioners of Said Town.

Ordered that the Register call upon John Crookshanks for the money paid to him in part consideration for a number of logs agreeable to an Article made last Winter which said Crookshanks failed to comply with and on failure of returning the money to put the Articles into an Attorneys hands they adjourn till 3rd June.

The Commissioners met agreeable to adjournment. Present: David Corbot, David Smith, Nathan Norton, Edward Mitchell and Doderick Hiess.

The Commissioners order the Clerk to issue warrants in the name of the Commissioners for all those who appear to be in arrears on their books.

The Clerk is directed to advertise agreeable to former order in regard to hogs, sheep and goats being kept up in Town and that they will be sold within ten days after the date of advertisement.

The Commissioners order the Clerk to pay Andrew Grub and Mr. Glasnow 3/9 each for wages for cutting bushes before the surveyors.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday 7 Instant.


A number of the Inhabitants in Charlestown and the Country around having agreed to rebuild the old Wharf in said Town by subscription and having employed Capt. William Thomas for that purpose do find the stone and logs already there to be necessarily for that use have petitioned the Commissioners for them. The said Commissioners do give them full power and authority to take the whole or any part of the said logs or stone for the said purpose of building a public wharf. In Witness whereof the said Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seal this 17th June 1783.

Edward Beasley (SEAL)
David Corbot (SEAL)
David Smith (SEAL)
Nathan Norton (SEAL)
Edward Mitchell (SEAL)

Commissioners

Received of James Cunningham £1-2-6 Cash and his Note for £1-7-6 which is the full amount of his debt £2 being discounted from his and having one of the Lots in possession by one year.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday next.
June 24th 1783


The Commissioners having taken into consideration the account presented by Mr. John Hamilton have ordered that if said Hamilton will give up all the papers and give bond with security payable to the said Commissioners or their successors in office to indemnify them for any future demands on which was contracted for by Mr. Hughes that the Clerk shall pay him that money is now in hand and that the balance of said account shall be paid as soon as the money can be collected.

The Commissioners order the Clerk to pay Mr. Palmer $113-0 expenses two days while surveying the Town.

The John Hamilton having proposed to lease the Old House and yard for a term of years it is agreed that he may have it for eighteen years for the consideration of repairing it. The Clerk is ordered to draw a lease and Bond for that purpose.

The Commissioners adjourn till the second Tuesday in July next.

The Commissioners not agreeable to adjournment and adjourn till Tuesday 22 day of July.

Then they not - Present: David Corbot, David Smith, Edward Mitchell, Diederick Hieas, Andrew Barteit.

Edward Mitchell having declared his intention of resigning his appointment as Treasurer and Register, he has settled his account fully with Commissioners and appoint Capt. George Hamilton as Register and Treasurer in his room.

The Commissioners agree that all outstanding debts should be collected by the Register as speedily as possible and delivered to Capt. William Thomas for the use of repairing the Wharf.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday in August.

The Commissioners not agreeable to adjournment. Present: David Corbot, Andrew Barrett, Edward Mitchell, Diederick Hieas and David Smith.

The Commissioners having leased the stone warehouse & yard to Mr. John Hamilton for the space of eighteen years by particular application of said Hamilton to rebuild the second and third story with brick instead of stone. It was inserted in the lease it is admitted provided the second story to eighteen inches thick & the third fourteen.

The Commissioners adjourn till Wednesday the 13th of this month.

The Register is ordered to draw advertisements for leasing the marsh, inspecting house & fishing ground adjoining - also the fair ground.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday next.


In Hioss having applied for the fair ground and having offered twenty dollars a year it is ordered that the Clerk draw a lease for seven years, conditioned for paying ten dollars after each Fair. The Clerk is also ordered to draw a bond for the performance of said lease.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday next.


The Commissioners agree to accept of Capt. George Hamilton's offer for the inspecting house and fishery and order the Register to draw a lease for that purpose which shall be completed next Tuesday if no higher offer is made at that time.

Edward Mitchell having applied for the marsh and offering to take it upon the terms that Mr. Allison formerly had it also ordered that he shall have it if no better offer is made by Tuesday next.

The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday next.


The Commissioners have leased to Major Samuel Haffitt the inspecting house with the publick ground adjoining for the term of fifteen years his laying the annual rent of 12 $ & to repair the house as follows - to new weatherboard with iinch plank, the roof to be covered with oak shingles, the doors to be made sound & strong with locks & bolts & to underpin the house with stone and lime mortar.

The Commissioners have also leased to Mr. Corbot Seneca Point for the term of seven years at 16 $ per annum provided always that no ship carpenter occupies it in that time as a shipyard in that case the lease to expire.
The Commissioners have leased likewise to Mr. Bailey the march adjoining the part of the Commons thereof for twenty one years 3-10 per annum. No, Bailey to drain, dike, fence and make meadow or otherwise the lease to expire. The Register is ordered to draw leases for the inspecting hours, Seneca Point & the march.

The Commissioners adjourn till next Tuesday.


The Commissioners adjourn till Tuesday three weeks.

Oct 7th 1783

The Commissioners not according to adjournment. Present: David Corbet, Nathan Norton, Edward Beasley, Andrew Barrott and David Smith.

The Commissioners adjourn to Tuesday next at 10 O'clock.

Oct 14 1783


Sunday of the Inhabitants having expressed desire that the Commissioners should obtain law to make sale of the Publick Ground on the water the Commissioners upon conferring with Mr. John Hamilton and Maj. Maffitt have agreed with them.

The Commissioners adjourn till next Tuesday.

Sunday of the Inhabitants expressed their desire that the Commissioners should obtain a law to make sale of Publick Ground on the water the Commissioners upon conferring with Mr. John Hamilton and Maj. Samuel Maffitt have agreed with them that the contract with them should be cancelled. Provided a law can be obtained at the next Session or the Session succeeding to empower the Commissioners to make sale is assured and the Commissioners agree with Major Maffitt that in case he puts on a roof in performance of his agreements and sale shall be made that he shall out of the tack payments receive in full of his expenses laid out for the roof and also the Benefits of the fishery next spring free of Rent.
Notice is hereby given that the Comps of C T in Cecil County have it in view to apply by petition the General Assembly to be empowered to take sale of certain parts of the Public Grounds in said Town to raise money sufficient to build a Public Warehouse therein and also to lease for the term of twenty one years such other parts of Commons as they shall deem proper for the use of said Town.
Voters Names

Samuel Kilpatrick  
James Cunningham  
Andrew Crab  
James Bully  
James Campbell  
John Hanson  
Francis Drumfield  
John Norlisman  
Samuel Haffee, Esq.  
David Norton  
Edward Beakley  
David Crook  
Nathan Norton  
Nathan Barker  
David Smith  
George Brown  
Alexander Hanson  
Edward Mitchell

Persons voted for

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Andrew Barrett  
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(Results of election of July 25, 1783)

A List of Debts due to the Commissioners of Charlestown on Bonds this 20th of August 1782.

Andrew Collier  
Date 23rd Nov 1774  
£ 30-0-0

Gle. Natt Ramsey  
May 21, 1776  
£ 07-5-0

Dr. Monroe  
11 May 1787  
£ 2-5--

Edward Park  
10 June 1771  
£ 39-10--

This will inform the public that the Commissioners of Charlestown intend to petition the next General Assembly to be empowered to sell certain public grounds in said Town as a marsh adjoining and also to Lease for the term of Twenty One years such parts of the Commons as may be applied for to raise money to build a Public Wharf and for other public use.