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At a special meeting of the Commissioners held at the house of Charles G. Black on Saturday the 28th October 1815. Present, Mr.s John N. Black, Charles G. Black, George Benjamin, Zackariah B. Graham, and John Conway. The commissioners agree to rent Seneca Point Fishery with the buildings and improvements thereon to John Conway for the term of three years from the first day of April next for the annual rent of forty dollars to be paid in the month of June in each year.

At a yearly meeting of the commissioners at the house of C. G. Black, present,
Samuel Hogg, John N. Black, Charles G. Black, Zachariah B. Graham, John Conway
on Monday the third day of June 1816. No business being laid before the commissioner
they adjourned .

Monday July 8, 1816

At a special meeting of the Commissioners at the Meeting House present Samuel Hogg, John N. Black, George Benjamin, Charles G. Black, Zachariah B. Graham & John Conway.

Upon consultation they do appoint

expense.

On application of John N. Black Esq., the commissioners agree to rent to him what is known by the name of the Court House Square for the term of fourteen years from the first day of August next @ four dollars per annum.

The commissioners adjourn to meet on Tuesday the 30th instant.

Samuel Hogg, John N. Black, George Benjamin,

Charles G. Black, Z. B. Graham & John Conway. Z. B. Graham, delivered the
written opinion of himself, Thomas White & Thomas ________(Cowain),

_______(as) to the best method of securing the Meeting House. Viz to take
down the North East end as low as the first story & that the side walls
be properly secured. Mr.s Samuel Hogg and John N. Black are appointed to
superintend and complete the necessary repairs to said Meeting House.

Adjourned _________(rinedie.)

January 30th 1817. At a special meeting of the commissioners, present,

Samuel Hogg, John N. Black, Z. B. Graham, George Benjamin,
John Conway. C. G. Black applied to be exonerated from _________(having)
any longer the wharf

Pond Lot was rented unto Thomas White for the term of seven years for one dollar

12 ½ cents per annum, to give bond with approved security if required for

payment of ______ rent. Adjourned until the first Monday in June next.

Monday June 26th 1817. The Commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,
Samuel Hogg, John N. Black, Z. B. Graham, George Benjamin,
& John Conway. The commissioners proceeded to superintend the election of
seven commissioners to represent said town of Charles Town and to transact the
public business of said town for three years next ensuing when the following
persons were elected:

	No of Votes
Samuel Hogg	17
John N. Black	17
Charles G. Black	17
Zachariah B. Graham	17
George Benjamin	17
Samuel McKown	16
John Conway	17

Adjourned until Monday the 12th January 1818.

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January 12th Commissioners met, present, Samuel Hogg, John N. Black, Charles G. Black, & George Benjamin and adjourned until Tuesday the 20th instant when having met and not forming a board they adjourned until the 20th instant.

to Charles G. Balck for seven years from this date for thirty nine dollars and fifty cents per year. At the same time they exonerate George Benjamin from the Wharf fishery and rent to him Lots Nos 183 & 155 for 14 years for half a dollar per year apiece. Lots Nos 132 133 & 147 were rented to John Tomlinson for 7 years @ 50 cts per piece per annum. Lots Nos 196, 185, 171, 157, 195, 184 & 170 were rented by auction to Robert Thompson for fourteen years @ \$1.00 per year for each lot. The commissioners adjourn until the third Thursday in February next.

Thursday February 19th 1818 Commissioners met, present, Samuel Hogg,

John N. Black, Charles G. Black, Z. B. Graham,

George Benjamin, Samuel McKnown, Jr., & John Conway. They agreed that the Inspecting House should be covered with a good oak roof & weather boarded with good inch white pine not to exceed 12 inches in shew, with the other edge to be lined with the old weather boarding as high as the joint with two batten doors of inch white pine & sills of good oak. The register directed to give public notice of this resolve & that the commissioners receive proposals for completing said work.

the second Tuesday in March next.

the public lot adjoining No 99 formerly in the
John Tomlinson was rented to Abner Erwin
years to commence from September 1, 1815 for

per year. Adjourned until the second

March next, 2nd Tuesday in March 1818

Monday in June next. First Monday in June the commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present, Mr.s Samuel Hogg, John N. Black, George Benjamin, & Charles G. Black. There appearing no business before the board they adjourn to meet the 21st of July next.

July 21st 1818 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Charles G. Black, George Benjamin &

John N. Black and agreed that the materials of the old Inspecting House

lately blown down should be advertised by the Register and sold at Public vendue

on Friday the 24th instant and that they would take into consideration at said

meeting the propriety of making some regulations relative to the streets and

lanes of said town.

July 24th 1818 Commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Mr.s Samuel Hogg, George Benjamin, Charles G. Black, John Conway

Zachariah B. Graham, Samuel McKown, & John N. Black when

into consideration are of opinion unanimously that there is no necessity for the streets and alleys of said town to be of the width as originally laid out, and do hereby ordain that the one fourth of each street and alley aforesaid be laid off to each proprietor of lots on each side of said streets (excepting on Market, Bladen, & Cecil Streets, the two last so far as they shall be used as a Post Road). That all the streets now shut up shall be opened and the fences to be put on the lines as marked by the surveyor. All persons not complying with the provisions of this ordinance and who shall not within one year from the completion of the necessary survey put their fences on said designated line shall be excluded from all benefit of this ordinance, and all fences, grain or crops of any description found on as well as sheds, stables & confounds over the lines marked out as aforesaid shall be publicly advertised and sold for the use of said Samuel Leverson was unanimously elected Supervisor of the Streets to carry into effect the provisions of the above ordinance under the direction of the commissioners for

receive one dollar

per day whilst actually employed. Mr.s Charles G. Black & John N. Black are requested to engage Hugh Beard Esq., County Surveyor, to survey the streets & lanes aforesaid according to the provisions of the aforesaid ordinance.

It is agreed that Z. B. Graham proceed immediately to have done what may be necessary to secure the walls of the Meeting House and to furnish his bill to the commissioners.

Adjourned to meet at the Meeting House on Thursday the 6th of August next.

August 6th 1818 At a meeting of the commissioners at the house of Charles G. Black, present, Samuel Hogg, Charles G. Black, George Benjamin,

Z. B. Graham, Samuel McKown, Jr. and John Conway. The Register was directed to give public notice that on the 15th instant will be offered for rent, on terms then to be made known, sundry lots, the wharf and Seneca Fisheries, the materials of the old Fish House at Seneca, the Marsh & the priviledge of water out of

March 15th 1819 The commissioners met agreeably to public notice given, pr	esent
Samuel Hogg, John N. Black, Charles G. Black, Z. B. Graham	&
John Conway & George Benjamin. The proceeded to the sales as advertised.	
Lots Nos 121 & 135 were rented to Lowney for fourteen years @	
per annum. No 190 to Samuel McKown, Jr.	
by J. N. Black for 14 years @ .	;

"Parsons Run" to turn a lathe.

Lots Nos. 142 & 143 were rented to Robert Thompson for 14 years @ \$2.60 per annum. The lot called the Pump Lot was rented to Thomas Taylor for seven years @ \$6.50 per annum.

Lot No 137 was rented to George Benjamin for fourteen years @ \$2. per annum.

The wharf Fishery was rented for this present year to George Alexander for the sum of \$15.00. And for five years immediately succeeding to the commissioners for Sixty Dollars per annum.

Seneca Point was rented to Thomas Janney Esq. for one year for \$10.25. The materials of the old dilapidated Fish House at Seneca was sold to John N. Black for five dollars.

Z. B. Grahams account amounting to thirty nine dollars and 52½ cts for work done and materials found for Meeting House was examined allowed and ordered to be passed to his credit.

The manure at the old Inspecting House was sold to Samuel Hogg and John N. Black for two dollars.

special	meeting of the commissioners	10° S
	at their room on the 5th day of January	•
eria	present, Samuel Hogg, John N. Black,	,
e.	George Benjamin, Z. B. Graham and Samuel McRown, Jr.	
	- It was unanimously that they would receive	proposals
	instant for repairing the	
- 1 - 1	sashes, putting glass in the windows	

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and putting new window shutters to the windows of the Meeting House in Charles Town. The Register is required to give public notice of this resolve.

Adjourned to meet on the 15th instant.

January 15th Met according to adjournment but only John N. Black & George Benjamin & John Conway being present they adjourned to meet on the first Monday in June next.

Monday June 6th 1820 The Commissioners met, present, Samuel Hogg, John N. Black,
George Benjamin, Samuel McKown, Jr. and John Conway. The
commissioners proceeded to choose Johnson Simpers Esq. as Judge of Elections &
Lambert Hyland and John Lowry as clerks. The polls were then opened for seven
commissioners to transact the public business of Charles Town for three years next

ensuing. When at the close of the election the votes stood as follows Viz.

; ·		·	Votes
For	Christopher Little	*	29
11	John N. Black	. •	2 8 .
11	Robert Thompson		28
11	Samuel Hogg		27
et "	George Benjamin	•	27
11	John Conway		26
11	Robert Lowry		25
11	John Snowden	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	25

Samuel Hogg, George Benjamin, Robert Lowry & John Conway,

Robert Lowry & John Snowden having each an equal number of votes it was naturally agreed between them to decide it by lot which made being approved of by the commissioners. Lots were drew and Robert Lowry was declared to be the commissioner. Adjourned to meet June 8th 1820. On June 8th 1820 the commissioners met at the Meeting House, present, Christopher Little, John N. Black, Robert Thompson,

The commissioners then proceeded to choose a Treasurer for the ensuing three years when George Benjamin was declared to be duly elected. The sum of three percent was unanimously agreed on to be allowed the Treasurer on all money he may actually collected on account of the town.

To give bond with approved security in the sum of One Thousand Dollars.

The Register was instructed to have the books boxed up with all convenient speed. The meeting was adjourned until the 22nd instant to meet at the Meeting House 3 O'Clock P.M.

June 22nd 1820 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Christopher Little, John W. Black, Robert Thompson, George
Benjamin, Robert Lowry & John Conway. It was unanimously agreed that the Register
by public advertisement give due notice that all persons having accounts open
on the books of the commissioners come forward and settle the same for which
purpose the commissioners will meet at 9 O'Clock A.M. on Saturday the 22nd of
July next. And that legal measures will be resorted to against such persons
who will not comply with said notice.

Saturday the 22nd the commissioners met agreeably to advertisement &
adjournment, present, Christopher Little, Robert Thompson, Samuel Hogg,
George Benjamin, Robert Lowry & John Conway. No person having come forward
agreeably to public notice, the commissioners after having examined an account
of Robert Thompson amounting to
in favor of Thomas White for
Adjourn until Tuesday the 1st day

next @ 4 O'Clock P.M.

John N. Black

Samuel Hogg

G. Benjamin

Samuel McKown

A. B. Graham

August 1st 1820 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,

Christopher Little, Robert Thompson & John Conway. There not being a majority a notice was sent to Mr.s Samuel Hogg & George Benjamin (the other commissioners being out of town) but they declining to meet without assigning any reasons which were in the least importance in the minds of the commissioners present. They adjourn until tomorrow evening 5 O'Clock when they again met, present, Robert Thompson, George Benjamin & John Conway who not being a majority adjourn until the 12th instant at 2 O'Clock P.M. At which time the commissioners met, present, Christopher Little, Robert Thompson, John N. Black, Samuel Hogg, George Benjamin, Robert Lowry and John Conway. Resolved that John N. Black & Christopher Little put in the necessary sashes & glaze them for use of the Meeting House on the best terms they can. Resolved unanimously that the Register is hereby directed to give general public notice that Seneca & the wharf fisheries will be rented at public auction for a term of years to the highest bidder upon conditions then to be made known on Saturday the 2nd day of September next at 2 O'Clock P.M. at which time certain public lots will be rented.

That Mr. George Benjamin having entered into bond with security for the performance of his duty as Treasurer full authority is given him according to the tenor of ______(said) bond, to go on with

collections, from such persons who may stand indebted, taking satisfactory obligations where the <u>cash</u> cannot be <u>(so)</u> paid. Adjourned until September 2nd next 2 O'Clock P.M.

September 2nd 1820 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present, Samuel Hogg, George Benjamin, John N. Black & Christopher Little. They proceeded to rent the wharf and Senaca fisheries and they have agreed that the following shall be the terms of the vendue. That the above fisheries be rented for the term of three years to commence on the day of September to the highest and best bidder at a fair and open bid. It is ordered that the renter or renters give their notes with approved security for the payment of the account yearly. The renter or renters to meet the commissioners on the 3rd Tuesday of this instant at 10 0'Clock to give their notes or else they forfeit their lease. The wharf fishery was rented to Christopher Little for the term of three years to commence on the day of sale at seventy dollars per year. The commissioners have agreed to postpone the renting of Senaca Point Fishery untill the third Tuesday of this instant. Between this and that date it is ordered & directed that a surveyor be had ____(and)____(have)____(it)___(the)____(said) Seneca run out. Ordered that Samuel Hogg employ _____ (said) surveyor to run out said point fishery. The commissioners adjourn to meet he 3rd Tuesday September at 10 O'Clock A.M. (19th)

September 19th 1820 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment and there not being a quorum they adjourn to meet January 5th 1821.

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January 5th 1821 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,
Samuel Hogg, George Benjamin, Christopher Little, Robert
Thompson, Robert Lowry & John N. Black. The proceeded to elect a commissioner
to fill the vacancy occassioned by the decease of John Conway when Stephen
Clark was elected by a majority of the board to fill said vacancy. They next
proceeded to elect a Register when

Samuel Hogg, Jr. was unanimously elected to that office. It was ordered by the commissioners that the public fishery known by the name of the sunken lot fishery above the wharf be advertised by the Register to be rented at public vendue on Thursday the 18th instant at 2 O'Clock P.M. That Advertisement be set up in Charles Town North East and such other places in the neighbourhood as the Register may think proper. The commissioners appointed Samuel Hogg and Christopher Little to call on Jonas Owens and use their influence with him to procure the books and papers belonging to the town which was taken to his house by the late deceased Register pro tem. John Conway and that they make report on this subject to the commissioners at their next meeting. It was ordered that John N. Black should as soon as convenient call on William N. Ramsay Esq. and inform him on behalf of the commissioners that they are ready to pay to the executor administrator or legal representatives of the estate of his father the late Colonel Nathaniel Ramsay the balance due his estate for the house and lots purchased of him by said commissioners for the place of public worship and that they wish a deed of said house & lots from the heirs or legal representatives of said Nathaniel Ramsay and that he make report report to the commissioners at their next meeting or as soon thereafter as he can procure an answer. The commissioners adjourn to meet at their room on Thursday the 18th instant at 2 O'Clock P.M.

January 18th 1821 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment and there not being a quorum they adjourned to meet February the 24th 1821.

Samuel Hogg, Christopher Little, George Benjamin,

Robert Thompson, & John N. Black. They proceeded as follows. It is agreed that
a notice be given to the commissioners or their Register to William A. Manus

School Master to give up quiet and peaceable possession of the large school room
in the front of the Meeting House up stairs to the commissioners on the morning
of the 23th of this instant as his time is up on said day and it is further
ordered and directed that the large school room in the front of the Meeting House
up stairs aforesaid shall be for the use of Peter P. Rossman to teach
school in for the space of three months to commence on the morning of the
28th of the present month (February). It is further ordered and agreed that the
commissioners adjourn to meet at the schoolroom in the front of the Meeting House
up stairs on Wednesday morning next the 28th instant at 8 O'Clock A.M. in
testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names. Geo. Benjamin
Sam Hogg

February 28th 1821 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment and there not being a quorum they adjourned to meet the first Monday June next (4th day).

Christopher Little

John N. Black

June 4th 1821 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,

Christopher Little, John N. Black, Robert Thompson, Robert Lowry,

Samuel Hogg & George Benjamin. They proceeded as follows. The

COMMISSIONERS have agreed to accept an order on them from

Nathaniel Ramsay in favor

Samuel Hogg for the sum of one hundred dollars dated May 28th 1811 and do agree to pass the same to the credit of John Miller's account. They have ordered that all persons indebted to the town to come forward on or before the 25th day of this instant to the collector or register and settle their account and the said account will be ready for settlement on or before the above mentioned day and if those who are indebted do not come forward and settle their said account by the day(said) above mentioned, suits will be brought without respect of persons. Also ordered that the register shall advertise the above order. The commissioners adjourn to meet at their room the 25th instant.

and have agreed to pass the sum of eight dollars of said account to their credit. They have also examined Robert Thompson's account for the sum of four dollars and fifty cents and have agreed to pass the same to his credit. Also agreed that Nicholas Milburn be employed by the commissioners to measure the stone part of Capt. Owen's meat house so as to ascertain how many perches of stone it contains and to report the same to a majority of the commissioners as soon as convenient. John Turner having made application for Lot No 152 to build on the commissioners have agreed to let him have said lot provided he build upon same before the _____ day of June 1823 he fulfilling the customary rule of paying fifty shillings in due time and building the house agreeably to law. The commissioners have further ordered and directed that suit be brought to next September court against Thomas White for cutting and hauling wood out of Lot No in Charles Town and that George Benjamin is directed to request Tobias Rudolph Esq. to attend as council for commissioners to said suit. They also proceeded to rent the following lots Nos 166. 141. 143. 179. 165. 180 & lot adjoining one that Capt. Owens purchased from Charles Moffitt. When lot 166 was rented to John Turner at \$1.87____(2) per annum for 14 years, Lot 141 was rented to Lancelott McKown at \$3.00 per annum for 14 years, Lot 143 was rented to Benjamin - Dennis at 25 cents per annum for 14 years, Lot 179 was rented to John Turner at \$1.12 (2) per annum for fourteen years, Lot 165 was rented to Benjamin Dennis at 65 cents per annum for fourteen years, Lot 180 was rented to Lancelott McKown at \$2.00 per annum for fourteen years and lot adjoining one that Capt. Owens purchased from Charles Moffitt was rented by Samuel Hogg at \$1.50 for seven years. The commissioners adjourn to meet on Thursday next at 2 0'Clock P.M.

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Thursday 28th June 1821 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

George Benjamin, Stephen Clark, John N. Black,

Robert Thompson, Christopher Little & Samuel Hogg. They proceeded as follows.

Ordered by the commissioners

that the Register pass a receipt to Samuel Hogg, Jr. for the payment of John Miller's account on the commissioners books. They next proceeded to rent the public pump lot adjoining No. 16. When it was rented to Joshua Burnett for seven years at \$6.00 per annum to commence from this date. The commissioners release Thomas Taylor from the rent of pump lot adjoining No 16. from the time he rented it up to this date he T. Taylor never having possession of it. Further ordered that the Register advertise the following lots for rent at public auction Viz Nos 187. 173. 172 & 186 on Saturday the 7th July next at 4 O'Clock P.M. The commissioners adjourn to meet July 7th next at 4 O'Clock P.M.

July 7th 1821 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

John N. Black, Robert Thompson and Stephen Clark and
their not being a quorum they adjourn to meet Monday the 9th instant at
8 O'Clock A.M.

The renting of lots Nos 187. 173. 172 & 186 is postponed untill that time (Monday)

Monday July 9th 1821 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

John N. Black, Samuel Hogg, George Benjamin, Christopher Little,

& Robert Thompson & Stephen Clark. The proceeded as follows. They have rented
the Lord Proprietors lot adjoining the Meeting House to John N. Black for the
term of seven years at five dollars and fifty cents per year to commence on the
25th March 1821. They have also rented Lot No 126 to Samuel Hogg for the term
of seven years at one dollar per year commencing 25th March 1821. The commissioners
have appointed Sam Hogg & Christopher Little to go to Elkton to examine the
Charles Town record in the clerk's

August 28th 1821 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Robert Thompson & John N. Black & Robert Lowry. They proceeded to procure a surveyor to run and ascertain the lines of Lot No 152 purchased by John Turner to build on when they agreed to employ Evan Charles to run the same. They have also agreed to pay John Turner one dollar for going after said surveyor. They have ordered that the following Lots viz Nos 187. 173. 172 & 186 be advertised for rent to the highest bidder on Saturday the 15th day of September next & that advertisements be set up by the Register at such public places as it will be necessary. The commissioners have rented to John N. Black that part of the Meeting House lot next to his house running by and with the top of the bank between the cherry tree and his house. Beginning at Market Street & running a straight course till it intersects the said Blacks own lot aback of his barn for the term of fourteen years at the sum of fifty cents per year commencing this 28th August 1821. They have examined & passed John N. Black's account and have passed the same to his ______ (said) Black's credit on their books for the sum of seventeen dollars twenty and three fourth c

office and ascertain correctly what number of lots are saved in said town and to procure a certified copy from under the Clerks of the County hand of all such lots as may be saved for the use of commissioners and that they also examine the record containing the memorandum of the commissioners

(in old other) office and any information they can procure relative to saved lots to communicate it to the board at their next meeting. They have also appointed Robert Thompson & John N. Black to examine the several memorandum books of Charles Town and ascertain what number of lots are saved and any information they can procure relative to saved lots in said town in said books and make report to commissioners at their next meeting. The commissioners have adjourned to meet the last Tuesday (the 28th) of August next at 2 O'Clock P.M.

August 28th 1821 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Robert Thompson & John N. Black & Robert Lowry. They proceeded to procure a surveyor to run and ascertain the lines of Lot No 152 purchased by John Turner to build on when they agreed to employ Evan Charles to run the same. They have also agreed to pay John Turner one dollar for going after said surveyor. They have ordered that the following Lots viz Nos 187. 173. 172 & 186 be advertised for rent to the highest bidder on Saturday the 15th day of September next & that advertisements be set up by the Register at such public places as it will be necessary. The commissioners have rented to John N. Black that part of the Meeting House lot next to his house running by and with the top of the bank between the cherry tree and his house. Beginning at Market Street & running a straight course till it intersects the said Blacks own lot aback of his barn for the term of fourteen years at the sum of fifty cents per year commencing this 28th August 1821. They have examined & passed John N. Black's account and have passed the same to his ______ (said)

 ${ t Black}$'s credit on their books for the sum of seventeen dollars twenty and three fourth of

Saturday 15th September 1821 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment and there not being a quorum they adjourn to meet Thursday the 29th November next.

Nov. 1st 1821 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,

John N. Black, George Benjamin & Christopher Little and there not
being a quorum they adjourned to meet Thursday the 13th December next.

December 13th 1821 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment and there not being a quorum they adjourned to meet first Monday June next the 3rd.

June 3rd 1822 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,

George Benjamin, Stephen Clark, Samuel Hogg & John N. Black & Robert Thompson. They proceeded to examine an account of Peter P. Rossman for sundries done for use of school room and passed the same and give him and order on the Treasurer for the payment of the same amount \$1.28. The commissioners have adjourned to meet the third Thursday July next the 18th.

June 26th 1822 A special meeting of the commissioners <u>agreeably called</u> for the purpose of taking into consideration what repairs were necessary to be done to the Meeting House in town. There were present Mr.s Samuel Hogg, George Benjamin, Robert Thompson, Stephen Clark & John N. Black. They agreed that Samuel Hogg, Robert Thompson & John N. Black be a committee to ascertain of suitable workmen what they will have to put ______ make window shuts, the floor mended, walls & ceiling repaired and such alterations & repairs in back part of _____ (said) house

and to make a suitable and convenient passage up into the school room and if the said committee a major part of them shall be of the opinion after they receive the terms of workmen they are authorized and directed to employ suitable persons to do the above repairs and improvements and the expences of the same shall be paid out of any money unappropriated in the hands of the Treasurer or any of the public money belonging to said town.

Adjourned to meet July 18th next.

1822 July 18th The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,

John N. Black, Samuel Hogg, George Benjamin & Stephen Clark.

They proceeded as follows. They agreed to sell to Mr. Moffitt Lot No 92 for fifty shillings to build on agreeably to law. Adjourned to meet August Tuesday 20th next.

1822 August 20th The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment. There not being a quorum adjourned to meet third Tuesday September next.

September 17th The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment. Not being a quorum adjourned to meet 8th February next.

February 8th 1823 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Mr.s Christopher Little, Robert Thompson, Robert Lowry,
Samuel Hogg, George Benjamin & John N. Black. They proceeded as follows to
examine the account of Lloyd Bailey for pewing the Meeting House, putting a
pulpit and other repairs in said house when Robert Lowry, Samuel Hogg,

John N. Black, George Benjamin & Robert Thompson have agreed to allow said account of
ninety two dollars and fifty cents. The amount of said to be paid out of the
treasury of Charles Town when Christopher Little voted aginst it. They have also
by a majority postponed the renting of Seneca Fishery to Saturday the 15th
instant. The following for it Christopher Little, George Benjamin, Robert Thompson,
& S. Hogg. Adjourned to meet Saturday 15th instant at 4 O'Clock P.M.

February 15th 1823 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Mr.s Christopher Little, Robert Thompson, Samuel Hogg,
John N. Black, Stephen Clark & George Benjamin. They proceeded as follows to put
to vote if Seneca Point Fishery should be offered for rent for the term of three
years and if they would guarantee it to the renter when the vote appeared as
follows. For it Christopher Little, Robert Thompson, Samuel Hogg, Stephen Clark
& George Benjamin and John N. Black was silent. They then proceeded to rent the
said fishery when it was rented to John Little for the above term at five dollars
per annum payable yearly. They also have examined the account of Peter P.
Rossman for sundry done for use of

school room of three dollars seventy eight & ahalf cents when said account was passed and give him an order on the Treasurer for said amount. Adjourned to meet first Tuesday 4th March next at 2 O'Clock P.M.

March 4th 1823 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present.

Mr.s John N. Black, Samuel Hogg, Stephen Clark & Christopher Little, & Robert Lowry. They proceeded as follows to examine the account of
Hugh Beard deceased for ________ the streets of town when they passed
the amount of six dollars of said account to the credit of D. Beard and an order
drew on the Treasurer of town in favor of Doctor Beard administrator of
Hugh Beard deceased. They also proceeded as to the payment of Lloyd Bailey's
account which was passed February 8th last when they ordered that Charles
G. Black pay the last year's rent of Fair Ground of \$39.50. Also and order
on the Treasurer for what he owes said commissioners and Christopher Little
for the balance of the payment of said Bailey's account. They have ordered
the Register to advertise for those indebted to the town to come forward
and make payment on or before the 18th instant. Adjourned to meet thence
Tuesday the 18th instant at 2 O'Clock P.M.

March 18th 1823 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present.

Mr.s Robert Thompson, Christopher Little, John N. Black, & Samuel Hogg. There not being any business brought before them they adjourned to meet Thursday the 20th instant 2 O'Clock P.M.

March 20th 1823 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Mr.s Christopher Little, Robert Lowry, Samuel Hogg,
Stephen Clark & Robert Thompson. They proceeded as follows to appoint a day to
give John Littles the renter of Senaca Point Fishery possession, when Saturday
next at 11 O'Clock A.M. was appointed for that purpose. Also it was put to
vote if it was necessary to take advice respecting the above fishery when it was
unanimously agreed. And that Christopher Little be the person to go to Elkton
and get written instruction before Saturday, how to proceed in the above business.
They have adjourned to meet Saturday next the 22nd at 11 O'Clock at near
Senaca Point.

March 22nd 1823 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Christopher Little & Samuel Hogg. There not being a quorum they
adjourned to meet Monday 24th instant.

Monday March 24 1823 The commissioners met and there not being a quorum they adjourned to meet Tuesday the 1st of April next.

April 1st 1823 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment, present,

Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Christopher Little, Robert Thompson &
Stephen Clark, when John Little offer offered his note with good security for
fifteen dollars for three years rent of Senaca Point Fishery. When said note
was offered for payment of said rent Samuel Hogg, Christopher Little, Robert
Thompson agreed to receive said note and Stephen Clark _______ (retired)
declaring he would not have anything to do with said note although he did
agree to the renting of said fishery

as per entry February 15th last. The remaining commissioners believing said note to be sufficient they agreed to receive it. They have adjourned to meet Saturday the 10th day May next, at 2 O'Clock P.M.

April 4th 1823 At a special meeting of the commissioners, present,

Mr.s Sam Hogg, Robert Thompson, Robert Lowry, Stephen Clark, & John N. Black. They have agreed to withdraw the suit now entered against Charles G. Black in Cecil County court by his paying what moneys or rents may be due from three years back previous to the suit being entered against him and all moneys or instant debts that he may owe said commissioners that have become due since the date of the suit up to this term and one half of all the costs that may have acrued on the suit from its commencement up to this time and the commissioners agree to pay the other half of all said costs on the suit. All the above commissioners votes in the affirmation except Samuel Hogg who votes in the negative. They have also elected Thomas Taylor and Jonas Owens to fill the vacancy of Christopher Little & George Benjamin. The former having moved away & the latter having resigned to be commissioner to the first Monday in June next. The commissioners have appointed Samuel Hogg

Robert Thompson & John N. Black as a committee to (meet) examine and measure the house lately erected by John Turner on the Lot which he has purchased from the commissioners and to report to the board whether the said house is agreeable to law.

May 10th 1823 This being the day approved to meet and there being no commissioners present adjourn to meet May 31st instant.

May 31st 1823 The commissioners met, present, John N. Black, Robert Thompson,

Samuel Hogg & Robert Lowry. They proceeded to examine the following accounts viz John N. Black's account of six dollars and forty six cents which they have passed and allowed said account and to his placed the credit of said John N. Black and Samuel Hogg, Sr. account for thirty dollars & ninety eight cents which they have passed and allowed said account and to be placed to the credit of said S. Hogg. Also Samuel Hogg, Jr. Register's account for services done which account they have passed and allowed said account to be placed to the credit of said S. Hogg, Jr. They have adjourned to meet Monday the 2nd June next at 2 O'Clock P.M. the day appointed by law for the electing of commissioners when the commissioners will meet to conduct said election

John N. Black

Samuel Hogg

Robert Lowry

Robert Thompson

Monday June 2nd 1823 The commissioners met agreeably to adjournment and act of Assembly, present, Mr.s John N. Black, Robert Thompson, Robert Lowry, Thomas Taylor & Jona Owens. They then proceeded to choose Caleb Edmandson & Samuel Hogg, Jr. clerks. The polls were then opened for seven commissioners to transact (pettie) business of Charles Town for three years next ensuing.

When at the close of election the votes stood as follows

	Viz	Votes
For	Robert Thompson	31
11	John N. Black	28
11	William N: Black	27
11	Samuel Hogg, Jr.	26
11	George Benjamin	24
11	Stephen Clark	21
11 -	Thomas Taylor	20

The above being elected commissioners, they adjourned to meet Monday the 16th instant 3 O'Clock P.M. They agreed to adjourn the meeting till Friday 17th instant.

June 17th 1823 The commissioners metagreeable to adjournment, present, Mr.s Robert
Thompson, Samuel Hogg, Jr., Wm. N. Black, George Benjamin,
Thomas Taylor, Stephen Clark, & John N. Black. They proceeded to elect a Treasurer
and a Register for the commissioners for three years to commence on the First Monday
of June instant when Robert Thompson was elected Treasurer and John N. Black Register.
They agreed to allow the Treasurer the sum of three per cent on all moneys he
may actually collect and for any extra

trouble he may have not properly belonging to the duties of collector he may be allowed at the discretion of the commissioners. They have ordered that the Treasurer give bond with approved security to the board in the sum of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the dutys of his office. The commissioners have directed that the Register draw off a list of the debts that may be due the town and to furnish a list of the lots as far as his knowledge may extend that may belong to the town and not now under rent. It is ordered that the present Treasurer be appointed the collector of the public money. They have agreed to pass and allow James Sewall's account for fees for the sum of nine dollars and thirty five cents and John Sharp's account for the sum of one dollar and twenty two cents. It is agreed that the board allow the present Register the sum of five pounds a year for his services as Register. They have appointed Samuel Hogg, Jr. and Wm. N. Black to call on Capt. Jonas Owens to obtain permission from him to examine amongst the papers of the late John Conway and ascertain what books or papers may belong to the commissioners and they are authorized to bring any such books or papers andlay them before the board at their next meeting. The commissioners have adjourned to meet 17th of July next at 2 O'Clock P.M.

July 17th 1823 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,

Mr.s George Benjamin, Thomas Taylor & John N. Black the rest of the commissioners not attending. For want of a quorum they adjourn to meet this afternoon 5 O'Clock P.M. when the commissioners met, present, George Benjamin, Thomas Taylor, Samuel Hogg, Jr., Robert Thompson & John N. Black. Upon an application of Thomas Janney to know whether the commissioners would agree to pay the costs that had occured on a suit entered by him and George Alexander against Robert & John C. Cameron in Cecil County court. The commissioners present agree that the costs of said suit shall be paid by them to said Janney & Alexander except John N. Black who votes in the negative on the above question. The commissioners have also agreed to release Thomas Janney & George Alexander from the payment of a judgement which they obtained against him before Caleb Edmondson, Esq. for the rent of Seneca Fishery. The above commissioners have all voted to release the payment of the above judgement except John N. Black who votes in the negative. Charles G. Black came forward and stated to the commissioners that he wishes to have a settlement of his account agreeable to the terms entered into between him and the commissioners on the 4th of April Last when it was agreed that John N. Black should between this time and the next meeting if he can make it convenient of the board call in James Sewall, Esq. Clerk of the County and get a certificate of all the costs that stands due on the docket on said suit and a certificate of the date the suit was entered against him.

The board have appointed Mr.s Thompson & Hogg to call on Mr. C. Little and request him to make off any account he may have against the commissioners and to meet the board their next meeting to settle for the rents of the Wharf Fishery and what he may owe. And they have appointed John N. Black to call on John Maffitt, Esq. at North East and ascertain if he has any books or papers that may belong to the commissioners to get them from him and lay them before the board as soon as he can procure them. They have agreed to take Lots Nos 141. 180 which Lancelot McCown rented 25th June 1821 for 14 years at five dollars a year off his hands by his paying the amounts due thereon up to this date. Samuel Hogg, Jr., Robert Thompson & George Benjamin voted in the affirmative to relinquish the above rent on the terms aforesaid and Thomas Taylor & John N. Black voted in the negative. The commissioners have rented to Charles G. Black Lots No. 148 & 149 for 7 years from the Fourth of June Last at one dollar for each lot per year. They have adjourned to meet the 15th of August next at 3 0'Clock P.M.

August 15th 1823 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,

Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Jr. & Robert Thompson. There not being
a quorum they adjourn to meet on Tuesday the 18th instant at 4 O'Clock P.M.

Tuesday 18th The commissioners meet agreeable to adjournment, present,

Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Jr., Robert Thompson & Thomas Taylor.

There not being a quorum they adjourn to meet on the 21st instant at 8 O'Clock A.M.

August 21st 1823 The commissioners meet agreeable to adjournment, present.

Mr.s Robert Thompson, Samuel Hogg, Jr., Thomas Taylor & John N. Black. The commissioners have appointed Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Jr. & Robert Thompson a committee to call on Mr. C. Little between this date and Saturday evening by 4 O'Clock P.M. to endeavor to obtain a settlement of his account on the best possible terms they can for the commissioners and to get the balance he may owe in money or else to procure his note bearing interest and they are to make report of their proceedings to the commissioners by Saturday Evening next at 4 O'Clock P.M. at which time they have adjourned to.

Saturday August 23rd 1823 at 4 O'Clock P.M. being the hour appointed for the commissioners to meet and none of them having met the Register adjourned to meet on Thursday the 28th instant at 8 O'Clock A.M.

Thursday August 28th 1823 at 8 O'Clock John N. Black meet agreeable to adjournment. No more of the board having meet he adjourned to meet at the house of Mr. George Benjamin on the 29th instant.

August 29th 1823 The commissioners meet at the house of Mr. George Benjamin

Present, Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Jr., George Benjamin, Thomas

Taylor & John N. Black. The commissioners having appointed a committee of members of their board to call on Mr. C. Little several times to meet them to settle his account for the rents due for the Wharf Fishery and he having refused to meet them. They have appointed John N. Black to go to Elkton to take advice of counsel as to the best

mode of securing said rents and to procure the advice of said board in writting and they have agreed to pay the said John N. Black for his services for going on the above business and they have adjourned to meet on Wednesday the 14th day of Sept. next at 3 O'Clock P.M.

Dec. 22nd 1823 A special meeting of the commissioners being called they were present Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Jr., George Benjamin, Stephen Clark, Wm. N. Black & John N. Black. They have agreed to replace the Meeting House upstairs to have the windows made good and glassed and that the above repairs be done as soon as possible for the safety of the house as it is now much out of repair and the house is receiving injury for want of said repairs. And that the board shall call on the teacher of the school and notify him that he must take such measures with his scholars as will prevent their braking the windows and injuring the house. The commissioners have agreed that they will hold the teacher accountable for any injury that may be done to the house by his scholars. And that the above notice be given him at the next meeting of the board. The commissioners have adjourned to meet at 2 O'Clock P.M. at the School Room on Friday the 26th instant.

January 5th 1824 It is ordered by the undersigned commissioners of Charles Town that Charles G. Black pay Lloyd Bailey the balance of his account with interest on the same for putting pews and pulpit in the Meeting House and that his Lloyd Bailey's account be good against the commissioners for the same. The amount of said account with the interest on it up to this date being eighty dollars and seventy cents.

George Benjamin
Samuel Hogg
Robert Thompson
John N. Black

The commissioners have adjourned to meet on Monday the 19th instant and they direct that the Register shall advertise to the different persons indebted to the town to come before the commissioners by the day aforesaid and make payment and those who are unable to pay to give their notes to settle the books and it is also ordered that the Wharf Fishery and some lots be advertised for rent on that day.

January 19th 1823 The commissioners met, present, Mr.s Samuel Hogg & John N. Black. There not being a quorum they have adjourned to meet again on the 3rd of February next at 1 O'Clock P.M. The renting of the Wharf Fishery and the Lots advertised to be rented on the 19th instant is postponed to the 3rd of February aforesaid. The Register is requested to advertise the said Fishery and Lots that they will be rented on that day.

February 3rd 1824 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present, Mr.s George Benjamin, Samuel Hogg, Jr., Thomas Taylor, Robert Thompson and John N. Black. They proceeded to offer for rent the Wharf Fishery and sundry lots in town agreeable to previous notice given. The Pond Lot was rented to Seaborn Grant for three years at one dollar and twelve and a half cents a year to commence from the 8th of February instant. Lot No. 141 was rented to Samuel Hogg, Jr. for seven years from the 25th of March next at forty one cents a year. The Public Lot adjoining Lot No. 99 was rented to Abner (Irwin) for three years to commence from the expiration of his last lease which is from the 1st of Sept. 1822 at one dollar and twenty five cents a year. The Wharf Fishery was rented for one year from this date to Samuel Hogg, Jr. for the sum of twenty nine dollars and ninety nine cents. Miller & Simpers having presented an account to the commissioners to the amount of forty dollars for putting up sheds and taking out a part out of said Fishery the board have agreed that said account will not pass. Thomas Janney having presented an account against the commissioners for private services rendered by him in attending to the suit of Janney & Alexander against Robert & John C. Cameron in Cecil County Court to the amount of fifteen dollars. The commissioners have agreed that they will not allow said account. They have agreed with Thomas Janney to leave all matters at variance between them to the award and determination of John Shaw John Cameron & Thomas Burns which arbitrators is appointed to meet at Mr. George Benjamin's tavern on Monday next the 9th instant at 1 O'Clock P.M.

Benjamin Dennis having applied to give up Lot No. 165 which he had rented 25th of June 1821 for 14 years at fifty five cents a year. It was agreed to take it off his hands by John Turner (per) (yielding) his lease to the commissioners and paying what back rents may be now due on said Lot up to this time. It is ordered by the board that the said John Turner give bond with approved security for the payment of the rent yearly. The commissioners have appointed Mr. George Benjamin to employ suitable workmen to repair and glaze the windows in the back part of the Meeting House. Upstairs to have a good strong serviceable batten door to be to be neatly made and planed and a good strong _____ lock prepared and put on it. Said door to be put up and hung at the door leading into the commissioners room and to have the fireplace done up and repaired to get a good chest lock and key and have it put on the commissioners chest. He is to get the above repairs done as reasonable as possible and present his account to the commissioners. He is also directed to have the above work done with all convenient speed. The commissioners have adjourned to meet at Mr. George Benjamin's tavern on Monday next at 1 O'Clock P.M.

February 9th 1824 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Jr., George Benjamin, Robert Thompson, Stephen Clark, Wm. N. Black, Thomas Taylor & John N. Black. The arbitrators having met on the disputed account between the commissioners and Thomas Janney for a claim he made against the said commissioners for private services rendered by him in the suit

of Janney and Alexander against Robert & John C. Cameron. The said arbitrators have awarded that the commissioners shall pay the said Thomas Janney the sum of fifteen dollars for the said services. It is ordered by the board that Caleb Edmandson, Esq. be directed to enter satisfaction or his docket for a judgment which the commissioners obtained against said Janney & Alexander for the sum of ten dollars and twenty five cents. The commissioners have adjourned to meet at Mr. George Benjamin's tavern on Monday next at 1 O'Clock P.M.

February 16th 1824 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,

Mr.s George Benjamin, Thomas Taylor, Stephen Clark, Robert
Thompson, Wm. N. Black, Samuel Hogg, Jr., & John N. Black. Thomas Janney having
produced bills of costs to the commissioners on the suit of Alexander & Janney
against Robert & John C. Cameron the commissioners have agreed that they will
pay said account to the amount of forty seven dollars & five & a half cents
and they direct the Register to draw an order on Christopher Little in favor
of Alexander & Janney for the amount of their account against the said
commissioners amounting to \$47 dollars & 05 ½ cents and also an order in favor
of the said Thomas Janney on C. Little for the amount of an award of arbitrators
and for a judgment which he the said Janney obtained against the commissioners
before Caleb Edmundson, Esq. the two items amounting to nineteen dollars.

February 20th 1824 The commissioners met at the house of Mr. George Benjamin, present, Mr.s Thomas Taylor, Stephen Clark, Robert Thompson, Wm. N. Black, Samuel Hogg, Jr., John N. Black, and George Benjamin. They proceeded to Senaca Point to take the testimony of witnesses relative to the lines and boundaries of Seneca Point as the commissioners and John N. Black when after taking down the testimony of Nathaniel Oldham, Cyrus Oldham and Samuel Hasson on the part of John N. Black and Wm. Little on the part of the commissioners. Then on application of John N. Black the commissioners agreed unanimously with the exception of Samuel Hogg, Jr. that two commissioners should be appointed out of their board to proceed to the house of Cyrus Oldham and that they together with John N. Black should take the testimony of old Mrs. Oldham widow of Richard Oldham relative to the boundaries of Seneca Point when (Doctor) Wm N. Black and Robert Thompson was appointed to perform said duty and in case Doctor N. Black could not go Mr. George Benjamin was appointed in his place to go along with Mr. Thompson on Monday next the 23rd instant. The commissioners have adjourned to meet on Monday the 1st day of March next.

March 1st 1824

February 21st 1824 The Register by the orders of the commissioners give and order on Christopher Little in favor of Thomas Janney for the sum of nineteen dollars being the amount of an award against the said commissioners in favor of the said Thomas Janney and also an order for the amount of a judgment which the said Thomas Janney obtained before Caleb Edmundson, Esq. on the 22nd of February 1822 and at the same time an order was given Alexander & Janney on Christopher Little for the sum of forty seven dollars and five cents and a half being the balance of the said Alexander & Janney's account against the said commissioners on account of bills of costs & (is) exhibited against the commissioners on account of a suit which the commissioners agreed to support Alexander & Janney in in Cecil County court against Robert & John C. Cameron.

March 1st 1824 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present, Mr.s George Benjamin, Thomas Taylor, Stephen Clark, William N. Black, Samuel Hogg, Jr., Robert Thompson & John N. Black. The proceeded to examine and weigh the testimony relative to the boundaries of Senaca Point as well on the part of the commissioners of Charles Town as on the part of John N. Black who claims for himself and the heirs of John Hasson and on the question being put by John N. Black whether the commissioners will agree from what testimony they have received on both sides to give John Little the late renter the possession of Senaca Point when Thomas Taylor, George Benjamin, Stephen Clark, Robert Thompson, Wm. N. Black, and John N. Black voted that they would not give him possession of said Point.

Then the commissioners sent for Jacob R. Howell to consult him whether he could find the Point by running the lines. When he attended the meeting and examined the plat and stated that he wished some further time to examine the record and to consider on the subject when the commissioners agreed to meet at three o'clock P.M. on Thursday the 4th of March to consult on the propriety of having said land surveyed. The above proceedings being read was approved by the commissioners and ordered to be entered on the record. The commissioners adjourned.

June 29th 1824 The commissioners met, present, Mr.s Robert Thompson & John N. Black.

There not being a board to do business they adjourned to meet at
the school room the 2nd July at 4 o'clock p.m.

July 2nd 1824 The commissioners met, present, Mr.s Robert Thompson, George Benjamin,
Samuel Hogg, Jr., & John N. Black. They proceeded to take into
consideration what notes and accounts due to the town they would proceed to have
collected. They have unanimously agreed that the Register call on John Turner,
Constable and deliver over to him all such notes of hand as is now due from
different persons for rent with instructions that he shall collect them forthwith by

on those who

John Turner for the bonds and notes he may deliver over to him. The commissioners have unanimously elected Robert Thompson, Treasurer and collector of the public money and have agreed to give him a commission of six per cent on all moneys from persons living in or about the town but where he has to attend to the collection of moneys from persons residing any considerable distance from the town then the commissioners agree to allow such further compensation in addition to the 6 per cent as they may think reasonable to be allowed at the discretion of the board. The commissioners have ordered that the Treasurer for the faithful performance of the duties required of him give (for). The board have unanimously agreed that suit be brought immediately against Christopher Little for the money due from him to the town and that the Treasurer be directed to bring suit to the first court and to attend to the recovery of the debt. The board have adjourned to meet the third Monday in Sept. next at 4 o'clock p.m.

July 13th 1824 At a special meeting of the commissioners at their room, present,

Robert Thompson, Thomas Taylor, George Benjamin, Esq., & John N.

Black. It was agreed to release Robert Thompson from the rent of Lot Nos. 170,

184, 195 which he had rented from the commissioners and which he let to John Grant

provided he pays up all back rents up to this date on said lot. They adjourned

to meet on the third Tuesday of Sept. next.

August 31st 1824 At a special meeting of the commissioners, present, Mr.s

George Benjamin, Samuel Hogg, Jr., Robert Thompson, Thomas Taylor and John N. Black. The commissioners having at their meeting on the 21st of June 1821 sold John Turner Lot No. 152 to build on and they having agreed to let him have said lot provided he build upon the same on or before the 21st day of June 1823. He fulfilling the customary rule of paying fifty shillings in due time and build the house agreeable to law and it appearing to the present board of commissioners that the law of 1742 Chapter 23 Section 11 authorize persons to take up lots in this way and to build on them within three years was repealed by the law of 1786 Chapter 32 Section 2 and it is further the opinion of this board that no title can be made to the said John Turner under the 11th Section of the Act of 1742 and the commissioners having power by the Law of 1786 to sell lots in fee simple, they have agreed to make the said John Turner a deed of said lot upon his having a deed prepared and paying for the writings and expences attending the same.

Sept. 27th 1824 The commissioners met. There not being a quorum they adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 28th instant at 3 o'clock p.m.

28th Sept. 1824 The commissioners met, present, Mr.s Robert Thompson, George Benjamin,
Thomas Taylor, Samuel Hogg, Jr., & John N. Black. They have
appointed Joshua Bennett as supervisor of the streets in Charles Town

and require him to proceed to fulfill the duties of his appointment agreeable to the act of assembly in such case made and provided. The commissioners have adjourned to meet at their room on the third Tuesday of November next for the purpose of overhauling adjusting and settling their books. The board to meet at 9 o'clock a.m. on said day.

Third Tuesday in November 1824 The commissioners met. There not being a quorum they adjourned to meet at the house of John N.

Black on the 26th day of January 1825.

January 26th 1825 The commissioners met, present, Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Jr., George

Benjamin, Esq., Robert Thompson, Thomas Taylor & John N. Black.

They have agreed to advertise the fair ground, wharf fishery and sundry lots
in town for rent and the Register is requested to advertise the same for rent in
the month of February or March next.

March 11th 1825 The commissioners met at the house of George Benjamin, Esq., present,

Samuel Hogg, Jr., Thomas Taylor, George Benjamin, John N. Black,

William N. Black & Robert Thompson. They proceeded to offer the wharf fishery for

rent for one year when it was bid in by Robert Thompson for the commissioners at

ten dollars. The fair ground was offered for rent for three years when the same

was struck off to Samuel McCown, Jr. for forty two dollars and fifty cents a year

for three years from this date. The wharf fishery was rented to Samuel Hogg, Jr.

at private sale at the sum of seven dollars and twenty five cents a year

for one year from this date being the most the commissioners could get for it.

Lots No. 170, 184, 195 formerly in the occupation of Robert Thompson and lately given up by him was offered for rent for the term of seven years from this date when the same was rented to William Benjamin for the term aforesaid at seventy five cents per lot each year. The conditions of sale in the vendue of the property this day rented by the commissioners and which is filed are that the renters shall give their notes with approved security to the commissioners who shall execute leases for the same to the board at such time as they shall appoint.

The commissioners have adjourned (sene) die.

March 14th 1825 The commissioners met at the house of William Willock's, present,

Mr.s Robert Thompson, Samuel Hogg, Jr., Stephen Clark & John
N. Black, Samuel McCown & John (O) Bennett approved and give bond for the rent of
the fair ground for three years; Samuel Hogg, Senior & Samuel Hogg, Jr. give
their bond for the rent of the wharf fishery for one year. Wm. Benjamin &
Thomas Taylor give their bond for seven years rent of Lots No. 170. 184. 195 in
Charles Town. The commissioners then went into an election of a commissioner
to supply the place of George Benjamin, Esq. moved away when Robert Thompson &
Samuel Hogg, Jr. voted for John Turner & Stephen Clark & John N. Black voted for
Charles G. Black. The commissioners being equally divided no choice was made.

It is ordered that Robert Thompson have a good strong serviceable batten door to
be neatly made and planed and a

good strong lock prepared and put on said door to be put up and hung at the door leading into the commissioners room to be done on the same terms and conditions as George Benjam was authorized to do the same by a resolve of the board the 3rd day of February 1824. It is ordered that Lot No. 116 be offered at public sale on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock p.m. at the commissioners room provided it shall being such price as the commissioners shall think it is worth and the register is requested to advertise the same. They have adjourned to meet at the commissioners room on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock p.m.

March 22nd 1825 The commissioners met, present, Robert Thompson, Doctor Wm. N. Black, Samuel Hogg, Jr., Stephen Clark & John N. Black. The board directed the register to advertise Lot No. 116 one of the public lots in town for for sale to the highest bidder on the 2nd day of April at 3 o'clock p.m. at the commissioners room. The commissioners then put to vote whether the bye law passed by the board relative to the mode of electing commissioners, clerks, & judges of election for commissioners by viva voce passed by the commissioners on the 5th day of June 1820 should be repeated when it was agreed by a majority of the board that it should and that in all future elections for commissioners that they should elect the commissioners by ballot. Then the board went into an election of a commissioner to supply the place of George Benjamin, Esq. moved away when Charles Black was elected without opposition. Doctor N. Black, Stephen Clark & John N. Black having having voted for him. Robert Thompson did not vote and Samuel Hogg, Jr. was absent. Adjourned to meet at their room on the 2nd April at 3 o'clock p.m.

April 2nd 1825 The commissioners were to have met this day but none of them appearing the Register adjourned sine die.

March 17th 1826 The commissioners met at the house of Charles G. Black, Present,

Doctor N. Black, Thomas Taylor, Charles G. Black, & John N. Black.

They directed the Register to make of Christopher Littles account for three years rent of the wharf fishery and to change interest on each years rent from the time it becomes due until paid. It is further ordered that Doctor N. Black & Charles G. Black be a committee to wait on Mr. Little and see if he is willing to make any compromise or settlement of the suit now depending between him and said commissioners in Cecil County Court and to make report to the board as soon as possible what are his propositions and it is further directed that as soon as the Register makes out a statement of Mr. Littles account that a copy shall be forwarded by mail to Elkton to Tobias Rudulph, Esq. counsel for the commissioners.

Adjourned sine die.

April 4th 1826 The commissioners met, present, Charles G. Black, Docton Wm. N.

Black, Robert Thompson and John N. Black. They have agreed to

draw the suit against Christopher Little in Cecil County court brought for to

recover the rents of the wharf fishery by Mr. Littles giving his (hand) for

the amount of said rent and he is to pay one half of the costs of

said suit

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the amount of said rent and he is to pay one half of the costs of
said suit

and the commissioners is to pay the other half Mr. Littles amount for \$24.50 against the commissioners is allowed and passed and is deducted from the amount of the rent he has given his note for the balance of rent due being one hundred and eighty five dollars and fifty cents. The board then adjourned sine die.

Charles Town May 23rd 1826 At a special meeting of the commissioners, present

Mr.s. Robert Thompson, Samuel Hogg, Jr., Thomas Taylor,

Charles G. Black and John N. Black. It was ordered that the Register deliver

over to the Treasurer Samuel McCown, Jr. & Joshua Bennett notes of hand which are

now due for the rent of the fair ground for the years 1825 & 1826 and that he

take the Treasurer's receipt for the same. The Treasurer is to proceed forthwith

to collect the moneys due on said notes.

June 5th 1826 The commissioners met. Present, Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Jr. Robert

Thompson Doctor Wm. N. Black Thomas Taylor Charles G. Black and

John N. Black this day being appointed by Law for holding an Election for
seven Commissioners to conduct the public business of said Town. Zachariah B.

Graham, Esq. and John Lowery was appointed Clerks of said Election. It is
ordered by the Judges that said Election be opened at 4 O'Clock P.M. and closed

at 6? O'Clock P.M.

Not attending at the hour for opening the election John Yeamans was chosed clerk in his place. The ballots being counted the following persons appeared elected and had each the number of votes assessed to their names.

	Votes
Robert Thompson	19
John N. Black	17
Samuel Hogg, Jr.	17
William N. Black	15
Thomas Taylor	14
John Yeamans	13

Charles G. Black and William Cooling having each twelve votes, neither of them was elected on the first ballot. It was agreed by the voters and judges to vote a second time when William Cooling had a majority of votes and was declared by the judges to be duly elected. The commissioners then adjourned to meet on Thursday the 15th instant at their room at 10 o'clock a.m.

Thursday June 15th 1826 None of the commissioners having meet this day but John N. Black adjourned sine die.

July 26th 1826 The commissioners met, present, Mr.s Robert Thompson, Thomas Taylor,

William Cooling, John Yeamans, William N. Black, and John N. Black.

The board proceeded to elect Robert Thompson Treasurer and John D. F. Brown Register.

(gate)

It is ordered by the board that William Maffitt be requested to remove his cole

house which he has lately erected in the middle of the street from that place; and

that it be removed in the course of this week or else the commissioners will proceed

(gate)

to fell the cole house and also the smith shop agreeable to the laws of the town

and it is further agreed that Thomas Taylor and John Yeamans shall be a committee

to wait on said Maffitt and make known to him the contents of this order. John N.

Black's account for three years services as Register amounting to forty dollars was

examined and passed. The commissioners then adjourned to meet at their room on

Tuesday the 1st August next at 9 o'clock a.m.

*The term for which Mr. Thompson is elected Treasurer is three years to commence on the first Monday June 1826 and to end on the first Monday of June 1829. This entry made by order of the board.

John N. Black late Register Sept. 16th 1826 A special meeting of the commissioners being called. There was present, Mr.s John N. Black, William N. Black, Robert Thompson, William Cooling & Thomas Taylor. William N. Black and Robert Thompson being appointed a committee to examine a house lately built by Elizabeth Maffet on a lot of ground No. 92 in Charles Town do report that the said house is built agreeable to the 11th section of an act passed in the year 1742 for building and making improvements in Charles Town and the commissioners after making the said Elizabeth Maffett a deed of the said Lot 92. They adjourned to meet in their room on Saturday the 6th October next at 9 o'clock a.m.

Oct. 6th 1826 This being the day for the commissioners to meet according to adjournment but none of them appearing the Register adjourned sine die.

Feb. 12th 1827 At a special meeting of the commissioners held in the school room, present, Mr.s Robert Thompson, Thomas Taylor, Samuel Hogg and William Cooling and John Yeamans. Upon consultation resolved that the Register draft a petition and deliver it to Mr. John Yeamans and have it sent on to the General Assembly of Maryland requesting their honorable body to grant them a lottery scheme for repairing the Charles Town Wharf and for other public improvements in said town. The Register was ordered to make out a list of what property belonging to the commissioners that is not rented or leased and have it in as soon as convenient.

It is also agreed that the wharf fishery be advertised for rent at public vendue on Thursday the 22nd instant. They then adjourned to meet on the same day of vendue which is the 22nd February, 1827.

February 22nd, 1827 This being the day appointed to rent the wharf fishery but no bidders appearing the vendue is postponed to take place on Thursday the first day of March next.

March 1st, 1827 The Commissioners met according to adjournment, present, Mr.s Samuel Hogg, John N. Black, Robert Thompson, and Thomas Taylor when they proceeded to rent the wharf fishery agreeable to the following articles. Viz 1st The highest bidder to be the purchaser. 2nd The term of renting to be one year from the 25th of March instant. 3rd The rentor to give his note and security for the rent. 4th No possession to be given until the terms of the third article are complied with. 5th The commissioners reserve one bid for themselves. The articles being read it was then put up at public vendue when Samuel Hogg became the rentor for the some of \$5.50. They then adjourned to meet on Monday the 12th day of March.

March 12th, 1827 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present, Mr.s William N. Black, Samuel Hogg, John N. Black, John Yeamans & Robert Thompson & Thomas Taylor. When they rented to Seaborn Grant the lot known by the name of the Pond Lot for three years commencing on the 8th day of February, 1827 and ending on the 8th day of February, 1830 for the sum of \$1.12½ per year and a lot adjoing No. 117 for the term of seven years. Said term to commence on the 25th of March 1827 and to end on the 25th of March 1830 for the sum of fifty cents per year. *The Register was ordered to make *_______ come forward to receive his lease

out a list of notes and bonds put in the hands of John Turner, Constable (deed) for collection and to credit him with the money he paid the treasurer also with the notes that was returned this day by his widow and present it to the Commissioners at their next meeting. After perusing the books and examining the plat of the town it is further ordered that the following lots be advertised for rent at public vendue on Thursday the 22nd day of March instant at 2:00 p.m. viz Nos. 3, 15, 123, 125, 132, 133, 141, 147, 151, 159, 169, 172, 173, 177, 113, 180, 181, 186, 187. A lot adjoining No. 99, one adjoining No. 100, one adjoining No. 106 and the Inspecting House lot adjoining No. 25*. Adjourned until the 22nd day of March. (Thursday at 9 o'clock)

March 22 1827 The Commissioners met agreeable to adjournment present Mr.s John N. Black, Dr. William N. Black, Thomas Taylor, John Yeamans and Robert Thompson.

Ordered by the commissioners that the following be recorded. Viz That they relinquish Benjam Dennis and Thomas Taylor from the payment of a note dated the 21st of June 1821 for 9 dollars and 10 cents for rent of Lot No. 165. Said Lot being taken off their hands by John Turner. Said Turner paying back rents and said Taylor entered security for the same in a new note. Then the following lots were offered for rent viz 3, 15, 123, 128, 132, 133, 141, 147, 151, 159, 169, 172, 173, 177, 113, 180, 181, 186, 187. A lot adjoining No. 99 one adjoining No. 100 one adjoining No. 93 one adjoining No. 106 and the Inspecting house lot adjoining No. 025. Agreeable to the following articles. Article 1st The highest bidder to be the renter. 2nd The

3rd The renter or renters to give their notes with approved security for the payment of the rent yearly. 4th No possession to be given until the above terms are complied with. 5th Lot No. 3 to rented for one year only from the 25th instant and all the aforesaid lots from the same date. When Lot No. 3 was rented to William Benjamin for 50 cents. No. 15 and a lot adjoing No. 93 was rented to Dr. Wm. N. Black & John Yeamans for the term of seven years. No. 15 was rented for the sum 50 cents per annum and lot adjoining No. 93 was rented for the sum of 65 cents per annum. Nos. 123, 151, 113 & 180 was rented to Charles G. Black for the term of seven years for the sum of twenty five cents per piece per annum. Nos. 132, 133 & 147 was rented to John Tomlinson for the term of 7 years for the sum of fifty cents per piece per annum. No. 177 was rented to Sarah Turner for 5 years for the sum of twenty five cents per annum. Lot adjoing No. 99 was rented to _____ Cameron for the term of five years for the sum of \$1.37% cents per annum. Lot adjoining No. 100 was rented to Robert Lowry for the term of 5 years for the sum of 25 cents per The Inspecting House Lot was rented to Z. B. Graham for the term of 5 years for the sum of 30 cents per annum. Nos. 14 & 23 was rented to John N. Black for the term of 7 years for the sum of one dollar per piece per annum. Lots Nos. 159, 172, 173 & 186 & 187 was rented to Dr. Wm. N. Black & John Yeamans for the term of 5 years for the sum of \$1.75 per piece per annum. These being the lots that are in possession of Capt. Jonas Owens there was no care given for them on account of the commissioners not having them in their possession at this The remainder of the lots that was advertised for rent remain unrented. The Register was directed to have the leases and notes drawn by the day of the next meeting. Adjourned to meet on Thursday the 29th instant at 2 o'clock p.m.

March 29th 1827 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present, Mr.s John N. Black, Dr. William N. Black, Thomas Taylor, Samuel Hogg and Robert Thompson. Ordered by the commissioners for renting of all lots for the future there shall be two leases executed one for the renter and one for the party renting and that the renter shall pay the expense of a second lease from this date. Lot No. 181 was rented to Lancelot McCown for one year from the 25th of March 1827 for 50 cents. The Register was directed to examine the records book and ascertain if possible what time James Wiley's lease of the sunken lot expired and what time Thomas Taylor rented said lot. Adjourned to meet on Thursday the 5th day of April at 4 o'clock.

April 5th 1827 This being the day appointed for the commissioners to meet but none of them appearing except Mr. John N. Black adjourned to meet on Thursday the 12th instant at 4 o'clock.

April 12th 1827 This being the day appointed for the commissioners to meet but none of them appearing except Mr.s John N. Black & R. Thompson they adjourned to meet the first Monday in June at 9 o'clock a.m.

June 4th 1827 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present, Mr.s John N. Black, John Yeamans, Thomas Taylor, Samuel Hogg and Robert Thompson. They then executed leases for lots rented on the 22nd day of March last. Each Party unto the other unto Charles G. Black, John N. Black, Z. B. Graham, Sarah Turner, William Benjamin, William N. Black & John Yeamans & Robert Lowry. Each was given a lease for the lots they rented the numbers of which appear on page 51.

Robert Lowry paid for the rent of lot adjoining No. 100 for 5 years. Said term will expire on the 25th of March 1832. The Treasurer was directed to proceed immediately to the collection of the judgements that appear on Jacob R. Hewitts docket against George Clark and John Jennings. Also the he pay to John N. Price Dpty. Shff the sum of \$4.882 for three tickets presented against commissioners in favor of I. V. Price, James Sewall, & Tobias Rudolph. Ordered by the commissioners that John N. Black employ a workman and have the walls of the Meeting House repaired and hand in his account at the next meeting of the commissioners to receive payment. Robert Thompson is allowed to make use of sixty dollars \$60.= of the public money that remained in his hands towards building a Methodist E Church in Charles Town and if the said building is not put up Robert Thompson is to be accountable for the money to the commissioners. Ordered by the commissioners that the lots now in possession of Seaborn Grant be advertised for rent and the spoils that are around Mrs. Turner's lot to be advertised for sale at the same time which is on Thursday the 7th day of June at 5 o'clock. The commissioners have rented to Thomas Taylor the sunken lot for five years at 62½ cents per year and a lot adjoining Lot No. for five years at $62\frac{1}{2}$ cents per year the term commencing on the 25th day of March 1827. The said Thomas Taylor paying for 12 years rent of said lots at the same rate for back rents subject to a deduction of the money he had paid towards the rent and giving his note with security for the _____ leases to be executed at the next meeting. The commissioners directed to call on Joshua Bennet for the iron materials belonging to public pump in Charlestown. Adjourned to meet on Thursday the 7th day of June at 5 o'clock P.M.

June 7th 1827 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,
Doctor W. N. Black, Samuel Hogg, Robert Thompson and John N. Black. When they
proceeded to rent the two lots advertised for rent agreeable to the the terms
of the vendue on the 22nd day of March last. When the pond lot was rented to
Samuel Hogg for 5 years at 45 cents per year. The term commencing on the 25th
day of March (last). Lot adjoining No. 117 was bid in by Robert Thompson at
25 cents for the commissioners. When the rails that enclose Mrs. Turner's lot
was sold to John N. Black for \$4.25. Adjourned to meet on next Thursday at
5 o'clock P.M.

June 14th 1827 This being the day the commissioners adjourned to meet but none of them appearing except Robert Thompson and John N. Black they adjourn to meet Sept. 11th.

Sept. 11th 1827 This being the day for the commissioners to meet agreeable to adjournment but none of them appearing adjourned Sine Die.

Oct. 1st Monday 8 o'clock P.M. A special meeting of the commissioners being called on account of some designing person or persons nailing and locking our doors against us. Present Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Thomas Taylor, John Yeamans, Robert Thompson and William Cooling. When they put it to vote whether the doors should be opened for school room in the upper story of the house generally known by the name of the meeting house. And the votes appear as

follows for it Samuel Hogg, John Yeamans, Robert Thompson, William Cooling and Thomas Taylor. Against it none that were present. When John D. F. Brown made application for the room to teach school in for one as more quality when the following commissioners will it William Cooling, John Yeamans, Samuel Hogg and Robert Thompson. Against it Thomas Taylor. When they gave John D. F. Brown possession of the room in the upper story the said John D. F. Brown giving a proper guarantee that he will leave the upper story of said house in as good repair as he finds it in when he commenced this quarter. Witness our hands and seal of the town.

Witness present

John D. F. Brown

Samuel Hogg

John Yeamans

Robert Thompson

William Cooling

Thomas Taylor

February 5th 1828 A special meeting of the commissioners being called, present, Mr.s Hogg, Yeamans, Taylor and Thompson. The business of the meeting was to know whether they should open the meeting house for Mr. Hyatt a Baptist preacher to preach. When the above named commissioners voted that the house should be opened for the purpose above mentioned. When they adjourned to meet on Thursday the 7th instant in the evening.

February 7th 1828 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present, Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Robert Thompson, John N. Black, Thomas Taylor, William Cooling, and John Yeamans. Ordered that the Fair Ground and Wharf Fishery be advertised for rent on Monday the 18 instant at 2 o'clock P.M. Also any lots that may appear for rent at the same time. When they held an election to elect a commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Dr. William N. Black and Isaac Benjamin was elected. It was then put to vote whether the commissioners should pay the trustee of the North East Episcopal Church the balance of the money that was allowed them by the Legislature of Maryland for the purpose of building a house in Charlestown for the Methodist _____ out of the funds that now remain in their hands. When Mr.s Thomas Taylor, William Cooling, John Yeamans, Robert Thompson voted that they should pay it and Mr.s Samuel Hogg & John N. Black voted against it until prior debts are paid. The commissioners that voted for the money to be paid at this time allowed the Christopher Little for the balance which was one hundred dollars. It was then put to vote whether Mr. Horton teacher who occupied the upper story of the house generally known by the name of the Meeting House should give a guarantee to the commissioners that he will leave said house in as good repair as he finds it in. When Mr.s Samuel Hogg, Thomas Taylor, John Yeamans, William Cooling and Robert Thompson

voted he should. Ordered by a majority of the commissioners viz. Mr.s Robert Thompson, John Yeamans, Thomas Taylor and William Cooling that a petition be signed and sent on by the above named commissioners to the Legislature of Maryland to rebutt and that has been sent on by the trustees of the Presbyterian Society. Adjourned to meet on Monday the 18th instant at 2 o'clock p.m.

February 18th 1828 The commissioners met agreeable to adjournment, present,

Mr.s John N. Black, Samuel Hogg, Thomas Taylor, Robert

Thompson, John Yeamans, and Isaac Benjamin. When they proceeded to rent the

Fair Ground and Wharf Fishery. The Fair Ground was rented to Samuel Hogg for

4 years at \$37.50 per year and the Wharf Fishery was rented to John N. Black

for one year for \$2.37½. Ordered that the Register make out a list of all

the accounts that appear on the books of the commissioners and hand it in

to the Treasurer for collection. Mr.s John N. Black, Robert Thompson and

Samuel Hogg and are appointed to direct in making out the list of any accounts

that he may not understand. Mr.s Samuel Hogg, John N. Black and Robert Thompson

are appointed to call on Joshua Bennett and demand the iron materials that

belong to the public pump in Charlestown. The Register is directed to put up

notices forewarning all persons from cutting hoop poles off the Charlestown

Commons and Mr. John Yeamans is appointed agent for the same and give

information against

all offenders and to take what hoop poles he may find cut on said commons and have them brought into Charlestown and disposed of according to the direction of the commissioners for which he is to receive a commission of ten per cent on the amount said poles may sell for. Mr.s Yeamans, Taylor & Benjamin are appointed to examine the books and ascertain what lots there are that their leases have expired and report the same at the next meeting. The following bye law has been unanimously appointed that any one commissioner who does not attend the meetings of the commissioners shall be fined twenty five cents unless he can give a reasonable excuse which excuse shall be determined by the commissioners. Mr. Samuel Hogg is appointed to have the upper part of the meeting house repaired on as reasonable terms as he can and as soon as possible. Lot No. 126 was rented to Samuel Hogg for 7 years at \$1 per year. Term to commence on the 25th March 1828. The Court House Square was rented to John N. Black for 7 years from the 1st day of August 1828 at \$4 per year and Lot No. 3 was rented to Isaac Benjamin for 7 years at 50 cents per year. Adjourned to meet on Wednesday the 27th instant at 2 o'clock p.m.