

(pp. 242, 350, 394-395, 270-271, 396-397). The acts of 1765 show, however, that the Assembly did in that year confirm the lease of lot No. 71 at the northwest corner of Baltimore and Gay streets, doubtless the same lot referred to in the 1763 petition, from Thomas Harrison to the Baltimore Town commissioners for market purposes (Hanson's *Laws of Md. made since 1763*, Chapter xxxiv).

In Charles County the magistrates asked authority to build a prison, and Charles Town in that same county requested an act to prevent the keeping of geese or swine in the town except within enclosures. Charles County did not secure the passage of the prison bill, but the town was given authority to regulate its hogs and geese (pp. 254, 369, 376, 381, 384, 510).

At the session of 1762 an attempt had been made to establish a town at Elk Ridge Landing, but action upon it had been deferred until the next Assembly (p. 148). When it came up again in the Lower House at the 1763 session, there seems to have been opposition, apparently from a member of the Upper House, Charles Hammond, of Anne Arundel County, heir of Philip Hammond, whose lands seem to have been involved. The Lower House by a vote of nineteen to eleven decided that a jury be empanelled if the proprietors of the land and the commissioners appointed to lay the town out could not agree. This house then passed the bill but it was rejected in the Upper House on November 23, for reasons undisclosed (pp. 307, 323, 333, 351, 379, 383, 269).

This attempt in 1763 to establish a town at Elk Ridge Landing in Anne Arundel County, at the head of tide water on the Patapsco River, although unsuccessful, is mystifying to the writer, as a town had already been established there by an act of the Assembly passed in 1733. This 1733 act (which had not been subsequently repealed) erected a town to be called Janssen Town at Elk Ridge Landing. Forty lots were to be laid out on a town site of thirty acres, and the usual procedure in such acts for erecting a town was ordered to be followed. Six commissioners were named in the act who were to have the land surveyed, a town clerk was to be appointed by them, and town records were to be kept. (*Archives. Md.* XXXIX; 125-127). Elk Ridge had prospered and had a flourishing trade with the back country and was the site of important iron foundries, although it never seems to have been called by its legal name, Janssen Town. Why an attempt should have been made thirty years after the erection of Janssen Town to found another town on what seems obviously the same, or a nearby, site, is not clear to the writer, unless the bill introduced in 1763, of which no copy has been preserved, among other things would have repealed the earlier law, changed the name from Janssen Town to Elk Ridge Landing, and contained provisions not in the law of 1733. Or perhaps the earlier act had become obsolescent because its terms had not been carried out. It was not long afterward, however, that the harbor of Elk Ridge Landing filled up with silt, and ships could no longer reach its docks. The name Janssen Town was in honor of Barbara Janssen, daughter of Sir Theodore Janssen, Bart., who had married in 1730, Charles Calvert, Fifth Lord Baltimore.