

CITY OF BALTIMORE.

We have in several preceding editions of the Director, given sketches of the city and its history, we will now give a view of the *early history*, and of the late, as far as is expedient, premising that the city of Baltimore is situated on an arm of the Patapsco river, $39^{\circ} 20'$ north latitude, about two hundred miles from the mouth of the Chesapeake bay, a bay unrivalled the world over for its various products and superior harbors. Few cities present so *central* a position. It is found, on comparing distances, that Baltimore is 14 miles nearer Columbia, Pa., than Philadelphia, and 58 miles nearer Buffalo, N. York, than the city of New York itself, while its proximity to the south and southwestern states, is daily adding to its trade and commerce.

Through the politeness of the present worthy city Register, Doctor J. J. Graves, we have been permitted to examine the *first* record book of the city; it is a plain manuscript book, containing about two quires of foolscap paper, bound in parchment; in it are the entries for both *Baltimore* and *Jones's Town*, for several years; the records of the first we had purposed giving entire, but want of room would not allow; the extracts we have made we think will be acceptable to many of our patrons. We retain the spelling, &c.

The Act of the Legislature of 1729 appointed Commissioners to buy the land and lay out a *town*. We apprehend that if the same thing were to be done now, there would be more hurry to get the sixty lots than there appeared, even up to 1747, only 29 years prior to the revolution.

THE ENTRIES OF BALTEMORE TOWN.

BEGUN BY

GEORGE WALKER,

December 1st, 1729.

On Munday the first day of Decr. 1729, the following Commissioners, viz. Messrs. Richard Gist, William Hamilton, George Buchanan, George Walker,

Being four of the seven Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for agreeing with Chas. Carroll and Danl. Carroll, esqrs. about the price and purchase of sixty acres of land, to be erected into a town called Baltemore Town, and the