

ny. There appears to have been some difference of opinion at the Board on this subject; the Council divided, and the ordinance was carried by a small majority. It was also proposed in Council about this time, to build a quay along the shore in front of the town, but several merchants—Mr. Saul, Mr. Joshua Mauger, and others, having applied for water lots, and liberty to build wharves on the beach, the subject was referred to Mr. Morris, the surveyor, and Mr. Bruce, the engineer. They thought the quay was a work of time, and required means from England. The Licences were, therefore, granted, with a reservation of the right of the Crown in case the quay should be resolved on. This scheme was afterwards abandoned by Government.

At this period the line of the shore was so irregular as in some places to afford only a footpath between the base line of the lots which now forms the upper side of Water Street and high water mark; at the Market, the tide flowed up nearly to where the Exchange Coffee House now stands, forming a cove, the corner of a street which came down north of Exchange Street; near the Ordnance Yard another cove made in, and the shore was low and swampy many years after the batteries were built.

According to the original plan of the Town published in 1740, a space appears to be reserved between the line of the town and the shore, but no water street laid out—the upper side of the present Bedford Row being the western limit. There were five forts, having each four quadrangular blockhouses, with a barrack in the centre; these were connected by wooden palisades or pickets.