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FEDERAL HILL LOOKING EAST - INNER HARBOR

The year before this photograph was taken, the first dry dock ever constructed in Baltimore was built at Charles Reeder's wharf at the foot of Hughes Street, on the south side of the basin.

Also in that year, a 24-foot-deep Federal channel to Baltimore Harbor was completed. The channel, which ranged from 250 to 400 feet wide, continued to be improved, and by the early 1880s, it was deepened to 27 feet deep and widened to 600 feet.

This improved entryway into the Inner Harbor was popular enough that over the next 15 years it became increasingly congested.