

under the several acts of the legislature to the bounty of lands, and that there ought to be about one hundred lots set apart to fulfil the engagements of lands to recruiting officers,—the quantity of two thousand five hundred and seventy-five of the aforesaid lots, (lying in the most fertile part of the county, and contained in the following limits, to wit, *beginning at the mouth of Savage river, and running with the north branch of Patowmack river to the head thereof, then north with the (“ present”) supposed boundary line of Maryland until the intersection of an east line, to be drawn from the said boundary line with a north course from the mouth of Savage river, would include the number of lots aforesaid,*) should be distributed by lot among the said soldiers and recruiting officers, and their legal representatives, by a commissioner or commissioners, not exceeding three, to be appointed by the governor and council for that and other purposes presently to be noticed.

This provision went to the fulfillment of all the engagements acknowledged and recited by the act: but the legislature thought proper to go further, and proceeded to direct that, *part of* the remaining lots should be distributed, by lottery, among the officers, and the representatives of the officers of the Maryland line who served to the end of the war, who were deranged by any of the reforms of the army, who were killed, or died of their wounds received in battle, those who were disabled from further service by wounds received, and in consequence thereof retired, and those who died a natural death while in the service with the army; each officer, or his representative, to have four lots: that the lots so granted should be adjacent to those directed to be distributed among the soldiers, and should be contained within the following limits, *viz.* by extending the aforesaid north course from the mouth of Savage river until its intersection with an east line to be drawn from the aforesaid supposed boundary of Maryland would include the requisite number, allowing to each officer four lots as aforesaid; and that the said lots should be distributed, by lot, among the said officers, and their representatives, by the aforesaid commissioners, each ticket to contain four lots, contiguous to each other, or as nearly so as might be.

The act directed further that the auditor-general should furnish the said commissioners with a list of the officers and soldiers entitled as aforesaid, and that no draught should be made for any officer or soldier whose name was not on that list; that after the draught (or lottery) the name of each officer and soldier should be endorsed on the ticket containing the number or numbers (written at length) which had been drawn by or for such officer or soldier, who (or his represen-