

III. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, by this act nominated and appointed, or the major part of them, are hereby empowered and required, at some time by them, or the major part of them, to be appointed, before the first day of June next, to meet together on the land aforesaid, or at some other place near and convenient thereto, and then and there treat and agree, if the same can be done on reasonable terms, with the owner or owners of the said land, or any person or persons by him or them authorised to convey the same, for the purchase thereof.

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Who are to  
meet, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That after the agreement and purchase of the commissioners aforesaid, they, or the major part of them, shall, and are hereby required to cause the same land, or such part thereof as they, or the major part of them shall judge necessary, except as before excepted, to be carefully surveyed, divided, laid out and plotted by the surveyor of the county aforesaid, or such person as they, or the major part of them, shall make choice of and appoint for that purpose, into lots of not more than half an acre each, allowing such sufficient space or quantity thereof for streets, lanes, and alleys as to them shall seem meet; and the same lots so laid out, as also those already possessed by the inhabitants of the said village or others, and the public ground within the lines aforesaid, shall number with numbers one, two, three, and so on, for distinguishing each lot from the other, and shall cause the streets, lanes, and alleys to be named and distinguished by certain names, and by good sufficient cedar or locust posts or stones to be set up as boundaries to them, and also to the lots aforesaid; and the expence of procuring and setting up the same shall be paid as herein after directed.

After purchase, land to  
be surveyed,  
&c.

V. And be it enacted, That the commissioners, or a major part of them, shall, and they are hereby required to assess, set and ascertain the price to be paid for each of the lots laid out as aforesaid, (except such lots as may be reserved by the proprietors in their agreement with the said commissioners) according to the value, conveniency and situation thereof, so always that the prices of all the said lots, added together may amount to the sum by them agreed to be given for the said land, and also all expences incident to the surveying, dividing, laying out, plotting and bounding the said lots; and after the said lots are so laid out, bounded and priced, as aforesaid, the same, except those reserved for the respective proprietors, shall be sold by the said commissioners, or a major part of them, to the respective persons who shall first apply to take up the same, and offer to pay the price of the lot or lots applied for in ready money.

Commissioners  
to set the  
price of lots,  
&c.

VI. And be it enacted, That if the said commissioners shall not be able to purchase the said land, or such part thereof as shall remain after the reservation of every fifth lot to the owner or owners, from the said owner or owners thereof, or such person or persons as shall be authorised by him or them to convey the same, by reason of the refusal of the said owner or owners, or from any other cause, on or before the first day of June next, then it shall and may be lawful for them to have the same surveyed, divided, laid out, plotted and bounded, as herein before directed, reserving every fifth lot upon such plot to the respective proprietors of said land; and the said lots, when so surveyed, divided, laid out, plotted and bounded, the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall, after giving six weeks notice by advertisement in the Maryland gazette and Pennsylvania journal, and likewise setting up advertisements at the court-house door of the said county, and at the several churches in the same, expose to public sale, except those reserved to the proprietors as aforesaid, upon the following terms; the purchaser to give bond with sufficient security, to be approved by the commissioners, or a major part of them, to pay the purchase money, with interest thereon, in twelve months, to the proprietor of the land,

And if not able to purchase  
land, &c. to  
have the same  
surveyed, &c.