

distributed by lot, among the said soldiers and recruiting officers, and their legal representatives, by commissioners, for whose appointment by the Executive, provision was made in the said act, that part of the remaining lots should be distributed by lottery among the officers and their representatives, of the *Maryland* line, who served to the end of the war, were deranged by any of the reforms of the army, were killed or died of their wounds received in battle, were disabled from the service by wounds received, and in consequence thereof retired, or who died a natural death while in the service with the army. Each officer, or his representative, to have four lots, contiguous to each other, or as nearly so as might be, adjacent to those directed to be distributed among the soldiers, and within the limits therein set forth. The plots and books of certificates, were directed to be lodged in the Land Office, and the latter to be considered records of said office.

To the commissioners appointed, the Auditor General was directed to furnish a list of the officers and soldiers, entitled as aforesaid after the drawing of the lottery, the name of the officer or soldier, was directed to be endorsed by the commissioners on the ticket containing the number or numbers drawn by or for such officer or soldier, and thereupon they or their representatives were to have a fee simple in them; the commissioners were directed to make a record of all the lots distributed, and return it to the Register of the land office.

We find from the report of Mr. Deakins, that 636 of the lots were actually settled. The 2d section of the aforesaid act provides that a preference shall be given to the settlers to purchase said lots by them respectively settled at not less than five nor more than twenty shillings per acre. By an act of 1791 chapter 85, the remainder of said lots were sold by Mount Joy Bayly, who was appointed by the Executive in virtue of the aforesaid act, to dispose of all lots other than those heretofore disposed of, giving a preference to those who occupied the same at the time, at not less than three shillings and nine pence per acre. The 3d section of said act, provides that all vacant lands in said county, may there after be taken up in the usual manner at two shillings per acre. Mr. Bayly's report shows that he sold 810 lots. The commissioners appointed in compliance to the act of 1788, were all revolutionary soldiers, Benjamin Brooks, David Lynn and Daniel Cresaps, and it was not