

Lanes and Allies, with other spare Places to be left, on which may be a Church, Chappel, Market-House, or other publick Building; and the remaining Part of the said One Hundred Acres to be divided into One Hundred equal Lots, marked on some Posts or Stakes, towards the Streets or Lanes, with Numbers, One, Two, Three, Four, and so to an Hundred; out of which Lots the Owners of such Lands shall have the first Choice for one Lot, during the space of One Year after the said Five and Twentieth Day of *February*; except his Excellency *Francis Nicholson*, Esq; Governour of this Province, who shall have the next immediate Choice of One, Two or Three Lots, in each or either of the said Towns, if his Excellency so pleases. After which the said Lots shall be taken up by the Inhabitants of the Counties, only during Six Months after Laying out the same. And if the Inhabitants shall not take up the same Lots in the Time aforesaid, it shall be then free for any Person or Persons whatsoever to take up the said Lot or Lots, paying the Owner proportionably for the same. And in Case any Person or Persons shall wilfully refuse to make Sale of any such Lands herein before mentioned, or any Person or Persons through Nonage or *Coverture*, or *non sane Memoria*, or other Impediment or Disability whatsoever; that then the Commissioners aforesaid, nominated for each respective Town, are hereby Authorized by Virtue of this Act, to issue out Warrants to the Sheriffs of the said Counties, to empower them to impanel and return a Jury of Free-holders, to appear before the said Commissioners, which Jury upon their Oaths, to be administered by the said Commissioners, are to inquire and assess such Damages and Recompence as they shall think fit, to be awarded to the Owners and all Persons interested, according to their several and respective Interests in the said Land or any Part thereof; and what Sum of Tobacco the said Jury shall adjudge the said Land to be worth, shall be paid to the said Owners and Persons interested, by such Person or Persons as shall take up the said respective Lot or Lots, proportionably thereunto. And the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby empowered, by respective Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to summons the Surveyor General or the Surveyor of the County, to survey and lay out the said One Hundred Acres, in the Places aforementioned, in Manner and Form aforesaid, to be marked and staked out as aforesaid; and when the same is so surveyed, and laid out as aforesaid, and valued as aforesaid, That then whosoever shall make Choice of any such Lot, as aforesaid, and make Entry thereof, before and with the Officer or Person as by the Commissioners shall be appointed to keep the Book of Entry of the same, and pay such Sum or Quantity of Tobacco as shall by the Direction of the Commissioners be rated upon such Lot, and payable to the Owner of such Land, and on such Lot shall build One Twenty Foot Square Dwelling-House, at least within Twelve Months after taking up the same, unless such Building be larger than is herein expressed, shall by Virtue thereof, and of the Building and Finishing as aforesaid, invest the Taker-up and Builder, as aforesaid, with an Estate of Inheritance in the said Lot, to him, his Heirs and Assigns for ever; and be a perpetual Bar to the Owners and Persons interested in the said Lands, either within or without this Province, even against his Lordship's the Right Honourable *Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore*, Lord Proprietary of this Province, his Heirs and Successors, yielding and paying to the said Lord Proprietary,

To be marked
and staked into
Streets, &c.

And Lots.

Of which
the Owners of
the Land to
have the first
Choice.

Governour
Nicholson the
next.

Then the
Inhabitants of
the County for
six Months.

Then any
Body.

Paying the
Owner.

In case of
refusal or dis-
ability, to sell,

The Com-
missioners may
Issue Warrants,

To impane-
nel Jurors.

To enquire
and Assess
Damages, &c.

Surveyors to
be summoned,
to lay out the
said Lots.

The manner
of taking them
up.

Shall pay
for it.

Shall build a
dwelling house
20 foot square
within 12
Months,

And have
Fee simple.

Paying
Quit-Rents