

Session
Laws Land shall have his or their first Choice, for One Lot; provided he or they make their Choice in Ten Days: And after such Choice, the remaining Lots may be taken up by others; and that no Person shall presume to purchase more than One Lot within the said Thirty Acres, during the first Four Months after Laying out the same; and that the said Lots shall be purchased by the Inhabitants of the County aforesaid: And in Case the said Inhabitants shall not take up the said Lots within Six Months after such Laying out, as aforesaid, it shall then be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to take up the said Lot or Lots, paying the Owner or Owners proportionable for the same. And in Case the Owner or Owners of the aforesaid Thirty Acres of Land shall wilfully refuse to make Sale of the same, or that thro' Nonage, Coverture, or any other Disability, or Impediment whatsoever, are disabled to make such Sale, as aforesaid; that then the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall and are, by Virtue of this Act, authorized, empowered, and required, to issue their Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to the Sheriff of the said County; which said Sheriff is also hereby required and empowered, upon Receipt of such Warrants, to impanel and return a Jury of the most substantial Freeholders, Inhabitants within the said County, to be and appear before the said Commissioners, at a certain Day and Time by them to be limited: Which Jury upon their Oaths shall enquire to whom the said Land belongs, and assess and return what Damages and Recompence they shall think fit, to be awarded to the Owners of the said Thirty Acres of Land, and to all Persons interested therein, according to their several and respective Interests: And what Sum of Tobacco the said Jury shall adjudge the said Thirty Acres of Land to be worth, shall be paid to the Owner or Owners, so found by their Verdict, and to all Persons they find interested therein, by such Person or Persons as shall take up the said Lots, proportionably to their Lot or Lots; which shall give the said Purchaser or Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, an absolute Estate of Fee Simple in the said Lot or Lots, he or they complying with the Requisites in this Act mentioned.

And be it further Enacted, That the Surveyor of Anne-Arundel County, for the Time being, shall have and receive, for Surveying and Laying out the Town aforesaid, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and no more; to be paid and allowed him in the County Levy; and that he return a Plat thereof to the County Clerk, to be by him kept amongst the County Records: And in Case the Taker-up of such Lot or Lots do not build, within Eighteen Months, an House that shall cover Four Hundred square Feet, that then it shall and may be lawful for any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to enter upon the said Lot or Lots so as aforesaid not built upon,