

or the major part of them to be most convenient and to Survey and Lay out or cause the Same to be surveyed and Laid out in the best and most convenient manner into Eighty Lotts to be Erected into a town—and your petitioner further Sheweth that the Commissioners by the Said act nominated & appointed or the major part of them were Impowered and required to treat and agree with the owner or owners person or persons Interested in the Same Sixty acres of Land for the purchase thereof and if it Should happen that the said owner or owners person or persons wouldnd agree with the Said Commissioners for such rate or price as they the Said Commissioners or the greater part of them Should think reasonable of the Same or that thorough non age coverture or other Disability or Impediment Should be Disabled to make Such Sale that then and in Every Such case the Commissioners aforesaid or the major part of them Should and were thereby Impowerd and required to Issue their warrant under their hands and Seals Directed to the Sheriff or Coroner of Frederick County for the time being commanding him to Summon and Impanell a Jury upon their oaths to Enquire assess and return what Damages or recompence they shou^d think fitt to be paid or given to such owner or owners person or persons Interested in the Said Sixty acres of Land as aforesaid but if the Said Jury Should Assess and Value the said Land at a Less price then fifty Shillings currant money for Each acre that then and on Such case the purchacer or purchacers of Such Land Should pay such further sum over and above what Should be the Valuation of the Jury as Should make up the Sum of fifty Shillings like money as aforesaid for Every acre to be paid to Such proprietor or proprietors as aforesaid as by the Said act of assembly reference being thereunto had and to which your petitioner begs Leave to refer may more fully and at Large appear—

And your petitioner further Sheweth that in pursuance of the Said Act the Said Commissioners or the Major part of them Surveyed and Laid out for the Said town a parcell of land belonging to your petitioner on which Stood three dwelling houses and a Store house which your petitioner then rented for twenty Seven pounds Currant money and ten pounds Sterling p^r annum besides a resurvation of one of the rooms in the Store for your petitioners own use and a roleing house orchard and Several other Valuable Improvements and proposed to buy the Same of your petitioner but he being unwilling to part from his Land houses and other Improvements absolutely refused to Sell the Same upon which the Said Commissioners Issued their warrant to the Coroner of Frederick County agreeable to the Said Directions of the act to Summon a Jury and the Said Jury were also Agreeable to the directions of the Said act Sworn by the Commissioners to Inquire assess and return what Damages the Said George Gordon and your petitioner

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