

of the said Town are to be taken up by Ballot or Lot, by any Persons whatsoever; and that on the Day, so to be appointed, the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall meet on the same Land or Town, and shall cause the Numbers of so many of the Lots aforesaid, as there shall be Persons, then and there willing and desiring to take up Lots, beginning with the Lots on the River-side, and proceeding for the whole Breadth of the Town backwards, to be written on distinct Pieces of Paper, which shall be rolled up, as near as may be, of equal Size and Bigness; and having put the same into a Box or Vessel, every Person then present, other than the Proprietor or Owner aforesaid, shall be at Liberty to draw out one of the said Numbers, which Number being entred with the Clerk aforesaid, and the Drawer paying to the Proprietor or Owner of the same Land, his or her Factor, or Agent, the Price so as aforesaid fixed and set upon the Lot, the Number whereof he or she hath so drawn, and complying with the other Requisites hereafter mentioned, shall, and is hereby declared to be absolutely seized in an Estate, in Fee-simple, of and in such Lot, against the Lord Proprietary of this Province, and all other Persons whatsoever: And if it shall happen that all the Lots aforesaid, be not taken up, or drawn on that Day, then the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall, and are hereby required to appoint another Day, in the same Manner as herein before directed, for drawing and taking up the Residue of the said Lots, and shall proceed therein as herein before mentioned on the First Day aforesaid; and that all Persons who shall draw and take up any Lots on such second Day, and pay the Prices, and comply with the other Requisites aforesaid, shall have the like Estates, in such their Lots so drawn and entered as aforesaid, as the Drawers and Takers-up of Lots on the First Day are herein above declared to have: And if all the said Lots shall not be drawn and taken up on the Second Day aforesaid, that then any Person whatsoever, who had not before drawn or taken up any other Lot, shall and may be at Liberty to take up and enter as aforesaid, any of the said Lots which shall so remain untaken up; and such Persons last mentioned, paying the Prices of their respective Lots, and complying with the other Requisites aforesaid, shall have Estates in Fee-simple therein, as aforesaid.

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IX. **Provided always**, That no Person whatsoever, the Proprietor or Owner of the said Land only excepted, shall be allowed to take up, draw, hold, possess, or enjoy, above one of the Lots aforesaid, at any Time within Three Years after the laying out of the Town aforesaid.

None to hold more than one Lot within 3 Years.

X. **And be it further Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons, who shall take up any of the Lots aforesaid, shall apply to the Clerk of *Cecil* County Court, for the Time being, for Entries to be made of their respective Lots so taken up, which Clerk is hereby obliged and required carefully to enter in a Book, by him to be kept for that Purpose, the Names of Persons taking up the said Lots, the Numbers of their respective Lots, with the Days of their being taken up, and the Receipts for Money by them respectively paid for their said Lots; for which Entries, and a Copy thereof to be delivered to the Parties, every such Person shall pay to the said Clerk the Sum of Five Shillings Current Money, and no more.

The Lots to be entered with the County Clerk.

XI. **And be it further Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Person and Persons aforesaid, taking up the Lots aforesaid, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be obliged to erect and build on such their respective Lots, within Three Years after the Date of the Entry thereof, so as aforesaid to be made, one good tenantable Dwelling-house, which shall cover Four Hundred square Feet of Ground at least, exclusive of Sheds, with a Brick or Stone Chimney to every such House, and every Person neglecting or omitting to build as aforesaid, on his or her Lot, shall lose and forfeit his or her Right, Title, and Estate therein; and every such Lots

What Improvements shall be made by the Takers-up of Lots, on Forfeiture.