

County aforesaid, Major *Hammond*, Major *Edward Dorsey*, Mr. *John Bennet*, Mr. *John Dorsey*, Mr. *Henry Constable*, Mr. *Andrew Norwood*, Mr. *Philip Howard*, Mr. *James Sanders* and the Honourable *Nicholas Greenberry* Esq; And for the Town and Port in *Talbot County* at *Oxford* aforesaid, Mr. *Edward Mann*, Mr. *John Edmondson*, Mr. *Clement Saile*, Mr. *John Neels*, Mr. *John Hawkins*, Mr. *Thomas Robins*, and Mr. *Thomas Robins Junior*, the Honourable *George Robotham*, Mr. *Thomas Smithson*, and Mr. *Robert Smith*.

And be it Enacted, That the Commissioners herein nominated for each respective Town in each County aforesaid, or the major part of them, are hereby Impowered, some time before the Five and Twentieth Day of *February*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand six Hundred and ninety four, to meet together upon the respective Lands and places for Towns beforementioned, then and there to treat with and agree with the owners and all persons Interested in the said Lands and buy and purchase of such Owners and others Interested in the said Lands, One Hundred Acres of the said Lands, at the discretion of the persons aforesaid, lest prejudicial to the Owners: And they that purchase shall cause the same to be surveyed, and after Survey so made, shall Cause the same to be marked, staked and divided into convenient Streets, Lanes and Allies, with other spare places to be left, on which may be a Church, Chapel, 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 Owner 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 Nicolson* Esq; Governour of this Province, who shall have the next imediate 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 willfully refuse to make Sale of any such Lands herein before mentioned, or any person or persons through nonage or *Couverture*, 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 Sherriffs of the said Counties to Impower them to impanel and return a Jury of free-holders to appear before the said Comissioners, which Jury upon their Oaths, to be administred by the said Commissioners, are to enquire and assess such Damages and recompence as they shall think fit to be awarded to the Owners and all persons interested according to their severall 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 Impowered, 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 aforesaid, 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 Vallued as aforesaid, That then whosoever shall make Choice of any such Lot as aforesaid, and make Entry

For Oxford.

To Meet and Treat with the Owners of the Land

And purchase a 100 Acres.

To be mark'd and stak't 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 disability to Sell.

The Commissioners may Issue Warrants.

To Impannel Jurors.

To enquire and Assess Damage &c.

Surveyors to be Summoned, to lay out said Lots.

The manner of taking them up.