

Commissioners  
Names and Power.

vince, and the Authority of the same, That Lieut. Colonel George Gale, Mr. Samuel Worthington, Capt. Charles Ballard and Mr. Benjamin Wales, are hereby appointed Commissioners, to cause three Thousand Acres of Land to be laid out where the said Indians are now settled, in Somerset County on Broad, Creek, in Nanticoke River, and the same to appoint to the use of the said Indians, for so long as they shall occupy the same and further, to cause such Land to be valued in such manner as is hereafter expressed, that is to say, The said Commissioners, or any three of them, shall some time before the Twenty fifth Day of March next meet together, and make out their Warrant to the Sheriff of Somerset County, which said Sheriff is hereby required, upon Receipt of such Warrant, to Empanel and return a Jury of the most substantial Free-holders of the said County to be and appear before the said Commissioners upon the said Land, at the time in such Warrant appointed; which Jury upon their Oaths, to be to them administered by the said Commissioners, or any three of them, shall enquire, assess and return what Damages and Recompence they shall think fit to be awarded to the Owners of such Land, and all Persons Interested therein, according to their severall and respective Interests; and what Sum of Tobacco the said Jury shall adjudge the said Land to be worth, shall be paid to the Owners, and all Persons Interested therein, by the Publick of this Province.

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And to the End that the Bounds of the said Land may be ascertained, and the Commissioners aforesaid and Jury the better Enabled to judge of the true Value thereof, the said Commissioners are hereby Empowered to employ the Surveyor of the County aforesaid, or some other Skillful Person in their Presence to Survey, lay out and bound the same, which said Lines, so as aforesaid laid out, shall be marked on Trees or other Land-marks, to perpetuate the Bounds thereof; the said Commissioners to return fair Certificates of their Proceedings to the Clerk of the Provincial Court, and Somerset County Court, for the time being, to be by them Recorded in the said respective Courts.

Trustees appointed.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when such Land is laid out and paid for by the Publick, as aforesaid, the property thereof, shall, by virtue of this Act, be vested in the Honourable Colonel Thomas Ennalls, and Lieut. Colonel George Gale, and their Heirs, to and for the use of the said Indians, so long as they shall Occupy the same, and afterwards shall be disposed of as the General Assembly of this Province shall direct. And that such laying out, and Payment as aforesaid, and this Act, shall forever bar the Heir or Heirs at Law, or his or their Assigns, or any other Persons whatsoever of the Reversion or Remainder, Right, Claim or Interest whatsoever, of, in or to the said Land, or any Part or Parcel thereof, any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Title confirmed

At a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, in the County of Ann-Arundell, the Twenty Eighth Day of October, in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady ANNE, Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq; Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twelve; The Honourable Edward Lloyd, Esq; being President of her Majestys Council of the Province aforesaid, were Enacted the Laws following, Viz.