

contained shall be so construed to vest in the United States any right of property in the soil, as to affect the rights of individuals therein, otherwise than the same shall or may be transferred by such individuals to the United States; and provided also, that the jurisdiction of the laws of this State, over the persons and property of individuals residing within the limits of the cession aforesaid, shall not cease or determine until congress shall by law provide for the government thereof, under their jurisdiction, in manner provided by the article of the constitution before recited.—1791, c. 45, § 2.

2. All lands belonging to minors, persons absent out of the state, married women, or persons *non compos mentis*, or lands the property of this state, within the limits of Carrollsburgh and Hamburg, shall be subjected to the terms and conditions hereinbefore recited, as to the lots where the proprietors thereof have agreed concerning the same; and all the other lands, belonging as aforesaid, within the limits of the city of Washington, shall be subjected to the same terms and conditions as Notley Young, Daniel Carroll, and others have by their agreements and deeds, subjected their lands to, and where no conveyance have been made, the legal estate and trust are hereby invested in Thomas Beall, son of George, and John Mackall Gantt; and in every case where the proprietor is an infant, a married woman, insane, absent out of this state, or shall not attend on 3 months notice, the commissioners aforesaid, or any two of them, may allot and assign the portion or share of such proprietor, as near the old situation as may be, in Carrollsburgh and Hamburg, and to the full value of what the party might claim under the terms before recited; and, as to the other lands within the said city, the commissioners aforesaid, or any two of them, shall make such allotment and assignment, within the lands belonging to the same person, in alternate lots, determining by lot or ballot whether the party shall begin with the lowest number; provided, that in the cases of coverture and infancy, if the husband, guardian, or next friend, will agree with the commissioners, or any two of them, then an effectual division may be made by consent; and in case of contrary claims, if the claimants will not jointly agree, the commissioners may proceed as if the proprietor was absent; and all persons, to whom allotments and assignments of lands shall be made by the commissioners, or any two of them, on consent and agreement, or pursuant to this act without consent, shall hold the same in their former estate and interest, and in lieu of their former quantity, and subject, in every respect, to all such limitations, conditions and incumbrances, as their former estate and interest, and in lieu of their former quantity, and subject, in every respect, to all such limitations, conditions, and incumbrances, as their former estate and interest were subject to, and as if the same had been actually reconveyed pursuant to the said deed in trust.—*ibid.* § 3.