

*Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Col. Levin Gale, Capt. George Dasbiels, Major Robert King, Capt. Henry Ballard, and Mr. George Gale, or any Three of them, shall be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners for Somerset County aforesaid; and are hereby authorized and impowered, as well to agree for the Buying and Purchasing Twenty Five Acres of Land out of the Tract aforesaid, and such Part, not exceeding Twenty Five Acres, as lies most convenient to the Water, as for Surveying and Laying out the same, in the most convenient Manner, into Thirty equal Lots, to be crected into a Town.*

*AND be it further Enacted, That the Commissioners aforesaid, herein before nominated and appointed, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered, some Time before the Last Day of August, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Thirty Three, to meet together, on the Tract of Land aforesaid, or some other convenient Place thereto; and shall then and there treat and agree with the Owner or Owners, and the Persons interested in the said Twenty Five Acres of Land, for the same; and after Purchase thereof, shall cause the same to be surveyed, laid out, and divided, as near as may be, into Thirty equal Lots, allowing such sufficient Space or Quantity thereof, for Streets, Lanes, or Alleys, as to them shall seem meet, with Posts or Stakes towards every Street, Lane, or Alley; the said Lots to be numbered One, Two, Three, and so on, to Thirty, for the better and more sure distinguishing each Lot from the other: Of which said Thirty Lots, the Owner or Owners of the said Land, shall have his or their first Choice for Two Lots; provided he or they make their Choice within Four Days after the Survey aforesaid is made; and after such Choice, the remaining Lots may be taken up by others: And that no Person shall presume to purchase more than One Lot, within the said Twenty Five Acres, during the first Four Months, after Laying out the same; and that the said Lots shall be purchased by the Inhabitants of the County aforesaid. And in Case the Inhabitants shall not take up the said Lots, within Six Months after such Laying out, as aforesaid, it shall then be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to take up the said Lot or Lots, paying the Owner or Owners proportionably for the same. And in Case the Owner or Owners of the aforesaid Twenty Five Acres of Land, shall refuse to make Sale of the same, or that through Nonage, Coverture, or any other Disability or Impediment whatsoever, are disabled to make such Sale, as aforesaid; that then the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall, and are, by Virtue of this Act, authorized, impowered, and required, to issue Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to the Sheriff of the said County; which said Sheriff is also hereby required and impowered, upon Receipt of such Warrants, to impanel and return a Jury of the most substantial Freeholders, Inhabitants within the said County, to be and appear before the said Commissioners, at a certain Day and Time by them to be limited: Which Jury, upon their Oaths, shall enquire to whom the said Land belongs, and assess and return what Damages and Recompence they shall think fit, to be awarded to the Owners of the said Twenty Five Acres of Land, and to all Persons interested therein, according to their several and respective Interests: And what Sum of Tobacco, the said Jury shall adjudge the said Twenty Five Acres of Land to be worth, shall be paid to the Owners so found by their Verdict, and to all Persons they find interested therein, by such Person or Persons as shall take up the said Lots, proportionably*