

Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Capt. Henry Wright Crabb, Master John Needham, Master John Clagett, Master James Perrie, Master Samuel Magruder the third, Master Josias Bealle, and Master David Lynn, shall be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for Frederick County aforesaid; and are hereby authorized and impowered, as well to buy and purchase sixty Acres, Part of the Tracts of Land belonging to Messieurs George Gordon and George Bell, at the Place aforesaid, where it shall appear to them, or the major Part of them, to be most convenient, as to survey and lay out, or cause the same to be surveyed and laid out, in the best and most convenient Manner, into eighty Lots, to be erected into a Town.

Commissioners appointed to purchase Land for the said Town.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the Commissioners aforesaid, before nominated and appointed, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered and required, at some Time by them, or the major Part of them, to be appointed, before the first Day of October next, to meet together on the Land aforesaid, or at some other Place near and convenient thereto; and then and there treat and agree (if the same can be done on reasonable Terms) with the Owner or Owners, and Person or Persons, interested in the same sixty Acres of Land, for the Purchase thereof. And if it shall happen that the said Owner or Owners, Person or Persons, will not agree with the said Commissioners for such Rate or Price as they the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall think reasonable, or shall refuse to make Sale of the same; or that through Nonage, Coverture, or any other Disability or Impediment, shall be disabled to make such Sale; that then and in any such Case, the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall, and are hereby impowered and required to issue a Warrant under their Hands and Seals, directed to the Sheriff or Coroner of Frederick County aforesaid for the Time being, commanding him to summon and impanel a Jury of seventeen good and lawful Men, Freeholders of his Bailiwick, to be and appear at the Day and Place, in such Warrant to be mentioned; which Sheriff is hereby required and obliged to execute the same: And that Jury being by the said Commissioners charged and sworn, shall, upon their Oath, enquire, assess, and return what Damages or Recompense they shall think fit to be paid and given to such Owner or Owners, Person or Persons, for the sixty Acres of Land aforesaid, and that whatever Sum or Sums of Money such Jury shall so assess and award, shall and is hereby declared to be the Value and Price to be paid to such Owner or Owners, Person or Persons, interested in the sixty Acres of Land aforesaid. But if the said Jury shall assess and value the said Land at a less Price than fifty Shillings Current Money for each Acre; then and in such Case, the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Land shall pay such further Sum, over and above what shall be the Valuation of the said Jury, as shall make up the full Sum of fifty Shillings like Money as aforesaid, for every Acre, to be paid to such Proprietor or Proprietors as aforesaid.

Commissioners or a Jury to value such Land.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That after the Agreement and Purchase of the Commissioners aforesaid, or after the Assessment and Return of the Jury aforesaid, as the Case shall happen, the aforesaid Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall, and are hereby required to cause the same sixty Acres of Land to be carefully surveyed, divided, and laid out, by the Surveyor of the County aforesaid, or such other Person as they, or the major Part of them, shall make choice of and appoint for that Purpose, as near as conveniently may be, into eighty equal Lots, allowing such sufficient Space or Quantity thereof for Streets,

The said Land to be surveyed, and laid out in 80 Lots.