

Session Laws  
Chap. XIII An Act for the Erecting a Town near the Head of Monokin River,  
on the South Side thereof, in Somerset County; and for laying  
into Lots, Twenty Five Acres of Land.

Whereas, several Inhabitants of Somerset County, have, by their Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That there is a very convenient Place for a Town, near the Head of Monokin River, on the South Side thereof, by the Bridge, on a Tract of Land now in Possession of David Brown, and supposed to be the Right of the said David Brown:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That p. 36 Col. Levin Gale, Capt. George Dashiels, 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 erected 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 Hudred, 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 what-