

venient Place near thereabouts; and shall then and there treat and agree with the Owners and Persons interested in the said Fifty Acres, for the same; and after Purchase thereof shall cause the same to be surveyed and laid out: And after the same so surveyed and laid out, shall cause the same Fifty Acres to be marked, staked out, and divided into convenient Streets, Lanes, and Allies; and the remaining Part of the said Fifty Acres of Land, as near as may be, into Eighty equal Lots, marked on some Posts, or Stakes, towards the Streets, or Lanes, with Number One, Two, Three, Four, and so on to Eighty; to be divided and laid out: Out of which Lots the Owner of the said Land shall have his first Choice for two Lots; 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 Fifty 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 said Inhabitants shall not take up the said Lots within the Time of Four Months after laying out as aforesaid; it shall then be free for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to take up the said Lot or Lots, paying the Owner proportionably for the same. And in case the Owner, or Owners of the aforesaid Fifty Acres of Land, shall wilfully refuse to make Sale of the same, or that thro' Nonage, Coverture, Non sanæ Memoriae, or any other Disability or Impediment whatsoever, be or 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 out Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to the Sheriff of the said County; which said Sheriff is also hereby required, upon Receipt of such Warrants, to impanel and return a Jury of the most substantial Free-holders, Inhabitants in 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 Oath to them to be administred by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them) shall enquire, assess, and return, what Damage and Recompence they shall think fit to be awarded to the Owners of the said Fifty Acres, and all Persons therein mention'd, according to their several and respective Interests; and what Sum of Tobacco the said Jury shall adjudge the said Fifty Acres to be worth, shall be paid to the Owners, and all Persons interested therein, by such Person or Persons, as shall take up the said Lots, proportionably to their Lot or Lots.

And be it further Enacted, that the Surveyor of St. Mary's County, for the Time being, shall have and receive for surveying and laying out the Town aforesaid, the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco and no more; to be paid and allowed him in the County Levy. And in case the Taker up of such Lot or Lots, refuse and neglect to build upon such Lot or Lots, within Twelve Months