

From the CHIMERA. A Poem written by the late Mrs. MARIOT.

All give me the youth that is clever;
Tho' no wealthy possession he hold;
For I never could endure, Oh! no never,
A lover tho' rich, when he's old.
For youth he never intended
That youth to old age should be sold;
If June with December was blended,
Ah me! what extremes—heat and cold.
Mine's a true democratical motion,
Equality I'm for in age;
'Twas liberty gave me the notion,
Therefore I must be good I'll engage.
Ah! give me the youth that is clever,
Tho' no wealthy possession he hold;
For I never could endure, oh! no never,
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LAW OF THE UNITED STATES.

An ACT providing for the sale of the LANDS of the United States, in the territory northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river.

Sec. 1. **B**e it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a Surveyor General shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to engage a sufficient number of skillful surveyors, as his deputies, whom he shall cause, without delay, to survey and mark the unascertained outlines of the lands lying north west of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of the river Kentucky, in which the titles of the Indian tribes have been extinguished, and to divide the same in the manner hereinafter directed; he shall have authority to frame regulations and instructions for the government of his deputies; to administer the necessary oaths, upon their appointments, and to remove them for negligence or misconduct in office.

Sec. 2. *Be it further Enacted*, That the part of the said lands, which has not been already conveyed by letters patent, or divided, in pursuance of an ordinance in Congress, passed on the twentieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, or which has not been heretofore, and, during the present session of Congress, may not be appropriated for satisfying military land bounties, and for other purposes, shall be divided by north and south lines, run according to the true meridian, and by others crossing them at right angles, so as to form townships of six miles square, unless where the line of the late Indian purchase, or of tracts of land heretofore surveyed or patented, or the course of navigable rivers may render it impracticable; and then this rule shall be departed from, no further than such particular circumstances may require. The corners of the townships shall be marked with progressive numbers from the beginning: each distance of a mile between the said corners shall be also distinctly marked with marks different from those the corners. One half of the said townships, taking them alternately, shall be subdivided into sections, containing, as nearly as may be, 360 acres each, by running through the same, each way, parallel lines, at the end of every two miles; and by marking a corner, on each of the said lines, at the end of every mile; the sections shall be numbered respectively, beginning with the number one, in the north-east section, and proceeding west and east alternately, through the township, with progressive numbers, till the thirty six be completed. And it shall be the duty of the deputy surveyors, respectively, to cause to be marked, on a tree near each corner made, as aforesaid; and within the section, the number of such section, and over it, the number of the township, within which such section may be; and the said deputies shall carefully note, in their respective field books, the names of the corner trees marked, and the numbers so made: The fractional parts of townships shall be divided into sections, in manner aforesaid, and the fractions of sections shall be annexed to, and sold with, the adjacent entire sections. All lines shall be plainly marked upon trees, and measured with chains containing two perches of sixteen feet and one half each, subdivided into twenty five equal links, and the chain shall be adjusted to a standard to be kept for that purpose. Every surveyor shall note in his field book, the true situations of all mines, salt licks, salt springs and mill-leats, which shall come to his knowledge; all water courses, over which, the line he runs shall pass; and also the quality of the lands: These field books shall be returned to the Surveyor General, who shall therefrom cause a description of the whole lands surveyed, to be made out and transmitted to the officers who may superintend the sales: He shall also cause a fair plat to be made of the townships, and fractional parts of townships, contained in the said lands, describing the subdivisions thereof, and the marks of the corners. This plat shall be recorded in books to be kept for that purpose; a copy thereof shall be kept open at the Surveyor General's office, for public information; and other copies sent to the places of the sale, and to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 3. *Be it further Enacted*, That a salt spring lying upon a creek which empties into the Sciota River, on the east side together with as may con-

iguous sections as shall be equal to one township, and every other salt spring, which may be discovered, together with the section of one mile square which includes it, and also four sections at the center of every township, containing each one mile square, shall be reserved, for the future disposal of the United States: But there shall be no reservations, except for salt springs, in fractional townships, where the fraction is less than three fourths of a township.

Sec. 4. *Be it further Enacted*, That whenever seven ranges of townships shall have been surveyed below the Great Miami, or between the Sciota river and the Ohio company's purchase, or between the southern boundary of the Connecticut claims and the ranges already laid off, beginning upon the Ohio river and extending westwardly, and the plats thereof made and transmitted, in conformity to the provisions of this act, the said sections of six hundred and forty acres (excluding those hereby reserved) shall be offered for sale, at public vendue, under the direction of the Governor, or Secretary of the western territory, and the Surveyor General; such of them as lie below the Great Miami shall be sold at Cincinnati; those of them which lie between the Sciota and the Ohio company's purchase, at Pittsburg; and those between the Connecticut claim and the seven ranges, at Pittsburg. And the townships remaining undivided shall be offered for sale, in the same manner, at the seat of government of the United States, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in tracts of one quarter of a township, lying at the corners thereof, excluding the four central sections, and the other reservations before mentioned: *Provided always*, that no part of the lands directed by this act to be offered for sale, shall be sold for less than two dollars per acre.

Sec. 5. *Be it further Enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury, after receiving the aforesaid plats, shall forthwith give notice, in one newspaper in each of the United States, and of the territories north-west and south of the river Ohio, of the times of sale; which shall, in no case, be less than two months from the date of the notice; and the sales at the different places shall not commence, within less than one month of each other: And when the Governor of the western territory, or Secretary of the Treasury shall find it necessary to adjourn, or suspend the sales under their direction, respectively, for more than three days, at any one time, notice shall be given, in the public newspapers, of such suspension, and at what time, the sales will re-commence.

Sec. 6. *Be it further Enacted*, That immediately after the passing of this act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, in the manner herein before directed, advertise for sale, the lands remaining unsold in the seven ranges of townships, which were surveyed, in pursuance of an ordinance of Congress, passed the twentieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty five, including the lands drawn for the army, by the late Secretary of War, and also those heretofore sold, but not paid for; the townships, which by the said ordinance, are directed to be sold entire, shall be offered for sale, at public vendue in Philadelphia, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in quarter-townships, reserving the four center sections, according to the directions of this act. The townships, which, by the said ordinance, are directed to be sold in sections, shall be offered for sale at public vendue, in Pittsburg, under the direction of the Governor or Secretary of the western territory, and such person, as the President may specially appoint for that purpose, by sections of one mile square each, reserving the four center sections, as aforesaid; and all fractional townships shall also be sold in sections, at Pittsburg, in the manner, and under the regulations provided by this act; for the sale of fractional townships: *Provided always*, That nothing in this act shall authorize the sale of those lots, which have been heretofore reserved in the townships already sold.

Sec. 7. *Be it further Enacted*, That the highest bidder for any tract of land, sold by virtue of his act, shall deposit, at the time of sale, one twentieth part of the amount of the purchase money; to be forfeited, if a moiety of the sum bid, including the said twentieth part, is not paid within thirty days, to the Treasurer of the United States, or to such person as shall be appointed by the President of the United States, to attend the places of sale for that purpose; and upon payment of a moiety of the purchase money, within thirty days, the purchaser shall have one year's credit for the residue; and shall receive from the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Governor of the western territory, (as the case may be) a certificate describing the land sold, the sum paid on account, the balance remaining due, the time when such balance becomes payable; and that the whole land sold will be forfeited, if the said balance is not then paid; but that if it shall be duly discharged, the purchaser, or his assignee, or other legal representative, shall be entitled to a patent for the said lands: And on payment of the said balance to the Treasurer, within the specified time, and producing to the Secretary of State a receipt for the same, upon the aforesaid certificate, the President of the United States is hereby authorized to grant a patent for the lands to the said purchaser, his heirs or assigns: And all patents shall be countersigned by the Secretary of State, and recorded in his office. But if there should be a failure in any payment, the sale shall be void, all the money theretofore paid on account of the purchaser shall be forfeited to the United States, and the

lands thus sold shall be again disposed of, in the same manner as if a sale had never been made: *Provided Nevertheless*, that should any purchaser make payment of the whole purchase money, at the time when the payment of the first moiety is directed to be made, he shall be entitled to a deduction of ten per centum on the part, for which, a credit is hereby directed to be given; and his patent shall be immediately issued.

Sec. 8. *Be it further Enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Governor of the territory north-west of the river Ohio, shall, respectively, cause books to be kept, in which shall be regularly entered, an account of the dates of all the sales made, the situation and numbers of the lots sold, the price at which each was struck off, the money deposited at the time of sale, and the dates of the certificates granted to the different purchasers. The Governor, or Secretary of the said territory shall, at every suspension or adjournment, for more than three days, of the sales under their direction, transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury, a copy of the said books, certified to have been duly examined and compared with the original. And all tracts sold under this act shall be noted upon the general plat, after the certificate has been granted to the purchaser.

Sec. 9. *And be it further Enacted*, That all navigable rivers, within the territory to be disposed of by virtue of this act, shall be deemed to be, and remain public highways; and that in all cases, where the opposite banks of any stream, not navigable, shall belong to different persons, the stream and the bed thereof shall become common to both.

Sec. 10. *And be it further Enacted*, That the Surveyor General shall receive, for his compensation, two thousand dollars per annum; and that the President of the United States may fix the compensation of the assistant surveyors, chain-carriers and axemen: *Provided*, that the whole expense of surveying and marking the lines, shall not exceed three dollars per mile, for every mile that shall be actually run or surveyed.

Sec. 11. *And be it further Enacted*, That the following fees shall be paid for the services to be done under this act, to the Treasurer of the United States, or to the receiver in the western territory, as the case may be; for each certificate for a tract containing a quarter of a township, twenty dollars; for a certificate for a tract containing six hundred and forty acres, six dollars; and for each patent for a quarter of a township, twenty dollars; for a section of six hundred and forty acres, six dollars; and the said fees shall be accounted for by the receivers, respectively.

Sec. 12. *And be it further Enacted*, That the Surveyor General, assistant surveyors, and chain-carriers shall, before they enter on the several duties to be performed under this act, severally take an oath or affirmation, faithfully to perform the same; and the person, to be appointed to receive the money on sales in the western territory, before he shall receive any money under this act, shall give bond with sufficient security, for the faithful discharge of his trust; That for receiving, safe keeping, and conveying to the treasury the money he may receive, he shall be entitled to a compensation to be hereafter fixed.

Approved—May the 18th, 1796.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

IN pursuance of the act of the General Assembly, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Public Safety, by granting encouragements to certain manufactories," I issue this my proclamation, giving notice, that Jacob Baylor, senior, of Buncombe county, in the district of Morgan, in the state aforesaid, did within three months after the expiration of the year 1795, produce to me, a sample of rifle gunpowder, which he said was a part of a larger quantity, that is to say 663 lb. weight, made by him in the aforesaid district, and for which he claimed the bounty under the aforesaid act—at the same time he produced to me a certificate, under the hands of William Brittain, James Alexander, Gabriel Ketch, William Tredway, and Edmond Sams, justices of the peace for said county; and also under the hands of Henry West, Albant Smithson, Robert Harris, John Webb, junior, and John Gouff, freeholders of said county, certifying that they had seen the said Jacob in the year and at the place aforesaid make different parcels of rifle gunpowder, and at different times in the said year—the several parcels were weighed before them, and amounted in the whole to 663 pounds weight, and that the whole was good and merchantable—which said certificate was accompanied by an affidavit in writing, sworn to by the said Jacob Baylor, before William Tredway, Esquire, one of the justices above mentioned, and bearing date 2d March, 1796; setting forth that the whole of the 663 pounds weight of rifle gunpowder for which he claimed the bounty, was made by him in the year 1795, at works within the district of Morgan, which are, and were his own property.

Given under my hand this 10th of April, 1796.
SAMUEL ASHE.

FRESH TEAS.

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ROBERT DONALDSON & Co.

Who take this opportunity of informing the public, that they have removed from the store lately occupied by them, to the two story brick house, on the street leading from the State-house to Hay-Mount. S Fayetteville, May 9.