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Scheme of a Lottery for One Hundred Thousand Acres of Land in the Province of Pennsylvania

The Honourable the Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, having considered a proposal made to them for the Sale of One Hundred Thousand Acres of Land, by way of Lottery, and finding that the same tends to cultivate and improve the Lands, and consequently increase the Trade and Riches of this Province; And also considering that many Families are, through Inadvertency, settled on Lands to which they have no Right, but by becoming Adventurers in such a Lottery may have an Opportunity of securing those lands and settlements, at an easie Rate, to themselves and their posterity; have therefore agreed

1. To sell by way of Lottery 100,000 Acres of Land, and estimate the same at the settled price of Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings current Money of this Province for One Hundred Acres, which amounts unto the sum of 1,15,500

And that the same be purchased by the Sale of 7750 Tickets at }
Forty Shillings each, which likewise amounts unto } 1,15,500

2. That whereas a Quit-rent of one Half Penny Sterling for every Acre (or Four Shillings and two Pence for every hundred Acres) is now annually reserved on all Lands granted by the Proprietors; yet for the particular benefit and advantage of the adventurers in this Lottery, no more than one shilling sterling shall be reserved on every hundred acres of the said 100,000 Acres, as was agreed to and paid by the first Purchasers and settlers in the Province. The Reservations in Relation to Mines to be as usual; that is to say, three fifth Parts of all Royal Mines, and one fifth Part of all other Mines, free of all Charges for digging and refining the same.

3. That the Tickets to be delivered to the adventurers be expressed in the Words following, viz :

This Ticket entitles the Bearer to whatever Prize shall be drawn against the Number hereunto prepared, in the Lottery for the sale of one hundred thousand acres of land in the Province of Pennsylvania

4. That the Number of Blanks and Prizes be as followeth, viz :

	Prizes	Acres	
	1. - - - - -	3,000	
	2. of 1500 acres - - - - -	3,000	
	10. - 1000 - - - - -	10,000	
	20. - 500 - - - - -	10,000	
	140. - 200 - - - - -	28,000	
	150. - 100 - - - - -	15,000	
	250. - 50 - - - - -	12,500	
	720. - 25 - - - - -	18,000	
Benefits	1293 - - - - -	99,500	} besides any other Prize that may be drawn against them.
Blanks	6457	200 first	
		300 last	
Tickets	7750		

100,000 Acres.

5. That the Number of acres the Adventurers shall be entitled to, may be laid out any where within the Province, except on Mansions, Lands already surveyed or agreed for with the Proprietors or their Agents, or that have been actually settled and improved before the date of these proposals: Provided nevertheless, that such Persons who are settled on Lands without warrants for the same, and that may be entitled to Prizes, either by becoming Adventurers themselves, or by purchasing of Prize Tickets, may have Liberty to lay their Rights on the lands where they are so seated.

6. That the following named Gentlemen be appointed to superintend the whole Management of preparing the Tickets and drawing the Lottery (which will be performed, as near as possible, in the manner practised in England) viz: Clement Plumsted, Thomas Lawrence, Charles Read, Thomas Graeme, Esqrs; and Mr. Patrick Baird; any three of whom are to attend the same from day to day, and appoint proper Persons to keep exact and regular accounts of all Blanks and Prizes drawn on each respective day.

7. That the said Managers shall, when the drawing is finished, publish, in printed Advertisements, an account

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of February, 1833; I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this

twenty third day of February 1912

Henry Houder
Secretary of Internal Affairs.