

Coulas

You may employ Coulas to buy those Lots but you should acquaint him with the arrear of Rent due on them that he may tell the People of it; which you will see by Capt Blackwell's rent Roll in my Closet. I suppose they can't ask above four or five pounds a piece for them, if they choose it, & will not release for about that Sum. I will give them the same Quantity somewhat nearer the Town on paying the arrears of Rent from 1682 or from the last paym^t by Blackwell's Roll.

City Lots

It is somewhat strange any People should be clamorous for warrants for their Lots it shows they have more assurance than understand^d. No purchasers were intitled to Lots but those who were included in the Great Parchm^t List to which is affixed a warr^t to the Survey^r Gen^l dated in Aug^r I think 22^d 1682, these drew for their Lots w^{ch} are laid out on the Copper plate Draught of the Town, of which Berj^a Eastburn had one, with the numbers on on them I have another in my Closet, he had also the names printed with the Figures of the Lots to them, by this you will see the whole and they were to have paid their Rent and built or at least enclosed within a year after that time, as you may see by a hund^d Warr^t in the first old books by this Means our Lands adjoining would have become more valuable by many thousand pounds than they are at present so that in Equity they ought not to have their Lots at all & had not our people formerly lost those Regulations mentioned in the warrants I dare say by their own Consent they would be forfeited. I wonder you can think it hard they should pay their Rent before they use the Land, they were to use it from the first, & improve ours, and because they did not do that, there can't be the least reason to say we should loose our Rent, the Land always remain'd for them till other Persons thro' their neglect came & took it from them which by^e Concessions they were entitl'd to do but there has always remained other Lots for them. If any Persons apply for warr^t for Lots, make them produce my Fathers original Deed, with the others under which they derive Title, legally authenticated and on their paying their arrears of Rent from the y^r 1682 for a front on Front or High Street Lots of 500^{ac} w^{ch} is 102 ft or 132 ft 5/- for a Second Street of 51 ft 2/-, a purchase of 500^{ac} & for a back Lot of 250^{ac} forty nine feet & a half y^e. The Schoolkil Lots the same, if they don't comply as to Title & paym^t give them no warr^t they should be laid out in the nearest vacancy to where they fell, but if there have been other Lots reverted to us, as just behind the State House on Walnut Street & in some other places they are not to have them, the Survey^r Gen^l should also be very careful that they have not been surveyed before, which I doubt may sometimes have been the case.

Tho^e Howard's Lot was to have been but 26 ft & half so that the 10 ft to make it 36 ft was what I granted him because it was intended in another place which Quantity was the Lot due on High Street for 1000^{ac} the fifth part of 132 ft but he find^s a third of that would not be enough for a House petitioned for ten ft more to make it abt 2 & 20 mo. Terms w^{ch} I put at abt 2/- a foot as you may see by some memorandums, but he did not agree to it then, and now gets you to patent the whole ten feet for 1/- instead of 2/-, or I am not certain if I did not allow it at 18^d but I am sure no less &c^e.

~~With regard to the lot on Schoolkil &c~~

You are to observe on applications for Liberty land, that to the East of Schoolkill they have but 8 ac. to 500 & on the West Side 10^{ac}.

IN TESTIMONY^t 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-fourth day of October 1911.

Henry Houch
Secretary of Internal Affairs.