

There is ^{also} another point to which I solicit your attention, as it may be of importance in your present ^{current plan} regulations for the sale of the unappropriated lots. — I should therefore beg leave, on this head, merely to refer you to the Act itself, which was passed the 26th of March 1805 — relative to the lots in what is called the struck district, or the Easternmost part of the Lewis district. — This law is found in equity and fully explains itself, and the greater part of the lots ^{which had been drawn} drawn ^{in that district} ~~in that district~~ have been ^{released} released back to the commonwealth, ^{the number of} ~~the number of~~ ^{which have been} ~~which have been~~ ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{rights admitted by the Board of} ~~rights admitted by the Board of~~ ^{to draw the land} ~~to draw the land~~ ^{suspended under} ~~suspended under~~ ^{the present laws, the legislative} ~~the present laws, the legislative~~ ^{having thought proper to grant} ~~having thought proper to grant~~ ^{those lands to the} ~~those lands to the~~ ^{Grantees of Soldiers.} ~~Grantees of Soldiers.~~ — The number of the good claims allowed, and others that have not been examined and ^{accepted} ~~accepted~~ by the Board, and remaining in my office, it is presumed, would require a vast number of more lots, ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{than} ~~than~~ is now left to satisfy them. —

I have the honor to be

Sir,
With much Esteem,

Report to Genl. Your Mo. Ob. Servt.
Seargent, Esq.
Chairman of Com^{rs}.

January 14th 1808. —

Donation Lands

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Lands office of Penna^l January 16. 1808.

Sir.

In compliance with your request under date of ^{the 15th inst} ~~the 15th inst~~ ^{drawn yesterday} ~~yesterday~~ as Chairman of the Committee on the subject of the Donation lands, I have the pleasure to submit to your consideration the following Statement and remarks. —

You first desire information of ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{number of tracts that} ~~number of tracts that~~ ^{now remain undisposed of?} ~~now remain undisposed of?~~ —

In a careful examination of the General Drafts of the Donation lands to ascertain the number of tracts that remain undrawn, not having the means of information in my office, I applied to the Surveyor General who keeps the General Drafts of the Donation lands who obligingly furnished me the number. ^{He informs me that} ~~He informs me that~~ the Donation lands tracts undrawn amount to ^{amount of acres} ~~amount of acres~~.

~~I must have released~~
~~the State~~
~~under the act of 25. March~~
~~1805~~

Estimated at three ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{answer the three} ~~answer the three~~ ^{lost} ~~lost~~ ^{in the Triangles by the} ~~in the Triangles by the~~ ^{Population Company & Grants.} ~~Population Company & Grants.~~ } 3 ————— 900.

The next branch of your request is ^{that I should} ~~to give~~ ^{to give} ~~to give~~ ^{you a probable} ~~you a probable~~ ^{estimate of their value.} ~~estimate of their value.~~ — On this point I am ⁱⁿ ~~not~~ ⁱⁿ ~~not~~ ^{able} ~~able~~ ^{to give you} ~~to give you~~ ^{any} ~~any~~ ^{information, not having any} ~~information, not having any~~ ^{means} ~~means~~ ^{but from} ~~but from~~ ^{a general knowledge} ~~a general knowledge~~ ^{of the country in which those lands} ~~of the country in which those lands lie. — But I should suppose that they will ^{generally} ~~generally~~ ^{sell, at public Auction, from fifty cents to three dollars} ~~sell, at public Auction, from fifty cents to three dollars~~ ^{per acre, allowing the purchaser a reasonable time, by giving} ~~per acre, allowing the purchaser a reasonable time, by giving~~ ^{bond & security for the amount, to pay their instalments.} ~~bond & security for the amount, to pay their instalments.~~ — Those lands are ^{generally} ~~generally~~ ^{esteemed good} ~~esteemed good~~ ^{but there are a number no} ~~but there are a number no ^{doubt in so vast} ~~doubt in so vast ^{extent of country that are not so.} ~~extent of country that are not so.~~ — It would be a reasonable calculation therefore to average ^{one with another, all round} ~~one with another, all round~~ ^{them at two dollars} ~~them at two dollars~~ per acre ~~per acre~~.~~~~~~