Whereas, in any situation, but more especially on the
front, when the Counties and Towns upon the Sea Board are in the hands
of the enemy, it is highly necessary that some place should be established
for the Seal of Government, and the Transaction of Business in Public
affairs; and also for the granting of lands, as well to those Citizens
who have lost possession of their lands in the said Counties and Towns,
as those who may be anxious to come into and settle the north lands of
this State.

Tis therefore enacted by the General Assembly of this State, in
General Assembly met, and it is hereby accordingly enacted, that
therein and after the Day of the passing of this Act, the Town of Augusta,
in the County of Richmond, shall be considered as the Seat of Government,
untill directed otherwise by some future meeting of the Legislature
and to which all roads and other Publick Navigations shall be brought
as soon as may be, and the respective officers appointed. Provided that
no man in the said Town of Augusta shall at any time, on the issues of this
Legislature be appointed or invested, so as the same shall appear
manifestly, nor the Honors of the Governor and Executive Council, for that
time being, shall remove to such place as this Common Vessel shall
make necessary, which shall be considered as the Seat of Government
until the recovery of the said Town of Augusta.

And Whereas the lots in the said Town of Augusta have
been Monopolized, by a few Persons, which most evidently has prevented
the fair settlement of the same, contrary to the original intention
and terms of the Royal Grants thereof. Be it therefore further
enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Proprietors of every lot
who shall not build houses, in the manner as is herein after mention'd,
within Two Years from the passing of this Act, shall forfeit the
same to the use of this State. To be sold to the highest bidder, who shall
engage and give satisfactory assurance to build houses. And Whereas
The second land above and below the said Town of Augusta, lying on
Caronanaw River on the north, and joining the Common on a line with
the South Street of the Town, commencing from the Road and
joining land of Mr. Carter Campbell on the west, and Annandale on
the east, ought to be laid out into lots and sold for the use of this
State, in order to enlarge the limits of the said Town. Be it therefore
enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That five Commissioners be
Appointed by this House, and the said Commissioners so Appointed,
or any three of them, are hereby commissioned to lay out the said National
lots.
...and in lots of one acre each, and also to lay out proper streets and to arrange them with the others in the said Town of Augusta, and the whole shall be measured and valued. Augusta, and be detached by the Authority authorized. The said commissioners or any three of them shall cause the said lots to be sold at Publick Vendues on Augusta by the Sheriff of the County, giving one month's notice, and the same shall be laid out as agreed, receiving one half of the purchase-money down, and laying hands with Approved Security for the payment of the other half within twelve months after, with such conditions provided that no person shall be allowed to hold more than one lot or in his own right, unless the term of five months next ensuing to any other person or person.

And to be further enacted by the Authority authorized, that the Governor in Council be and is hereby empowered to sign grants for the same, to the respective purchasers, each grant giving approved security to settle and build upon the same as a town after erected.

And whereas the streets in the Town of Augusta as well as the road on either side up to Three Creeks and down to the Santee, are not regular or street. Be it therefore enacted by the Authority authorized, that the said commissioners or any three of them, be empowered and directed to lay out said streets, and make them to extend in the said and shall be regular, and the same in the said and shall, regular, and

And whereas the remote situation of Brambrough, renders it a very unsafe place for a Jail and Court House;

Be it therefore enacted by the Authority authorized, that a Court House and Jail for the County of Richmond be built in the Town of Augusta on one of the Publick lots in Broad Street, under the directions of the said Commissioners or three of them, and that all malefactors shall be there confined and tried, and suits at how near and determined during the present time.

And be it enacted by the Authority authorized that no person proprietor of any lot in Augusta, or any person for him shall be allowed to erect any dwelling house upon any of the said lots under the dimension of twenty by twenty feet, and if the same shall be in Wood it shall be framed and built in a workman order, and shall be placed in such front of the lot as shall be pointed out and directed by the said Commissioners or any three of them, to the end that the said Town may be regularly built.
And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners, or any three of them, shall reserve two of the best lots in the hinder line of the said Town, and distant from each other for the sake of Public Worship. And also that the said Commissioners or any three of them do lay out two Acres of ground in the Common south of the said Town, the Public Kitchens, each opposite to the respective lots, and so cover the same to be cleared and cleared, and therefore no Dogs shall be entered in the Town.

And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that the monies arising from the sale of the same lots shall be deposited in the Public Treasury for the support of the Expenditure of the State.

And whereas the rich and healthy lands in Wilkes County, and in the whole in this State, remain unsettled, to the great detriment of the commerce and strength of the same, while many of the Citizens of this State are suffering by their lands being in the hands of the enemy, and others being willing to settle and defend the same, as you mention’d, Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and it is hereby enacted, that every Citizen of this State, as well as any Citizen of any other State, shall be entitled to a grant of Land in the following manner. By Two Hundred Acres of land for the head of a Family, and fifty Acres for each member of the same, whether white or black, to be laid out anywhere in the State, not in the possession of the Indians. Provided, that no such Person, before he shall draw such grant, shall bring the whole of his family into the State, and himself take and subscribe the Oaths of Government, and provide for that he shall give security to his Honor the Governor and Council for settling the same in their nine Months next thereafter.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that where it shall appear, that the Commissioners under the former Government, sold or made Allotments to any Person, who have settled and still possess the same, such Person shall have grants in preference to any other persons whatever.

And to the end that every encouragement may be given to induce men to come from other States to settle lands in Wilkes County, it is enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every Person so coming from another State and settling in Wilkes County under this Act, shall
It shall not be compelled to serve in the Militia in any other way or place, but in defending the same during the term of two years.

And whereas it is essentially necessary for the convenience of the Executive and Legislative bodies, that the building of a small town at the place appointed for holding Courts in the County of Wells, should be encouraged. Be it therefore enacted by the Authority appointed to be Commissioners, to be appointed by his Honor, and the said Commissioners, to be appointed by any three of them, be empowered to lay out one hundred Acres of land in consequence of the said town, into a town and Common, and that same to be sold, and granted in the manner pointed out in the Act respecting the lots in Augusta, and the moneys arising from such sales, appropriated to the like use.

And whereas many Tracts and parcels of land have been laid out and surveyed by Persons who have been long out and yet are absent from this State. Be it therefore enacted by the Authority appointed that his Honor the Governor is empowered to issue a Proclamation, admonishing every such person to come in and settle the land so laid out and surveyed, within three Months next after the date of such Proclamation; otherwise all such lands shall be deemed vacant.

And be it further enacted by the Authority appointed, that the following shall be the form of all Grants of land within this State:

By Authority of the Legislature of the State of Georgia.

I. J. D. Governor and Commander in chief of this State, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the same, do now Grant to C. B. all that Part of the said Town of Wells, with all the premises and Appurtenances, to him, his heirs, and assigns for ever in the simple, given, under my hand, and the great seal of the said State.

June 14th, 1793.

By his Honour.

And whereas it will tend greatly to the Interest and Strength of the State to establish Manufactures of Iron, to the end of encouraging all and sundry persons to undertake the same. Be it enacted by the Authority appointed that any person or persons who will give Approved Seals to his Honor the Governor and Council, for erecting proper and effectual Works for that purpose shall be entitled to a grant of Five Thousand Acres for a forge and Iron Works and Two Thousand Acres for a Room and Iron Works for a Blowing and...