

December 17th.

636 Shares represented

Resolved unanimously that the one hundred & sixty acres of vacant land lying in the northwest corner of mile lot twenty, Town two, Range ten be assigned to the five Proprietary shares in the middle settlement at Belpre, to make good the injury they have sustained by the removal of a public lot upon lands heretofore assigned to them.

January 2nd 1796

644 Shares represented

Whereas the Agents & Proprietors of the Ohio Company on the ninth day of December last did resolve that they would sell two fractional mile square lots being number twenty eight and thirty four, lying Township number three and in the fourteenth range to the Inhabitants of Gallipolis. And whereas the Inhabitants of Gallipolis aforesaid, have ^{agreed} upon certain principles for the division of said lands and for raising the money necessary to pay for the same.

Be it therefore unanimously resolved; that the two lots aforesaid being within a certain tract of land, which has heretofore been considered as forfeited to the Ohio Company, be sold & released to certain persons in trust for the inhabitants of Gallipolis, according to the principles which have been adopted by them. Resolved that Paul Fearing and Return J. Meigs Esquire be a committee to whom the conveyance shall be made in trust & who shall execute conveyances of the like tenor to the several inhabitants of Gallipolis, thus paying the Trustees for the execution of their trust.

January 7th

695 Shares represented.

Whereas there ten Townships being number eight in the twelfth range, number seven in the thirteenth Range, number eleventh in the fourteenth Range, number thirteen in the fifteenth Range & number eight, number nine, number ten, number eleven, number twelve and number thirteen in the sixteenth Range, which have no appropriations by Congress for the support of Schools &c, and whereas it is necessary that the benefits to be derived to the proprietors should be as nearly equal as may be to the several Towns before the several draughts are made; Resolved unanimously that two mile square lots be appropriated in each of the Townships aforesaid for the support of schools & religious instructions, which shall remain for the use & benefit of those Towns respectively for ever.

Resolved unanimously that the several mile square lots in the ten Townships aforesaid be numbered in the same order as the other Townships within the Purchase and that the mile square lot number sixteen be assigned for the support of schools and mile square lot number twenty nine be assigned for the purpose of religion within the Townships respectively.

Resolved unanimously that as soon as ten families shall settle and become inhabitants within either of the Townships aforesaid the majority of the male inhabitants above twenty one years of age, being freeholders shall have the right to lease any or all of the lands thus appropriated within their Townships respectively for a term not exceeding seven years at any one period, and the avails thereof shall be appropriated annually for the sole purposes aforesaid, without deducting anything for their time & trouble in doing the business. And in case the majority of such inhabitants shall misapply the benefits hereby designed to be given on an application to the Legislature of this Territory by one fourth part of the male inhabitants being freeholders of such Townships (whenever such Legislature shall be formed in this Territory by the elections of the inhabitants) such Legislature may make any needful regulations in the premises, so that the objects of this gratuity are kept constantly in view, and are never to be so diverted from as to be diverted into any other channel.