

My Dear Son

Lucas Tuesday March 1813

I just take pen in hand to write you a line in-  
-ing you of our State, Health & Situation - for several  
- we have been in continual Alarm Night and Day. Since  
Threats to destroy the Town sent in by a Flag of Truce all the  
- been Buette nearly all the Inhabitants have moved their  
- More or less And many of the houses occupied by the Tro  
- that have come in. There has been a general Turn out of  
- Militia some Regiments stopped on their March not being  
- able to supply them with Provisions &c. to tell you what  
- Number of Men are in I cannot they are at the moment  
- of writing this on Parade for Review The Governor is  
- Sr. But Rations are issued for abt 1500 some Broke  
- Rations for 2 Days which have not drawn there is but  
- one Company in Except a small Troop of Horse but belong  
- to Super of those men there may be 1000 Completely Arm  
- And if an Attack was made this day the Cannon would  
- supply considerable Number as they have have up a Brass  
- Work for 10 or 12 pieces (~~of~~) We does day the num  
- of Men were too Great and one Regiment went off viz St  
- Lons It was a very agreeable Retreat to those who  
- went & Little grief to <sup>those</sup> who remained Our Governor sent  
- a flag on board Tuesday Evening - they still insist on  
- 25 Bullocks are a reasonable Demand but it is Rejected  
- They have sent a few of their Rockets but no Damage  
- This was a Night or 2 ago from what I shall date my little  
- Coll Newhams Men have moved off and the Troops States  
- here are Volunteers say about 300. the Draft will see  
- in a few more. When made if wanted - this afternoon  
- men of War left us or rather took French leave. they  
- left a small Schooner and three Beacons to blockade  
- and permitted some how to left a Poor Spaniard  
- on shore with a load of sugar & coffee 4 Cannon & some  
- Arms all which will be acceptable his Cargo will be  
- I had tho! to have related things in more Detail but can  
- Do it well at present Thursday your Sister is Poorly  
- the rest of us Generally well in health.

we have left the Bank on Live at the house by Mr. White our goods scattered about the Country - Lewis moves to Mr. Gurns in a Day or two - The Governor has appointed him pay Master of the Troops &c. our goods are gone except some Coffee & Brandy & Molasses which sell fast enough - I do not purpose to move farther till we see the Event of Sir James Balfour's Threats to burn our Town. I hope he will Relent or Providence put a Hook in his and his Masters Nose and lead him away I think if he burns Lewis Town he will affront a great many People here who have Relied on British Humanity more than I have done it is Windy this day (Thursday) the Men of War not in sight and Perry out with Snow last night The Town is thin many Engaged at the wreck. Fry day the Morning clear nothing in the Bay except the Schooner (Tender) 2 Sloops as Buoys. & a ship we suppose Neutral that came down yesterday and says we suppose D. Tarr's Our family are well except Peggy she remains unwell but I hope on the recovery - I have little confidence of our Defence as to the men they are not used to subordination you will attend in your Station and hope you will merit the Confidence of your Superiors - Shall write you occasionally if spared you can write when opportunity Presents

I commit you to our Common parent  
who knows the End from the beginning

And remain your Affectionate  
Father - Robert West

Richard L. West

Fry day March 25<sup>th</sup> 1813



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Our Jan  
but 1/1  
Dufur

Leaves New York March 26<sup>th</sup> - 1841  
Paid

Richard L. West

To the care of Mr  
J. L. James Highgate Street  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Philad<sup>a</sup>

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Richard L. West

To the Care of  
Messrs. Watkins Thomas & J. Tappan Merchants  
Philad<sup>a</sup>

Lewis March 18<sup>th</sup> 1813

My Dear Son

When I wrote you last we appeared to be in safety. But the times are much altered we are Blockaded by One 74 & one Frigate and some small Tenders. the Boats of the ships are daily out they have burnt John Smiths sloop. This week off a Schooner at the Cruks Mouth from Charles Town. there was a warm contest from the Militia - we have had no person hurt - we are in continued Alarm Night & Day. more from our Disorganised State than from the Attempts of the Enemy to Land. - The People in Lewis generally moving a part of their Goods and some their Persons. I have sent some Articles away which we had no Immediate use for. the People here seem to be united in the main point but little Organized but I hope our Danger will cement a Union the Burning of Opelus has roused many of the Languid -

We are now fortifying we have an addition of Two Cannon from the Schooner that was burnt the Militia is ordered in We are in Reasonable Health and hope this will find you in the same all Communication is cut off by Water and we can make no Remittances till times some what better I Trust we shall be able to pay all our Philad.<sup>a</sup> Debt shortly and if we loose All here we shall be as we begun

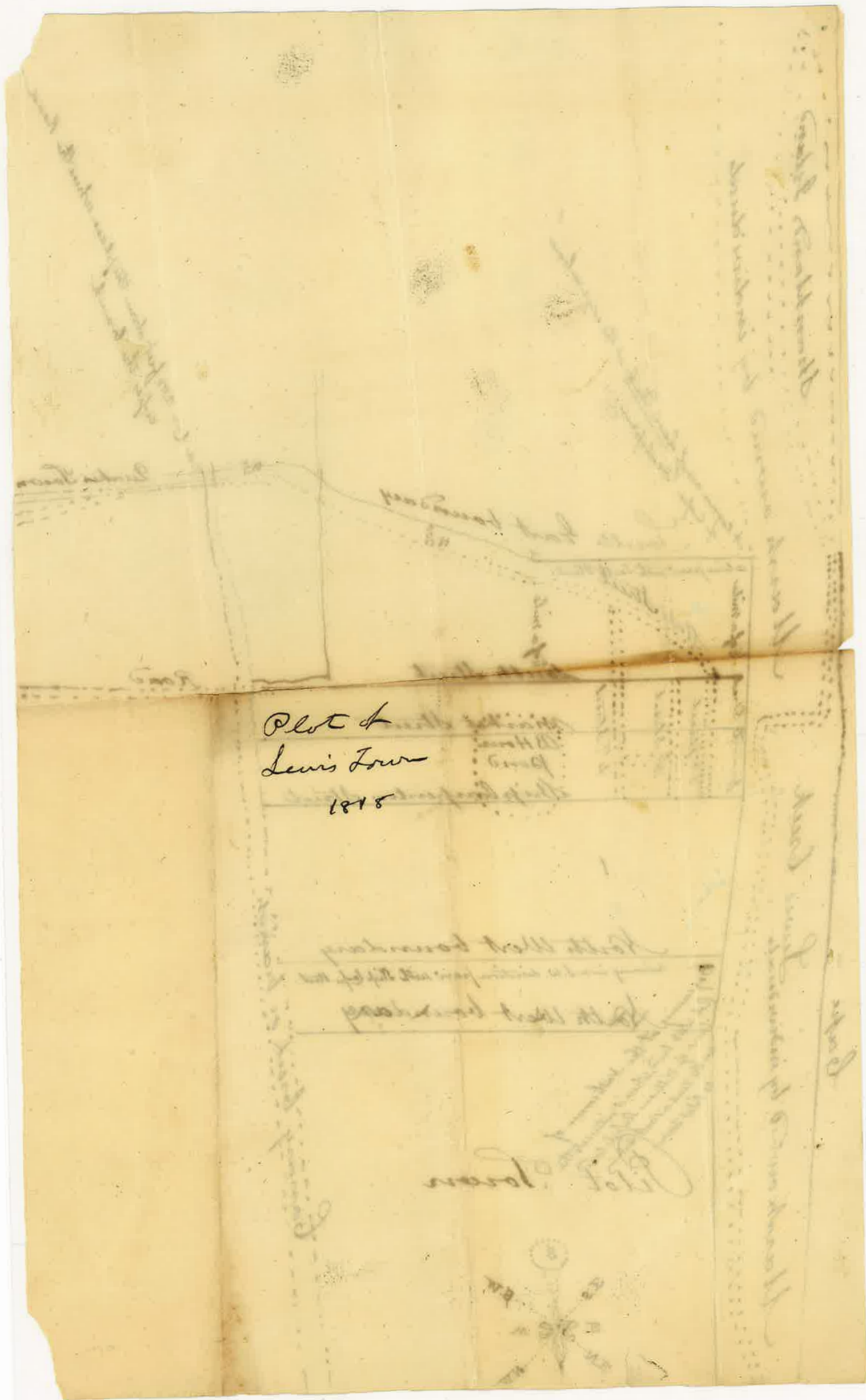
I Trust a kind Providence will protect us I feel a Reasonable Confidence yours Affectionate Father

M. L. West

Robert West

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Plot of  
Lewis Town  
1818

Plot of Lewis Town



At a Court held at Lewes for the County of Sussex by the Kings  
authority and by commission from William Penn proprietary and Gov-  
ernor of Pennsylvania and territories thereunto belonging the 9th.  
10th. and 11th. days of the 11th. month 1682 Justices present  
William Davall Luke Watson, John Reads, Edward Southern, Robert  
Hart, John Kiphaven.

upon the Petition of Edmond Warren the Court grant  
unto him the Land of the Cape commonly called Cape Inlopen lying  
on the North East side of the Creek formerly called the Whorekill  
to make a Coney Warrin on and liberty to build a House and seat a  
Warriner upon the said Land upon the Condition that the timber  
and feed of the said Land Marshes thereunto belonging be and for-  
ever hereafter lye in common for the use of the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lewes and County of Sussex as also free Liberty for any or  
all of the Inhabitants of said County to fish get stake off their  
oysters and Cockleshells and gather plums cranberrys and Huckle-  
berrys on the said Land as they shall think fit always provided  
that no person whatsoever shall not hunt or kill any Rabbits or  
Hares on the said Land without leave and consent of him the said  
Edmund Warren his Executors administrators or Assigns.

(A True Copy)

Sussex - Treas. - Accts  
1796

Received July 15<sup>th</sup> 1797 of Mr. Daniel Woolf  
the sum of seven pounds & no shillings on  
Account of the allowance made to the  
Commissioners for laying the Streets of Lewes  
1796

D.Hall

Day Book for Lewiston

4.0  
7.6

Lewes Del, Decr, 9<sup>th</sup> 1901

To his Excellency  
John Aurn

Governor of the State of Delaware

Gen. Sir, Hoping that the necessity of the case will be sufficient apology for me again intruding on your time and patience; I received yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst, wherein you state that the attention of the Legislature will be called to the Cape Henlopen Matter, I wish to state that I think the Legislature has done all it possibly can do in the Case, when it passed the Law for Escheats, Authorising the Governor to appoint an escheator in each County, therefore I do most respectfully ask of You to appoint Charles A. Maull of Lewes Delaware as Escheator for Sussex County; believing that Mr. Maull has the ability and would honestly and truly attend to the Matter of Escheating Cape Henlopen to the State of Delaware; And the Governor be thus able to Grant the Said Lands to the purchasers thereof, to hold to him or them their heirs and assigns forever, as the Said Law of Escheats directs, Hoping this may receive Your most favourable Consideration

I remain Yours

James C. Deibe  
Lewes Del

London, 2nd July 1841

My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the proposed alterations in the regulations of the Bank of England, and in reply to inform you that the same have been forwarded to the Committee of the House of Commons, who are now engaged in considering them. I am, Sir, very respectfully, &c.

Yours faithfully,  
 J. Lubbock

To His Excellency  
John H. Brown  
Governor of the State of Delaware

Gen. Sir, I hereby  
inform you this fourth day of December  
A.D. 1901, that the Lands of the Cape Com-  
monly Called Cape Henlopen, was Granted to  
Edmond Warner, in 1682, and that said  
Edmond Warner died intestate without any  
know heirs or kindred to claim the Land  
hence it Escheats to the State of Delaware,  
subject to the privileges <sup>(timber feed and gathering berries)</sup> granted to any or all  
the Inhabitants of Sussex County, and as  
the said Land has been surveyed about by  
the Legislature (and the State never did own  
a foot of it) it has been under trustees appoin-  
ted by the Levy Court and now under the Com-  
missioners of Lewes neither of which had  
an equitable right to said Land, and cannot  
sell it or give a title to it, and as said Land  
is now in demand provided a good fee simple  
Deed could be given for it, therefore I stand  
ready to procure evidence to substantiate the title  
of the State to the same, in accordance to  
law.

Yours Most Respectfully

Lewes Del Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1901  
Witness present  
Robert C. Flagg, Jr. &  
Edward S. Linnell

James C. Peebe  
Notary Public &  
Conveganer  
Lewes Del

I forgot to date my first information sent Nov 30 1901

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To his Excellency

John Gunn

Governor of the State of Delaware,

Gen. Sir, According to 82<sup>d</sup>

Chap (620, 621, 622, 624 page) Revised Code Laws  
of Delaware, I hereby inform you that the  
lands of the Cape Commonly Called Cape  
Henlopen was granted to Edmund Warner  
in 1682; And that said Edmund Warner died  
without any known heirs or kindred to claim  
the Land, hence it Escheats to the State of Delaw-  
are, Subject to the privilege granted to any or  
all the inhabitants of Sussex County, the  
timber, feed, of said land and Marshes there-  
unto belonging be and forever hereafter lie  
in Common for the inhabitants of Lewes and  
Sussex County &c. The Beach is not feed  
or timber of Marshes, therefore it escheats to the  
State, and should be done at the earliest  
possible moment, as the Beach is now in dem-  
and and no one has an equitable right  
to sell or convey it, please inform the  
Escheator of Sussex County, as I stand <sup>ready</sup> to  
procure the necessary evidence to substantiate  
the title of the State to the same

Yours Most Respectfully

James C. Beebe

Notary Public

& Conveyancer

Lewes

Delaware

Witnesses

Geo. L. Marshall

Edmund Edgins

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The names of persons subjects to  
taxation under the Incorporation  
Law within the bounds of Sevier  
with the amount of the valuation  
as appraised June 1833

- A -

William Arnell — \$800.00  
John Arnell — 450.00

- B -

Hendel Batters Esq. — \$275.00  
James Brewster — 60.00  
Noah Burton — 40.00  
Robert Burton — 1650.00  
Thomas Bell — 680.00  
Wilson Lee Brumby — 250.00  
Elisha P. Burton — 550.00

- C -

Jacob A. Connell — \$450.00  
William Connell — 650.00  
Thomas Coleman — 1845.00  
Thomas Carpenter — 500.00  
William Cottingham — 400.00  
James Carpenter — 225.00  
Ara Cistow — 300.00  
George P. Connell — 150.00

- H -

Comelia Haysford — \$150.00  
Ann Hale widow of David — 210.00  
Abraham P. Holland — 375.00  
Do. Henry J. Hale — 1860.00  
Thomas Howards — 1500.00  
Sally Hitchens — 1650.00  
George Hichman — 1680.00

J

Jane Johnson — \$150.00  
 David Johnson, P. — 40.00  
 Purnell Johnson — 550.00

K

The Representatives of James King — \$150.00  
 Susah Kollock — 125.00

L

James Lewis — \$15.00  
 Jacob Lewis — 175.00  
 Peter Lewis — 75.00  
 George Love — 150.00  
 Christopher Lucatts — 150.00

M

Aaron Marshall — \$600.00  
 James McElwain — 155.00  
 Reese M. Manning — 650.00  
 Capt. Geo: Mickis — 475.00  
 Paris Miller — 50.00  
 Daniel McAlister — 75.00  
 David M. McElwain — 75.00  
 Benjamin McElwain — 900.00  
 The heirs of Gilbert Manning — 650.00  
 The heirs of Joseph Milby — 200.00  
 Rev. Geo: Mitchelmore — 900.00  
 William Marshall — 500.00  
 William Marshall Jr. — 200.00  
 Evan H. Morgan — 1400.00  
 William Moulle — 300.00  
 John Marshall, P. — 350.00

N

Joshua Norman — \$100.00  
 Thomas Norman — 80.00

O

The heirs of Robert C. Orr — \$950.00

P

George Parker — \$1890.00  
 Shepherd, S. Pattenman — 32.00  
 Octay Phillips, etc. — 60.00  
 Albert Peters — 70.00

R

Henry, H. Rodney Esq. — \$2400.00  
 William Ruffell — 1719.00  
 Caleb Rodney Esq. — 4603.00  
 Daniel Rodney Esq. — 2442.00  
 John Rodney — 1010.00  
 John Rodney Esq. — 400.00  
 William Rodney — 80.00  
 Thomas Rowland — 350.00  
 Maryant Rhoads — 32.00  
 Mary Robinson — 800.00  
 David Rowland, P. — 175.00  
 Ruth Rodney, minor, — 475.00  
 Mitchel Richards — 300

S

Sarah Short — \$1816.00  
 Asabel Strong — 600.00  
 William Steel — 400.00  
 Mrs. Smith widow of Hugh, 1390.00  
 John Saunders Sr. — 300.00  
 Thomas Somers, col. man, 120.00  
 The heirs of Adam Short — 500.00  
 Gato Somers, col. man, — 100.00  
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T

The heirs of Mrs. Thompson \$450.00  
 Peter Tingle — 40.00  
 Elizabeth Tuxton — 165.00  
 The heirs of James Thompson — 100.00  
 Isaac Turner — 500.00

W

David Walker — \$1050.00  
 Ann White widow of Mrs. — 1600.00  
 David H. White — 500.00  
 The heirs of Elizabeth White 282.00  
 Mary West — 420.00  
 Bailey, A. West — 375.00  
 Mrs. M. West — 770.00  
 Maryham West — 450.00  
 The heirs of Richd. Westley, Junr, 250.00  
 Richd. Westley, Sr. — 450.00  
 Cornelius Wittbank — 420.00  
 Sarah Wittbank — 40.00  
 The heirs of George Westley — 300.00  
 Lewis Westley — 1460.00  
 Richd. S. West — 450.00

R

Hickman Weston — \$796.00  
 Maryham Westley — 240.00  
 William, B. Wolfe — 250.00  
 The heirs of Robert West — 1034.00  
 William West — 400.00

288

104 Taxables  
 23 do. for Public ground  
 rent annually —

The names of persons who occupy public property with the amount of grounds rent to be collected thereof viz.

Robert Buxton — \$10.00  
 George P. Connell, P. — 3.00  
 James Carpenter — 3.00  
 Purnal Johnson — 3.00  
 Peter Lewis — 3.00  
 James Lewis — 1.20  
 Daniel McAlister — 2.40  
 James McAlwain — 1.20  
 Joshua Norman — 3.00  
 John Norman — 37/100  
 Daniels Rodney — 81  
 William Rodney — 2.04  
 Caleb Rodney — 9.24  
 Henry, A. Rodney — 22.04  
 Mitchell Dickson — 2.04  
 John Sweeney — 2.04

not carried over \$68.38

amt. <sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>owed</sup> - \$68.38 1/2  
 Elizabeth Kingston ----- " 96  
 Peter Hingle ----- 2.04  
 Hickman Mest ----- 4.08  
 Lewis Mest ----- 8.00  
 John M Mest ----- 2.06  
 The heirs of Robert Mest ----- 2.04  
 22 Persons & amt. is - \$88.56 1/2

Thomas Newman, omitted, 2.04  
 \$90.60 1/2

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Gift of Mrs. G. Clifton Maul, Sr.  
Leaves, Del., June 1953