

Cut and Clear a Waggon Road to Settlement on the Cumberland River

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An Act to authorize the raising a fund, for the purpose of discharging the cost of cutting and clearing a wagon road from south West Point to the settlement on Cumberland River, in Mero district, by lottery.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council, and House of Representatives of the Territory of the United States of America south of the river Ohio, That in order that a sufficient fund may be raised for the purpose above mentioned, that a scheme be authorized for drawing a lottery, to consist of three thousand one hundred tickets; three thousand of which shall be by the managers hereafter named, put into the hands of such discreet persons as they may judge properly qualified for selling the same; or, if they chuse so to do, may be kept in their own hands, and sold by

them at five dollars each. And the remaining one hundred shall be reserved by the said managers as tickets belonging to the road, and the prizes drawn thereon, to be considered as a part of the fund hereby intended to be raised.

Sec. 2 And be it enacted, That the prizes and blanks in the said scheme contained, shall be as follows, to wit.

Prize.		Dollars		Dollars
1	of	1,500	is	1,500
1		750		750
2		500		1,000
4		200		800
15		100		1,500
30		50		1,500
100		25		2,500
<u>545</u>		10		<u>5,450</u>
<u>698</u>	Total prizes.			15,000
2,402	Blanks.			

And that each and every prize be subjected to a deduction of one fifth part, which part, so deducted, together with such prizes as may be drawn in favour of the road tickets, shall be by the said managers paid into the hands of the then treasurer of the Territory, there

to remain as a fund for the purposes aforesaid, until the same be drawn out of his hands in the manner hereafter directed.

Sec 3. And be it enacted, That the managers of the said lottery shall (in case the whole of the said tickets are not sold previous to the commencement of the drawing the said lottery) have full power and authority to alter the above scheme, and apportion it as nearly as possible to the same; and the number of tickets sold, and amount of cash received for the tickets sold, and proceed to draw the same in the same manner, and at the same place as they would have done had no such alteration been made.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That Colonel James White, Col. James Winchester, Col. Stockley Donelson, Captain David Campbell, Col. William Cocke, and Col. Robert Hayes, or a majority of them, be, and they are hereby declared to be managers of the said lottery, with full and ample powers to carry the same into effect, agreeable to the intent and meaning of this act. Provided always, That previous to either of the said managers entering into the duties of his appointment, he or they shall

enter into bond, with approved security, to the Governor for the time being in the sum of five thousand dollars, for the faithful execution of the trust reposed in him; and shall also take and subscribe an oath to the same effect before the said Governor. And provided also, that a majority of the said managers shall be competent, in the absence of the others, to execute the trust hereby intended to be given.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That the said lottery shall be drawn in the town of Knoxville, at such time as the said managers of a majority of them shall appoint, and with equal justice to all parties concerned: at which time, or on application made to them by the holder or holders of the fortunate tickets, they shall make payment of the sum or sums due to each and every such fortunate adventurer, without delay.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the scheme for this lottery, with a just statement of its principles, be advertised in the Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, and Territorial Gazettes, at least three months successively; and also publication, for one month, of the time and place of drawing the same, previous to its commencement. And that separate bills, to the amount of three thousand be struck, and put into the hands of sundry of the citizens

of the said states and territory, with a request from the managers to promote an object so interesting to the Citizens of the United States.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That Col. James White, Col. James Winchester, Col. Stockley Donelson, Capt. David Campbell, Col. William Cocke, and Col. Robert Hayes, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby declared to be a board of Commissioners, for the purpose of letting out, to the best advantage, the cutting and clearing out a good and sufficient wagon road from south west Point, in Hamilton district, to Bledsoe's Lick, in Mero district: and that they proceed in the execution of their trust as soon as a sufficient fund shall be raised for that purpose, by virtue of the plan herein before mentioned.

Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That the said board of commissioners (which board may at any time be constituted by the presence of a majority) shall have full power and authority at any time during the prosecution of the duties hereby required of them, to draw out of the hands of the treasurer, by virtue of a warrant from the Governor for the time being, such sum or sums of money out of the fund aforesaid, as may from time to time become necessary for defraying the charges

incident thereto; they giving good and sufficient security, under the penalty of double the sum so received, for the faithful appropriation thereof for the purposes aforesaid.

Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That the commissioners and managers aforesaid, shall be allowed for the said services such sum or sums each, as a future session of this General Assembly may direct.

(signed/ WILLIAM BLOUNT, Governor.
GRIFFITH RUTHERFORD, P. L. C.
DAVID WILSON, S. H. R.

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