

Henderson's Grant (1778)

CHAPTER 33.

SPECIAL GRANT OF LAND.

Approved by the Virginia General Assembly in October 1778

An ACT to vest certain lands on the Ohio and Green Rivers, in fee simple, in Richard Henderson and Company, and their heirs.

WHEREAS it has appeared to this assembly, that Richard Henderson, and company, have been at very great expense in making a purchase of the Cherokee Indians, and although the same has been declared void, yet, as this commonwealth is likely to receive great advantage there from, by increasing its inhabitants, and establishing a barrier against the Indians, it is therefore just and reasonable the said Richard Henderson, and company, be made a compensation for their trouble and expense:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, that all that tract of land situated, lying and being on the waters of the Ohio and Green Rivers, bounded as follows, to wit: beginning at the mouth of Green River; thence running up the same twelve and a half miles, when reduced to a straight line; thence running at right angles with the said reduced lines twelve and a half miles on each side the said river; thence running lines from the termination of the line extended on each side the said Green River, at right angles with the same, till the said lines intersect the Ohio, which said River Ohio shall be the western boundary of the said tract, be, and the same is hereby granted the said Richard Henderson, and company, and their heirs, as tenants in common, subject to the payment of the same taxes as other lands in this commonwealth are, but under such limitation of time, as to the settling the said lands, as shall be hereafter directed by the General Assembly; but this grant shall, and it is hereby declared to be in full compensation to the said Richard Henderson, and company, and their heirs, for their charge and trouble, and for all advantage accruing there from to this commonwealth; and they are hereby excluded from any further claim to lands, on account of any settlement or improvements heretofore made by them, or any of them, on the lands so as aforesaid purchased from the Cherokee Indians.