lations, by which he lost his property, and was lodged in jail;* and his name does not subsequently appear in the transfers of land. He had been a fur trader in Detroit, afterwards became a merchant and capitalist in New York, and was the father of the late General Macomb of the war of 1812.

The first direct measure taken for the actual settlement of the section of the state embraced in Jefferson County, was in 1792. On the 31st of August, William Constable, then in Europe, executed a deed to Peter Chassanis, of Paris, for 630,000 acres south of Great Lot No. IV, which now constitutes a part of Jefferson and Lewis Counties. A tract in Leyden, previously conveyed to Patrick Colquhoun and William Inman, was excepted. Chassanis acted as the "agent for the associated purchasers of lands in Montgomery County," and the lands were to be by him held in trust for the use of the said William Constable, and disposed of by sections of one hundred acres each, at the rate of eight livres Tournois per acre; in which said conveyance it is declared, that the said Chassanis should account for the proceeds of the sales to Constable, according to the terms of an agreement between them, excepting one-tenth thereof. The state reservations for roads, &c, were stipulated. A deed for 625,000 acres having been made from Constable to Chassanis, and delivered as an escrow to Rene Lambot, to take effect on the payment of £52,000, it was agreed that the price for this land should be one shilling per acre. Constable bound himself to procure a perfect title, to be authenticated and deposited with the Consul General of France, in Philadelphia; and Chassanis agreed that the moneys received by Lambot should be remitted to Ransom, Morel and & Hammersley, in London, as received, subject to Constable's order, on presenting the certificate of Charles Texier, Consul, of his having procured a clear title. If the sales shall not have amounted to £62,750, the balance should be paid in six, nine, and twelve months, in bills upon London. Constable granted, for one month, the right of pre-emption to Tract No. IV, at the rate of one shilling sterling, payable in three, six, and nine months from the date of the deed, as above.

The plan of the association contemplated by this company is set forth in the following document, which we translate from an original copy printed in Paris in 1792, in the possession of Hon. Wm. C. Pierrepont, who has kindly permitted it to be used for this work. It is very probable that the stormy period of the French revolution that soon followed prevented its execution:

* See History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, p. 349.
† Equal to $1.80.