mostly a wilderness. He also sold 50,000, and **25,000 acres to** Wm. Inman, who afterwards figured largely in the titles of Lewis County;* with the exception of the 685,000 acres thus conveyed, to Boylston, Angerstein, and Inman, he reconveyed Feb. 27, 1793, the remainder to Constable.!

On the 21st of May 1794, Boylston gave a deed of trust of eleven townships to George Lee, George Irving, and Thomas Latham, assignees of the firm of Lane, Son and Fraser, of London, and they conveyed them (o John Johnson Phyn, of that place,) (June 2, 1794) in whom, by sundry conveyances and assurances in the law, the title became vested. On the 10th of April, 1795, Phyn appointed Wm. Constable his attorney, to sell and convey any or all of the Boylston Tract,§ who accordingly sold, July 15, 1795 (at $1 per acre, one quarter paid down and the balance in five installments, with mortgage) to Nicholas Low, Wm. Henderson, Richard Harrison, and Josiah Ogden Hoffman, a tract of 300,000 acres, since known as the **Black River Tract.** This purchase comprised Houndsfield, Watertown, Rutland, Champion, Denmark, Henderson, Adams, Rodman, Pinckney, Harrisburgh, and Lowville. On the 1st of April, 1796, Phyn confirmed this title.|| The tract was found by measurement to contain 290,376 acres, to make up which deficiency, Constable in 1796, conveyed town No. 2 (Worth) excepting 948 acres in the southeast corner, which he reserved to himself. On the last mentioned date, Phyn conveyed to Constable, 401,000 acres, being the remainder of the Boylston Tract. The present town of Lorraine is in this conveyance.

Wm. Constable gave to his brother James, a power of attorney to sell lands, March 16, 1798,** and, to secure the confidence of Europeans, and others in the validity of his title, he procured from Alexander Hamilton, Richard Harrison, J. O. Hoffman (attorney general of the state) Daniel McKinnen, and other eminent lawyers, a certificate, that they had examined his conveyances, and believed them perfect.

On the 22d of March, 1797,** Constable conveyed to Marvel Ellis of Troy, the town of Ellisburgh, in accordance with an agreement, dated April 11, 1796, except 3000 acres, conveyed March 17, 1797, to Robert Brown, and Thomas Eddy, in the southwest corner of the town.§ This tract was long without a resident agent, and from being settled by squatters, it acquired the unhallowed name of JVo God. In June 1804, Brown and

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* Inman was the father of Henry Inman the celebrated artist.  
† Sec. Office Deeds 25, p. 208.  
§ lb. 39, p. 62.  
** J Sec. Office Deeds, 24, p. 35.  
|| lb. 36, 37, p. 214.  
†† Oneida deeds, 7, p. 331.  
** Herkimer deeds, rec. April 22, 1797.