

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an Act to Quiet Possessions, and to prevent Suits at Law.—1839, ch. 299.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That on the application of any person or persons, or bodies corporate or politic, claiming to be the owner or owners, in fee simple, of any lands in this state, which lands have been peaceably and quietly held and occupied with or without enclosure, by the person or persons, or bodies corporate, or those under whom he, she or they may claim, for at least twenty years preceding such application, to the surveyor of the county in which such lands shall lie, for a survey thereof, according to certain well defined metes and bounds, natural or artificial, it shall be the duty of the surveyor to make such survey, after having given at least thirty days notice thereof, by advertisement posted at the court-house door of the county in which such lands shall lie, and at least three of the most public places in the neighbourhood of such lands.

On twenty years peaceable possession, survey to be made.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That previous to making any such survey, the surveyor shall be satisfied by the testimony under oath, delivered at the time of such survey, of at least two respectable persons residing in the neighbourhood of said lands that, the person or persons, or bodies corporate or politic, or those under whom he, she or they may claim, have peaceably and quietly held and occupied the same lands, with or without enclosure, according to the metes, lines and bounds, natural or artificial, thereof, as required to be surveyed and set forth by the said surveyor, in the certificate of such survey, for at least twenty years preceding the date of his, her or their application as aforesaid.

Surveyor to have testimony of possession.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the surveyor making any such survey, to return a certificate thereof, together with a certificate that the application, notice and other requirements of this act have been strictly complied with, and which certificate shall be evidence thereof to the register of the land office, for the shore on which said lands shall lie, to be by him delivered to the examiner for said shore, who, if the same shall be imperfect, shall return it to the said register, to be by him transmitted to the surveyor who made the same, for amendment; but if the same shall pass examination, the said examiner shall deliver it to the register of the said land office, to be by him recorded in a proper and sufficient book to be kept by him for the purpose of rendering all such certificates, which it shall be his duty to do immediately after patent shall issue thereon, and not before; and the register of the said land office shall make out a grant or patent, and shall present the same; *Provided,* said lands shall be on the

Surveyor to give certificate, to be transmitted to land office.

To be recorded.

Proviso.