

NOVEMBER, 1792.—CHAPTER 15.

A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT,* entitled, an act to restrain surveyors, to regulate certain proceedings in the land office, and to compel the attendance of witnesses on surveys under the authority of the chancery, general and county courts. * 1789, ch. 35.

WHEREAS it is just and reasonable that county surveyors, seized of land at the time of their appointment, by purchase or descent, and county surveyors who may become seized of land, by descent or devise, after their appointment to said office, should have equal power with other citizens to take out common and special warrants, and warrants of resurvey, on land whereof they are or shall be so seized as aforesaid, and to take up any vacant land thereunto adjoining; therefore, Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any person heretofore appointed, or who shall hereafter be appointed, to the office of county surveyor, or deputy surveyor, who, at the time of his said appointment, shall be seized of land, either by descent or purchase, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take out a common or special warrant, or warrant or warrants of resurvey, on the land whereof he was so seized at the time of his appointment as aforesaid, and, by virtue thereof to take up any vacant land thereunto adjoining, and to have a patent issued for the same in the usual form. Surveyors seized of land.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That any county surveyor, or deputy surveyor, who shall become seized of land at any time subsequent to his appointment to the said office, by descent or devise, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take out a warrant or warrants as aforesaid, on any land whereof he shall so become seized by descent or devise, and, by virtue thereof, to take up any vacant land thereunto adjoining, and to have a patent issued in the usual form, any thing in any act or law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Or who shall be seized, may take out warrants, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That all warrants taken out in the cases herein before mentioned and provided for, shall be directed to the county surveyor of any county adjacent to that county in which the surveyor so as aforesaid applying for said warrant or warrants shall reside; provided always, that the surveyor to whom the said warrant or warrants shall be directed, shall, before he executes the same, take the following oath, to be endorsed on said warrant, to wit: 'I, A. B. do solemnly promise and swear, that I will well and truly execute this warrant, according to the best of my skill and judgment, without favour, affection or partiality; so help me God.' To whom warrants shall be directed, &c.