

VII. **Provided nevertheless,** That if any person or persons, who may conceive him, her or themselves affected by the operation of this act, shall, at any time within the space of one year after the end of the present session of assembly, exhibit his, her or their petition to the chancellor for the time being, stating his, her or their title to such part or parcel of the lands aforesaid as such person or persons may claim, it shall and may be lawful for the said chancellor, and he is hereby authorized and required, after summoning the person or persons being the tenant or tenants in possession of such part or parcel of the said lands as shall be claimed by such petition, to hear and determine the matter in controversy between the parties, and to adjudge the right to him, her or them, as shall appear to have the same; and if no patent shall have been granted before such petition from the state of Maryland, for the part or parcel of the lands which shall be to disputed, then the said chancellor shall direct a patent to be issued to the person or persons to whom he shall adjudge the right as aforesaid; but if a patent shall have been before granted as aforesaid, and the same, on a decision of the said controversy, shall appear to him to have been improperly granted, the said chancellor shall then decree such patent to be vacated and annulled, and shall direct another to be issued to the petitioner or petitioners to whom he shall adjudge the right, on payment as aforesaid, or otherwise shall dismiss the said petition, with costs to the person or persons who shall be affected thereby.

C H A P.
XL.
Proviso.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the chancellor shall be authorized to hear all claims made by virtue of this act upon petition to him as judge of the land office, and upon such certificates of survey as have been returned under the sales of the intendant; which petitions and orders of the chancellor, and all the proceedings thereon, shall be recorded in the land office.

Chancellor to
hear claims,
&c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That if any of the said lands have not been surveyed, or certificates returned, that the surveyor or surveyors heretofore appointed are authorized and required to make such surveys, and return certificates thereof, upon which the same proceedings shall be had as aforesaid.

Surveys to be
made, &c.

C H A P. XLI.

An ACT to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government.

Passed De-
cember 23.

WHEREAS those who dedicate their time, abilities and labour, to the public, ought to receive a reasonable and adequate compensation for their services;

Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That the several officers of civil government for the time being, shall be entitled to receive at the rate of the following salaries in current money for the ensuing year, to wit: Each member of the council one hundred and fifty pounds; the chancellor, as judge of the land office, one hundred pounds; the treasurer of the western shore six hundred pounds; the treasurer of the eastern shore one hundred and fifty pounds; the auditor two hundred and fifty pounds; the deputy-auditor one hundred and twenty-five pounds; the clerk of the council two hundred pounds; the clerk of the senate thirty pounds; the clerk of the house of delegates seventy-five pounds; the printer to the state three hundred and seventy-five pounds; the messenger to the council fifty pounds.

Officers sala-
ries.

III. **And be it enacted,** That each delegate to the present congress from this state shall be allowed thirty-five shillings current money for every day he shall attend, or be on his journey to or from, congress, in full satisfaction for all expences.

Allowance to
members of
congress.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That all monies which shall remain in the treasury, after discharging the journal of accounts, and all monies heretofore appropriated to the use of congress, which shall hereafter be received, and all unappropriated money which may come into the treasury, be first applied to the payment of the civil list for the ensuing year, and the delegates of the present congress.

Money to be
first applied to
the civil list,
&c.