

thenticated copies thereof, which shall be lodged in the land office, to grant a patent or patents for the lands expressed in such original grant or grants, and the person or persons thus receiving patents in exchange, shall not be liable to pay any fee or charge, save only the common fees of office: Provided nevertheless,

*And be it enacted,* That in all cases, the prior title acquired by any person or persons, in and to any such lands, under any grant or patent, whether granted by Maryland or Virginia, or by or under either of them, shall prevail and have the preference.

*And be it enacted,* That no grant, as aforesaid shall extend or be deemed, construed, or taken to extend to the right of any grantee or grantees, and those claiming under them, to any lands, tenements or hereditaments, which are situated, lying or being within this state, which have been at any time, or in any manner heretofore granted by or under the authority of this commonwealth, any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

*And be it enacted,* That the commissioners appointed as aforesaid, shall receive four dollars per day, while employed in settling and adjusting the aforesaid divisional line, and they are hereby authorised to employ a surveyor, two chain carriers, and one or more persons to mark the said line. And it shall be the duty of the said commissioners to ascertain the number of days the surveyor shall be so employed, and certify the same to the auditor of public accounts, who shall thereupon issue a warrant in favour of such surveyor, for four dollars per day, for his services: the said commissioners shall also certify to the auditor of public accounts, the names of the chain carriers and markers employed, the number of days each has been so employed, and such daily allowance as to them may seem just: whereupon the auditor of public accounts, upon application, shall issue warrants in favour of such chain carriers and markers.

*Be it further enacted,* That all expenses to be incurred in running and settling the aforesaid divisional line shall be paid out of any money in the treasury of this commonwealth, not otherwise appropriated.