

reason from the Executive collectively can be assigned.

It may perhaps be suggested from the above remarks that no official notice should have been taken of the letters and applications respecting Major Houston but there appears to be some difference in the cases.

The representations that were made to us implied strongly that some deception and improper conduct had been used which we were willing to enquire into, but it was stated to Captain Pollett that the Board could not at that time pledge themselves to act on the information that ^{might} be given them or to remedy the mistake if any should appear to have been made.

Gen Levin Winder
Somerset County

We are and forth
J. H. Stone

In Council Annapolis September 15/1796

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In addition to, and explanation of, the rules and orders for the direction of Surveyors in their Office, heretofore established, we have this day determined on the following.

Viz.

Whereas by an act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety five, entitled, An act relative to the proceedings in the Court of Chancery and in the Land: office, it is directed, that no certificates for Land made, or thereafter to be made, shall be received into the Land: office unless passed by the Examiners General and returned to the said office before the first of July (then next) or within eighteen Months from the date of the warrant; Ordered, that whenever a warrant has been executed, and it appears that the certificate thereon has not been returned into the Land Office, agreeably to the said law, and within the term of eighteen Months from the date of the warrant, you will consider the said warrant and certificate as void, and not constituting an elder survey, so as to prevent the execution of any primitive warrant to affect the said land.

To the several Surveyors

We are &c

J. H. Stone