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be set up at the door of the court-house of Allegany county, and such other public places as they may judge most effectual, notifying the time of their meeting, thirty days at least before their meeting; and in case any person interested lives out of the said county, the said commissioners shall cause advertisements to be affixed at the door of the court-house of the county where such interested party lives, forty days at least before their meeting, and shall meet on the land to proceed in the execution of their commission, agreeably to the notice given by them as aforesaid.

Summonses
may issue, &c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That summonses for witnesses may issue by the said commissioners, or any two of them; and witnesses summoned shall attend, and be subject to punishment by the county court for not attending, in the same manner as on summonses issued by and returnable to the county courts; and the said commissioners, or any two of them, may survey the lot or lots mentioned in their advertisements, as well as any other lots they may think necessary, and shall administer an oath, or affirmation, to the chain carriers, to execute their duty, as chain carrier, faithfully and impartially, according to the best of their skill; and shall also administer an oath, or affirmation, to witnesses, that the evidence they shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; and the said commissioners, or any two of them, may adjourn from time to time, as they may think necessary, and they, or any two of them concurring in opinion, may and shall cause the lot or lots mentioned in their advertisements to be marked in the lines where convenient, and shall mark or set up boundaries at the termination of the lines when course and distance only are given, according to their adjudication and adjustment of the original location thereof, and shall return a certificate of the same to the clerk of Allegany county court, which shall be received and recorded in the records of land commissions and returns of the said county.

If no suit is
brought marking,
&c. to be
conclusive,
&c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That in case no suit or action shall be brought within seven years next after the recording such return to call in question the adjudication of the commissioners, the marking and bounding such lot or lots as aforesaid, and the record thereof, shall be conclusive evidence of the original location thereof, both as to the direction and termination of the lines; or if the adjudication of the commissioners shall be confirmed by verdict of a jury in any suit as aforesaid, the adjudication of the commissioners in the point confirmed by the jury, and between the same parties and those claiming under them, shall conclude, to every intent and purpose; provided, that every infant, married woman, insane person, or person in prison, or beyond sea, and those claiming under either of them, shall have five years after the disability removed, to commence such suit or action as aforesaid.

Commissioners
allowance,
&c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That each commissioner shall be entitled to seven shillings and six-pence current money for each lot, the location and boundaries of which they may establish; that each chain carrier and witness shall be entitled to three shillings and nine-pence current money for each day they shall respectively attend, to be paid by the person at whose request the service shall be performed, and if necessary attachment of contempt shall be issued by the county court to compel such payment.

Powers, when
to cease.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the power of the commissioners appointed by this act, or to be appointed by virtue thereof, shall cease and determine on the first day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-six.

IX. Whereas, by an act passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland were authorized to pay one third of the balances due this state on or before the first day of May last, one third on or before the first day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, and the remaining third on or before the first day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-five: And whereas a number of the said lots were proclaimed by persons for the use and benefit of the original settlers: And whereas the said