

lands, and the vast quantity of land that, by means of escheat, was sold a second time for the benefit of the proprietary, or given to his friends, who were not always the favourites of the people; these and other causes, good or bad, of complaint, produced a temper in the community that imposed on the government the necessity of a system of apparent condescension, for which, not meaning to make real sacrifices, they invented occasions, that were attended with no cost.—It is in this way that I interpret the practice of petitioning for the renewal of resurvey warrants among other things, for these observations are too general to apply distinctly to that custom; but they serve in some degree to explain the seeming inconsistency of urging people by repeated proclamations to resurvey their lands, and yet subjecting them to a tedious ceremonial when they applied for warrants.

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MISCELLANEOUS CASES OF RESURVEY.

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“ Thomas Phillips of Talbot county by his petition to the governor sets forth that on the 13th of August 1666, William Smith of St. Mary's obtained a patent for three hundred acres of land called *Copill*, lying in Talbot county, which he sold in October following to Thomas Ingram, who sold the same to the petitioner for 4500lb. of tobacco, but was drowned before he had received full payment or made any legal conveyance to the petitioner: That the said Ingram left a will in which he bequeathed 10,000lb. of tobacco to William Vaughan, his wife's son, to be laid out in land, and by a codicil directed that the land sold to Philips, or the tobacco if Philips completed his payment, should go towards the said legacy: That Robert Dunne and Desborough Bennett who were named executors by the said Ingram renounced the trust, and that administration was granted to his widow, who afterwards intermarried with Jeremiah Eaton: That the petitioner paid to the said Eaton for the use of Vaughan what remained due on ~~the~~ purchase aforesaid; cleared and built upon the land, and obtained patent for 100 acres more adjoining thereto—that he believes there is surplus land contained within the bounds of these two parcels, and that there are some disputes between him and his neighbours about the bounds and marked trees thereof. He therefore prays a warrant of resurvey to be directed to William Hemsley, deputy surveyor of Talbot county and that for the deciding all controversies concerning bounds, the said surveyor be empowered to call before him such witnesses as he shall think fit, and examine them on oath:—also that the two former patents may