

or extracts without fee, unless the attestation of the officer was required, and were to transfer such copies to their successors: in case of disputes with the tenants, they were to apply to the attorney general or his deputies for advice and assistance: they were in all things to observe the instructions of the board of revenue, and to return all books and papers in their charge to that board when called for.

The judges of the land office were to issue no original warrant, nor to grant patents on resurveys, where vacant or escheat land, or improvements, were to be paid for, until the agent had certified the arrearages of rent and caution money to be paid:—they were to file and record the agent's titlings, and return the file and book every year into the revenue office for examination: to return, annually, to the keepers of the rent roll a list of all patents issued during the preceding year; and, in the instructions to these officers an appeal was intimated to lie from their determinations to the revenue board.

The instructions to deputy (or county) surveyors contained scarcely any thing directly referable to matters of revenue, except the obligation of endeavouring to discover lands occupied or held without the payment of rent, or without title, and of reporting such discoveries to the receiver general:—This board nevertheless undertook to prescribe and regulate the entire duty of surveyors, and the operations of the land office, as if neither the one or the other had any functions, or existence but what concerned the private estate of the proprietary.

The commissary general, deputy commissaries, and the clerks of the provincial and county courts, were, as has been before mentioned, required to make such returns as their respective offices might furnish, evidencing the mutations of property, with a view to the perfection of the rent rolls: the clerks were to keep distinct dockets of all fines paid or secured, and to insert, previous to every sitting of the courts, in the docket of the attorney general, or prosecutor, a list of these and of all recognizances; at a certain time, to deliver to the sheriffs lists of all fines remaining due, and to transmit copies of such lists to the revenue office:—The instructions to the attorney general and sheriffs went, of course, to the due execution of all that was proposed by the above mentioned returns, but the former was, besides, required to notice and report to the revenue board such convictions of free persons as might be attended by forfeiture of lands.

The examiner was to make to the revenue board an annual return of all certificates by him examined and passed, shewing the nature of the warrants on which they were respectively founded, and the quantities of land taken up.