

small collection, I shall have occasion to remark upon in my concluding chapter, and shall therefore say nothing concerning it here ; and, for the same reason, I shall postpone any observations on the instructions to surveyors, which follow here in the order of their dates.

RULES AND ORDERS

For the direction of surveyors in their office ; established by the governor and council the 15th day of April 1782.

Upon receipt of these Rules you are to take the oaths, (or affirmations) to the government, if you have not already taken them ; and you are also to take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation of office ; to wit, I do swear or affirm that I will well and diligently, truly and faithfully, discharge and execute the trust reposed in me, and the duties of my office, as surveyor of _____ county, to the best of my knowledgs and power, without favour, affection, or partiality, according to law ; and that I will, in all certificates for escheat or cultivated lands returned by me, express the real value in current money, of the escheat lands, and the improvements thereon, and the real value in current money of all improvements on cultivated lands : *that I will not mention any boundary (artificial or natural,) in any certificate of survey, unless I do actually run and measure the distance to such boundary, and that every boundary by me inserted shall be at the end of the line as expressed ;* and that no certificate shall contain more land than I shall certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief :—and you are to return a certificate, by the justice, of such your qualification, to this board, as soon as may be thereafter.

2d. Upon receipt of any common warrant you are to note down in a book, to be kept by you for that purpose, the time of your receiving it, the quantity of acres included therein, the date thereof, and at what place the person who obtains it locates the same ; and when any person desires to locate a warrant on land which some other person has already entered a warrant to affect, you shall, if required, produce your book of entries, and shew him that entry or location, if such demand be made at your home, or at any other place where your book of entries shall be.

3d. You are upon all surveys and resurveys to describe your beginning as well and as full as the thing will admit of, and then, only course and distance, to the last course, which is always to be thus expressed ;—“then with a straight line to the first beginning ;” unless where you mention any boundary, natural or artificial, in which case you are actually to