

*Answer.* I know of no rule or practice in the land office respecting the running through elder surveys that does not apply equally to special warrants and warrants of resurvey: I cannot well answer the latter part, not knowing the meaning or drift of it. I can only say that neither warrant can affect two pieces of land absolutely unconnected; or in other words that no certificate, under a warrant, which comprehends two tracts or bodies of land wholly unconnected with each other, is good.—This, I conceive is a very ancient rule established in the land office.

*3d Question.* Whether or not are the proprietary instructions in the land office, and there recorded, which from time to time were given by the different proprietors regulating the manner in which their lands in their province of Maryland should be granted?

*4th Question.* Whether or not do you know of any other instructions given by the proprietors of the province on that subject except such as are there recorded? If so, what were those instructions, and from whom did you receive your information, and at what time?

*Answer to the two preceding questions.*

I understand there are such instructions as are mentioned in those questions, and I know not of any instructions relative to the land office except those which are recorded or were recorded in the land office.

*5th Question.* Whether or not do you know of any proprietary instructions or proclamations relative to the granting lands in the province of Maryland, which were ever issued, that are not remaining recorded in the land office? and if so, which proclamation or instruction, and when, or by which of the proprietors of the province issued?

*Answer.* I do not know of any such proclamations which are not remaining recorded. To explain my former answer I can only say that I have understood from the register that some of the instructions or proclamations of the proprietary, on which usages and practices were grounded, are not in the land office.

*6th Question.* Have not grants been directed by the judge of the land office for vacant lands taken up by warrant of resurvey where the person who took out the warrant of resurvey had only an equitable interest in the original at the time the warrant was taken out, and the survey made, and that although such certificates were caveated?

*Answer.* The full extent of the term *equitable* interest may not be perfectly understood by me. I do know that grants have been issued for vacant land taken up on a warrant of resurvey where the owner was entitled to the elder tract under a certificate compounded on, but not *patented to him*, or, any