

issue an order for the payment of a sum, not exceeding thirty dollars per annum, till the child shall arrive to the age of seven years, on failure whereof a scire facias may issue on the recognizance.

CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT to declare what foreign Gold and Silver Coin shall be deemed the current money of the state.

SEC. 1. Is superseded by 1812, ch. 135, the currency, as established by congress, is to be adjudged the current money of the state.

CHAPTER 20.

AN ACT to appropriate certain lands to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands.

See for other acts, Index word, 'Land Office.'

Under this law, the land office under the present state government was first opened. See Kilty's Landholder's Assistant, page 308.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, there are large tracts of land within this state reserved by the late proprietors, which may be applied in discharge of the engagement of lands made to the officers and soldiers of this state; and the granting the other vacant lands in this state would promote population, and create a fund towards defraying the public burthen;

Lands appropriated, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the lands within this state, in Washington county, westward of Fort Cumberland, and for which warrants have not issued, or surveys been made under common warrants, and are now bona fide the property of any subject of this or any of the United States, and on which the money has been actually paid, shall be and are hereby appropriated to discharge the engagement of lands heretofore made to the officers and soldiers of this state, and the residue to the use of the public, as the general assembly shall hereafter direct; and no grant shall issue on any survey made in virtue of such warrants before the order of the general assembly.

By 1784, ch. 75, grants of these lands were authorized in the manner therein mentioned.

Land offices to be held, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That there shall be a land office held for the western shore at the city of Annapolis, and for the eastern shore at the place appointed for holding the general court on that shore, under the direction and care of the registers of those offices for the time being; and such registers shall have the possession and care of the extracts of the grants and certificates of the land on their respective shores, which shall hereafter be made agreeable to the directions in the form of government; and such registers shall grant warrants for the resurveying, proclaiming or escheating, any land within any of the counties on their respective shores; and shall also, on the order or tiling of the treasurer of their shore, issue common or special