

without having any relation of the half blood within two degrees (that is, first cousins,) as the same are reckoned by the common law, and without leaving any relation who might inherit, if a subject of this or any of the United States; but the public do engage to warrant and defend to the respective purchasers their title in fee simple to any lands escheated, on payment of a like sum of current money as was paid on the first purchase by escheat, in case where two-thirds of the real value only is paid at the time of purchase, or without any additional sum being paid, in case the full real value of the land is paid in current money at the time of escheating the same, if it should afterwards appear that there is any person who might claim as heir to such land, or who might claim the same under any testamentary disposition, if such person was a subject of this or any of the United States, but whose claim is or may be destroyed by being a British subject.

By 1795, ch. 61, sec. 4, the treasurer of the eastern shore shall finally ascertain the value of such lands and improvements on his shore, and receive the money therefor.

Value to be returned, &c.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the value in current money of all escheat lands and improvements thereon, and the real value in current money of all improvements on cultivated land, shall be returned and certified by the surveyor, upon oath, at the time of returning his certificate of survey; and the treasurer of the western shore shall finally ascertain the value of such land and improvements, and shall receive the money therefor from the party.

Time for returning certificates extended by 1801, ch. 14; 1802, ch. 7.

Former applications to be regarded, &c.

SEC. 10. *And*, whereas the agent for the late proprietary received the caution money due on certificates until the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, and in many cases the time for payment had elapsed long before, and applications have been made for warrants on the proclamation; *Be it enacted*, That where any application has been made to affect and secure any vacant land included in any certificate, where the caution money was not paid within the time limited, and the time expired on or before the first of May, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, such application shall be regarded, and warrants shall issue to the party applying, provided he shall require a warrant on or before the first day of July next.

Grants to issue, &c.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That grants shall issue on all certificates on which the caution money has been paid, on the application of the owners of such certificates, unless grants have heretofore regularly issued for the same lands to other persons, or unless the chancellor, on hearing, shall otherwise direct.

SEC. 12. *And*, whereas land originally included by the courses and distances expressed in the certificates of lands