

vacant land hereafter may be directed by the legislature to be taken up at.

* By 1823, ch. 160, vacant lands in Allegany county, upon paying one shilling and three-pence; and by 1827, ch. 201, in Washington county, by paying twenty-five cents.

SEC. 7. *And*, whereas there are sundry citizens of this state who hold lands in virtue of patents granted by the late proprietaries of Pennsylvania, antecedent to the running and settling of the divisional line between the two states: And whereas it is mutually agreed by the two proprietaries, that all inhabitants on either side of the boundary line, who obtained patents for their lands in Pennsylvania or Maryland, should have their titles confirmed in which ever they happened to fall; therefore, *Be it enacted*, That any person or persons holding lands within the limits of this state, granted and patented by the proprietaries of Pennsylvania antecedent to the settlement of the said divisional line, and which were, before the running and settling the divisional line aforesaid, considered as lying within the limits of Pennsylvania, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, shall be at liberty to take out and receive patents from the land office of this state; and the register of the land office of the western shore is hereby empowered and directed, on application of any of the above described landholders, and upon their producing their Pennsylvania patents, or authenticated copies, which shall be lodged in the land office, to grant patent or patents for the land expressed in such original grant or grants, and the person or persons thus receiving patents in exchange shall not be liable to pay any purchase or caution money, or be liable to any charge or demand whatsoever, except the common fees of office.

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SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the chancellor shall have full power and authority, before the title of the state is granted or conveyed, to determine, in a summary way, all disputes between purchasers of confiscated property, and, for his information, to cause surveys to be made and certificates to be returned, and to order witnesses to be summoned by the register of the land office aforesaid, and to enforce obedience to such summon by attachment; and in case of dispute between any purchaser of confiscated property, before the state's title is conveyed as aforesaid, and any other person, the chancellor shall have full power and authority to hear and determine the same as aforesaid; and if the chancellor shall be of opinion that the purchaser under the state can derive a right or title from the state to only part of the land purchased, and that the person or persons disputing such title have a right to part of the said land, then the chancellor shall issue a commission to five men of integrity and understanding, residing as near to the land as may be, and not interested in the dispute, or connected with the

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