

several sheriffs in this state to receive, and safe keep in their respective jails, all such prisoners as may be committed under the authority of the United States, until they shall be discharged by the due course of the laws thereof, under the like penalties as in the case of prisoners committed under the authority of this state; provided nevertheless, that the United States are to pay for the use and keeping of such of the jails of this state at the rate of fifty cents per month for each prisoner that shall, under their authority, be committed thereto, during the time such prisoners shall be therein confined, which sum shall be paid to the sheriff for the use of the county at the time of the discharge of any such prisoner; and provided also, that they are to support such of said prisoners as shall be committed under their authority to any of the jails of this state for offences against the constitution or the laws of the United States.

Sheriffs to receive prisoners, &c.

See 1822, ch. 221, by which compensation to the sheriff is fixed at thirty cents per day.

CHAPTER 35.

AN ACT to restrain Surveyors, to regulate certain proceedings in the land office, and to compel the attendance of witnesses on surveys under the authority of the chancery, general and county courts.

A Supplement, November, 1792, ch. 15. Other laws are 1800, ch. 70; 1827, ch. 44.

WHEREAS many frauds and abuses may be practised by surveyors, or their deputies, if they be not by law prevented from taking up vacant land in their respective counties;

Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the end of the present session no county surveyor, or deputy to a county surveyor, while he acts as such, shall take up, either in his own name or in the name of any other person for his use, or in secret trust for him, any land lying in the county of which he is surveyor or deputy as aforesaid, unless by virtue of a warrant of resurvey on lands by him obtained and held before his appointment to the office of surveyor or deputy, or by virtue of an especial or an escheat warrant procured by him before such appointment; and no grant shall issue to any such surveyor or deputy, or to his assign, or to any person for his use, or to any person who shall be known to act for him in secret trust, for any land taken up after the end of the present session contrary to the tenor of this provision; and if any patent shall issue to any person acting under a secret trust for any surveyor or deputy as aforesaid, it shall be liable to be vacated upon a petition made, within two years from the date of such patent, to the chancellor as judge of the land office, and there shall be the same proceedings on such petition as upon caveats to certificates.

Surveyor not to take up land, &c.