

By November, 1792, ch. 15, surveyors seized of land, (before or after their appointment,) by descent or purchase, may take out warrants to take up vacant land, &c. to be directed to the surveyor of the next county.

Penalty on returning certain certificates, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if any county surveyor shall knowingly return any certificate of survey to the land office, contrary to the tenor of this act, he shall, on conviction thereof in a court of record of this state, be fined by the said court a sum not less than twenty five pounds current money, nor more than one hundred pounds, and one-half thereof shall be paid to the first informer, provided the fact be sufficiently proved by other testimony than his own oath, and so declared to be by the jury on delivering their verdict; and if any deputy to a county surveyor shall knowingly procure any certificate to be returned contrary to the tenor of this act, he shall, on the like conviction, be subject to a like fine, of which there shall be the like appropriation, on the like declaration of the jury.

In all disputes chancellor may decree, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That in all disputes which may hereafter arise before the chancellor, as judge of the land office, he shall have full power and authority to decree thereon according to equity and good conscience, and agreeably to the principles established in the high court of chancery, as if the matter were brought before him by a bill in chancery.

Time not to be considered, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, Whenever a caveat is entered in the land office, and the composition money due upon the certificate so caveated hath not been paid, the time during which the caveat shall remain undetermined shall not be considered as part of the time limited for payment of the said composition; provided the proprietor of such certificate will make oath or affirmation, as the case may be, that he hath not procured such caveat to be entered for the sake of delay, nor in any manner whatever contrived or endeavoured to postpone the determination on the said caveat longer than was necessary to obtain a full hearing of the real merits in the cause.

Surveyor may issue a summons, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That whenever an order shall issue from the high court of chancery for the surveyor of a county to survey, lay down and return a plot and certificate of lands lying in his county, for the illustration of any matter relative to a cause in the said court, it shall be lawful for the said surveyor, at the instance of either party concerned, to issue under his hand and seal a summons for any person whose testimony may be wanted on the surveys; and the said summons shall be according to the following form: 'You are hereby required to summon —, that he appear on the — day of — before the subscriber, surveyor of — county, at — in said county, to give evidence on a survey to be then made of a tract of land called —, (or lots of ground, or tracts of land, as the case may be,) in pursuance of an order from the high