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SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That any person having any claim against any county for any real property possessed by any county, and which by this act is vested in the justices of the levy court of such county, may commence and prosecute his action at law for the same, by issuing a summons, directed to the justices of the levy court, and sending with such summons a declaration or short note, expressing the cause of action, and such person may declare against the said justices of the levy court in the same manner as he might against any individual for the same cause, and the attorney-general, or his deputy, shall appear and plead thereto, and the issue shall be made up, and the jury shall try the same, and if they find for the plaintiff, a writ of possession shall issue for the recovery of the possession of real property, and if damages are found for the plaintiff, the justices of the levy court of said county where such issue shall be tried shall, at their next sitting after the trial of such issue, levy such sum of money so as aforesaid recovered, with costs of suit, on the assessable property of such county, and shall cause the same to be paid over to the said plaintiff, or his order, in the same manner as other public charges are assessed and paid over.

CHAPTER 75.

AN ACT respecting certain Land Certificates.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that large bodies of land, laying in Allegany county, have heretofore been surveyed, and certificates made out, but have never been compounded on, and now lay liable to be affected by warrants of proclamation, but from the vast quantities of bad land included in these surveys, it can never be an object with any individual to take them up for purposes of cultivation, in whole, and that as, according to the regulations of the land office, these surveys cannot be taken in part, and as considerable benefit would result to the county of Allegany, as well as to persons wishing to make actual surveys for the purpose of settling thereon, from these large tracts or surveys of land being vacated, or placed in such a situation as to be located or taken in part, as well as in whole; therefore,

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vacated.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted, by the General* of Maryland*, That all certificates of surveys of land heretofore made in Allegany county, not compounded upon, and which are now liable to proclamation, be and the same are, on and after the first day of August next, unless then paid on, or secured by warrant of proclamation, hereby vacated, made null and void, and placed upon the same footing with all other vacant

* The word *Assembly* omitted in the engrossed law.