

roads, passed at December session eighteen hundred and sixteen,* be and the same is hereby repealed; *Provided always,* * Ch. 261. Proviso. that any proceedings heretofore begun under the provisions of that law, may be proceeded on, and shall have the same effect, as if the above mentioned act had not been passed.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to extend to Worcester county.

Not to extend to Worcester county.

CHAPTER 90.

AN ACT to Quiet Possessions, and to prevent Suits at Law.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That wherever land shall be taken up, under a common or special warrant, or warrant of resurvey, any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, may give in evidence, under the general issue, his, her, or their possession thereof; and if it shall appear in evidence that the person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, or those under whom they claim, have held the lands in possession for twenty years before the action or actions brought, such possession shall be a bar to all right or claim derived from the state under any patent issued upon such warrant or warrants; *Provided always,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any title or titles, under any common or special warrant, or warrant of resurvey, where the same shall have been laid before the passing of this act.

Where land shall be taken up under a common or special warrant, persons may give in evidence their possession thereof.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 100.

AN ACT relating to the copies of certain Papers from the Land Office.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a copy of any original certificate in the land office, together with the notes or illustrations annexed thereto at the time the same was returned into the land office, referring to the lines of other tracts of land, certified by the register under his hand and the seal of his office, shall be evidence in any court of law or equity in this state, in the same manner, and have the same effect, as if it were the original paper, and proved to be in the hand-writing of the surveyor by whom the original survey was made, and that the said surveyor was dead.

Original certificate, referring to lines of other tracts, certified by register, to be evidence in any court.

CHAPTER 104.

A further additional SUPPLEMENTARY ACT to the Act,* entitled, an Act for * 1715, ch. 47. Quieting Possessions, Enrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers.

See ante page 35.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That hereafter no deed of conveyance shall be good and available in law, unless the same be recorded in the records of the county

No deed of conveyance to be good unless recorded in