

if the owners reside in the county where the lands lie, and if the adjacent lands be occupied or unoccupied, and the owners do not reside in the county, the surveyor shall give notice of the time he will execute such warrant by advertisement in some daily newspaper published in the city of Baltimore, not less than six times, and the first publication to be at least two months before the execution of such warrant.

23. The surveyor shall return to the Land Office, within one year from the date of such warrant, a certificate of survey and plot, together with the depositions relating to the possession and occupancy of the lands re-surveyed, and proof of the notice, by publication or otherwise, given to the owners or occupiers of the adjacent lands, and upon the return of such certificate and proofs, if no caveat or objection be made within six months after such return, the Commissioner of the Land Office shall issue a patent thereon to the person, or his heirs or assigns, who obtained such warrant of re-survey.

24. Any person may obtain an escheat warrant by application to the Commissioner of the Land Office, unless some other person has obtained or is entitled to a warrant affecting the land.

25. Every escheat warrant shall be executed within twelve months, and no escheat warrant shall be renewed after one year from its date.

26*. Any person who has obtained a warrant to survey vacant or escheat lands, shall, within one year from the date of such warrant, unless the same be renewed, pay for the land included in the certificate of survey, at the rates prescribed by the nineteenth section of this article, and shall in addition pay for such improvements as may be on such vacant land.

27*. The person who first applies to the Commissioner of the Land Office for a warrant during business hours, shall be entitled to the same upon paying the usual fees and charges.

28. The value of all escheat lands and the improvements thereon, and the real value of any improvements upon vacant land, shall be returned and certified to by the surveyor, on oath, at the time of returning his certificate of survey, and the Commissioner of the Land Office shall finally ascertain the value of such land and improvements, and receive the money therefor