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money per acre; and the person who returns a certificate under such warrant, shall also pay to the treasurers respectively, within one year from the time of taking out such warrant, four shillings per acre for every acre of vacancy included in such certificate, so that seven shillings and six-pence current money per acre be paid to the state, for every acre of vacant land in any manner granted under warrants hereafter to be taken out; and no patent shall be delayed or denied on account of the second payment aforesaid not being made, but the register aforesaid shall, upon making out every patent including vacant land, endorse the sum due, or to become due thereon, and shall also deliver an account of the sum due, or to become due on every patent, and the time when the warrant was taken out, to the treasurer of the western shore, to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose; and on failure of payment at the day on which the sum due on any patent shall be payable, the treasurer shall and may lodge with the clerk of the general court, or the clerk of any county court where such patentee resides, a particular of the sum due by such patentee, and thereupon such clerk shall issue *per facias* against the lands and tenements, goods and chattels, of such patentee, to raise the money due on such patent; and the lands granted by such patent shall be liable, in whosoever hands it may be, to be taken in execution, to satisfy the sum due on such patent; and the owners of certificates already made or returned, shall pay the sum of one shilling and eight-pence current money per acre; and the treasurer for the western shore, for improvements on cultivated land, shall receive their actual value in current money, and for escheat lands he shall receive two thirds of its real value in current money; and common or special warrants may issue from the land-office on the western shore for any deficiency in any grant, on such deficiency appearing on a certificate of resurvey, and also in the case of caution money paid and the grant or certificate vacated; and any common warrant, or special warrant for vacant cultivation, already issued, may be renewed within six months hereafter, and shall be executed within one year after such renewal; and the treasurer for the western shore shall have the care and possession of all the debt books and other papers relative to the revenue of the late proprietaries, and the bonds given by the said treasurers shall be answerable for the faithful discharge of their office, and compliance with the directions of this act.

Title to sur-
veys saved,
&c.

V. WHEREAS sundry persons, with the consent of the late proprietary, or his agents or stewards, had surveys made within the reserves, with intent to obtain leases thereon; **Be it enacted**, That the equitable title of persons to such surveys shall be saved, and only the reversion of the state shall be liable to sale, in such manner as the general assembly shall direct.

Time for
compounding,
&c.

VI. **And be it enacted**, That the time for compounding for all vacant lands hereafter to be surveyed shall be within one year from the date of the warrant, and all persons having surveys already made shall compound thereon on or before the first day of May next, and the purchase money on all escheats shall be paid within one year from the date of the warrant; after which times respectively warrants may issue to any other person who shall apply for the same; and the governor and council, from time to time, may make and establish such rules and orders for the direction of the treasurers in issuing their titlings or orders for warrants, and for the conduct of the examiner-general and the registers in their respective offices, and for the behaviour of surveyors, as they shall think proper, and such rules and orders shall be observed by the said officers respectively; and if any dispute shall arise concerning the validity of surveys or the grant of lands, the same shall be heard and determined by the chancellor, as to all warrants or surveys heretofore granted or made, agreeable to the former rules of the land-office, and as to all warrants and surveys hereafter to be issued or executed, according to such rules and orders as shall be established by the governor and the council.

Governor to
appoint an ex-
aminer, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted**, That the governor, with the advice of the council, be authorized to appoint and commission one fit and proper person (who shall reside at Annapolis) to be examiner-general, who shall examine, and pass or reject,
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