

C H A P.  
XXXVIII.  
U. Scott to  
deliver certi-  
ficates, &c.

IV. **And**, whereas many certificates remain in the hands of Upton Scott, Esquire, late examiner-general, **Be it enacted**, That he be directed to deliver, on or before the first day of July next, all certificates in his hands, whether passed or not, to the register of the land-office for the western shore, and the said register shall receive the fees due on each of the said certificates as have been examined and passed by the said Upton Scott, and pay the same over to him or his order; and the said register shall deliver any erroneous certificate to the owner, on his giving his receipt therefor, and paying the fees due for examining thereof, which he shall also pay over to the said Upton Scott, or his order, and the owner may compel payment of such fees from the surveyor, who returned such erroneous certificate, or if dead from his executor or administrator.

Certificates to  
be corrected,  
&c.

V. **And**, whereas there may be certificates in the land-office which include land lying within some one of the reserves made by the late proprietaries, **Be it enacted**, That no grant shall issue on such certificate, but the same shall be corrected so as to exclude any land lying within any reserve.

Governor, &c.  
to instruct sur-  
veyors, &c.

VI. **And**, whereas divers persons may, by mistake or misapprehension of the late act for the opening the land-office, conceive that they have a right to take up lands, heretofore reserved for the use of the late lord proprietary, as common vacancy, **Be it enacted**, That the governor and council shall (and they are hereby requested as soon as conveniently can be done) give instructions to all the surveyors in the several counties of this state, not to run the lines of any common warrant, special warrant, or warrant of resurvey, issued, or hereafter to issue, out of the land-office, for common vacancy, into the manors or lands heretofore reserved for the use of the late lord proprietary, lying adjacent to such manors, or which may have been otherwise reserved for the use of said proprietary, or which may have been heretofore set apart for the use of the Nanticoke Indians; and it is hereby declared, that the said reserves shall be appropriated to such uses and purposes as the general assembly shall hereafter direct and appoint.

Caution mo-  
ney to be re-  
paid, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted**, That any caution money which may have been paid into the treasury for such reserves shall, on application to the governor and council, be immediately repaid to the person applying for and who hath paid in the same, and an order shall be given to such party on the treasurer of the shore where the payment may have been made, to return such caution money, or repay the same out of the first money that may come into the treasury.

Caveated cer-  
tificates to lie  
six months,  
&c.

VIII. **And**, whereas many certificates lie in the office caveated, **Be it enacted**, That every such certificate shall remain for six months after the first day of July next, after which time, if *caveat* be not prosecuted or *subpoena* taken out to bring the same to a full hearing, patent may issue; and, for the information of all concerned, the register of the land-office for the western shore shall make out a list of all certificates, the name of the person, the name of the land, and in what county, and by whom caveated, and the time when, and shall transmit such list in the nature of a public letter, directed to the clerk of each county within this state, who shall give public notice of the receipt thereof, by advertisement set up at the door of the court-house of said county, or at the door of the place where the county courts have been usually held for his county.

Warrants not  
executed, new  
ones may be  
granted, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted**, That where any special or common warrants shall not be executed, new warrants may be granted in lieu thereof, or they may be applied towards the composition on any certificate, and shall thereupon be entitled to patent of confirmation; but nothing herein shall be taken or construed to oblige or compel the owner or possessor to pay for surplus land, or in any manner to weaken the title of such owner, or to give any person except the owner, under the grant heretofore issued, a right to take up or obtain a grant for any such surplus.

Warrants may  
be renewed,  
&c.

X. **And be it enacted**, That all special or common warrants granted before the first day of March, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, may be renewed at any time within six months from the first day of July next.

XI. **And**