

lands, the said petitioner, James Gittings, had his tract of land, lying in the said county, called Gittings's Choice, resurveyed by one of the special surveyors, including part of a lease and the vacancy purchased, amounting in the whole to nine hundred and one acres, by the name of Gittings's Choice Resurveyed, as by the certificate appears; and the said John Merryman also having had his tract of land, lying in the said county, called Hereford, resurveyed by the county surveyor, including a lease and vacancies purchased, amounting in the whole to one thousand and thirty-eight acres and three quarters of an acre, by the name of Hereford Resurveyed, as by the certificate appears; and that the said James Gittings and John Merryman could not obtain patents for their said lands, because the county surveyor could not legally include in his survey any lease or vacant lands sold by the intendant, neither could the special surveyors resurvey patent lands; and the said John Gorfuch finding the difficulties aforesaid, had declined making any survey, until some effectual mode for making the said surveys should be pointed out, and praying relief in the premises; and it appearing to this general assembly, that the said petitioners ought to be relieved, agreeable to the prayer of their said petition;

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said resurvey so made by the special surveyor aforesaid for the said James Gittings of his tract of land, including part of a lease and the vacant land purchased by him as aforesaid, and the said resurvey so as aforesaid made by the said county surveyor for the said John Merryman of his tract of land aforesaid, including the lease and vacancies purchased by him as aforesaid, as certified by the said surveyors respectively, be taken and received in the land office as regularly surveyed and returned, and that patents be granted to the said James Gittings and John Merryman for their said lands contained in their respective resurveys accordingly.

Resurveys made to be received, &c.

III. *And be it also enacted,* That the said John Gorfuch may have his tract of land, in Baltimore county aforesaid, resurveyed by the surveyor of the said county, and therein include any leased or vacant land purchased as aforesaid; and that the said resurvey, so to be made by him, shall be duly certified and returned by him to the land office, and that thereupon the same shall be taken and received in the said office as regularly surveyed and returned, and that a patent be granted thereupon to the said John Gorfuch for the lands contained in the said survey accordingly.

J. Gorfuch may have his land surveyed, &c.

IV. *And be it also enacted,* That where any leased or vacant lands have been sold by the intendant aforesaid, and have been purchased by persons under the same circumstances as aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the county surveyor in any county of this state, to resurvey the tract of land belonging to the respective purchasers lying contiguous to the said leased or vacant land, and include the said leased or vacant land in such resurvey; which resurvey duly made, certified and returned, by the said county surveyor to the land office, shall be received and accepted of as duly made and returned, and be patented accordingly on the payment of the purchase money, and the usual expences attending the same.

County surveyor to resurvey certain lands, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That any certificates and plots of survey made by surveyors under the appointment of the late intendant of the revenue, or the governor and council, which shall have been or may be returned to the register of the land office for the western shore on or before the first day of December next, shall be received, and being passed by the examiner-general, be of the same validity as if they had been executed and returned agreeably to the times mentioned in acts heretofore providing in such cases.

Certificates, &c. returned, made valid, &c.

C H A P. XXXVIII.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the governor and council.

Passed December 23.

WHEREAS by the ninth section of the act of assembly, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the governor and the council, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, the governor and

Preamble.