

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 resurvey.

25. 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.

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

27. Every person who has obtained a warrant to survey vacant or escheat land, shall, within one year from the date of such warrant, pay for the land included in the certificate of survey at the following rates: for vacant land not in Alleghany or Washington counties, fifty cents per acre, and if in Alleghany county, twenty cents per acre, and if in Washington county twenty-five cents per acre, and shall in addition pay the value of any improvements there may be on any such vacant land, but there shall be deducted from the purchase-money aforesaid the sum which the party paid upon obtaining the warrant, and for land which has escheated two-thirds of the real value of the same. If any person shall fail to pay within one year, as required by the preceding sections, the land may be taken up by any other person under a proclamation warrant or escheat warrant, as the case may be.

28. 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 caution-money.

29. 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 from the party, but the omission by the surveyor to return such valuation shall in no case be a cause of caveat.

30. Every certificate of survey shall be returned to the Land Office within one year from the date of the warrant, but a warrant may be renewed within a year from its date, but not to affect the rights which any other person may have acquired in the meantime; this not to apply to escheat warrants.

31. All certificates of survey returned under this article shall be examined by the commissioner of the Land Office, and if found to be correct, shall be by him recorded, and if found to be incorrect, he shall return them to the surveyor returning the same, or to some other surveyor as he may order and direct, ordering such surveyor to correct such certificate, and a corrected certificate shall be returned to the Land Office within one year from the date of such order.

Id s 24
1781, c 20, s 8
When escheat
warrant to
issue

Id s 25
1849, c 424, s 2
When to be
executed
22 Md 239

1861, c 3, s 3
What to be paid
by warrantees
of vacant or
escheat lands.

Id s 4
Failure to pay

Id s 5
Priority

Art. 54, s 28
1781, c 20, s 9
Value of escheat
lands and im-
provements,
how fixed

1861, c 3, s 6.
Return of cer-
tificate and re-
newal of
warrant

Art 54, s 30
1795, c 88, s 7.
Certificates of
survey to be
examined.

Corrected
certificate.