

CHAP. 3. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any person may obtain a common warrant, special warrant or proclamation warrant by applying to the Commissioner of the Land Office, and paying him (unless the land lies in Allegany or Washington counties) the sum of twenty-five cents per acre for each acre mentioned in such warrant, and if the land lies in Allegany county, the sum of ten cents per acre, and if the land lies in Washington county the sum of twelve and a half cents per acre.

Escheat
land.

SEC. 3. 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 Allegany or Washington counties, fifty cents per acre, and if in Allegany 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.

Proclama-
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SEC. 4. 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.

First Appli-
cant.

SEC. 5. 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.

Certificate of
survey.

SEC. 6. 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.

In force.

SECTION 7. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.