

least twenty years preceding the date of his, her or their application, as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the surveyor, on making any such survey, to return a certificate thereof, together with a certificate that the application, notice and other acquirements of this act have been strictly complied with, and which certificate shall be evidence thereof, to the register of the land office for the shore on which said lands shall lie, to be by him delivered to the examiner for said shore, who, if the same shall be imperfect, shall return it to the said register, to be by him transmitted to the surveyor who made the same, for amendment; but if the same shall pass the examination, the said examiner shall deliver it to the register of the said land office, to be by him recorded in a proper and sufficient book, to be kept by him for the purpose of rendering all such certificates, which it shall be his duty to do immediately after patent issue thereon, and not before; and the register of the said land office shall make out a grant or patent, and shall present the same, provided said lands shall be in the Western Shore, to the chancellor for his approbation, and being attested by him, and signed by the Governor of the State for the time being, the seal of the State shall be thereunto annexed; but if the said lands shall be on the Eastern Shore, then the register making out such grant or patent shall present the same to the judge of the land office for the Eastern Shore for his approbation, and the same being approved of by him, and so certified, shall be transmitted by the said register, at his own proper expense to the chancellor for his attestation, and being attested by him, and signed by the Governor for the time being, the seal of the State shall be thereunto annexed; the cost and expense of which seal shall be paid by the said register, which sum so paid by the said register, together with the sheriff's commission for collection, may be collected from the owner or owners of the patent by the said register, in the same manner as officers fees are by law directed to be collected; and every grant or patent so obtained as aforesaid, shall immediately thereafter be recorded in the land office for the shore on which such lands shall lie, in a proper and sufficient book to be kept for the purpose of recording all such grants and patents.

Certificate to be returned

If imperfect

To be recorded

Grant or patent to be made out

If on W. Shore

But if on E. S.

Cost—how collected

Grant, &c. to be recorded