

CHAPTER 318.

Passed March 10, 1858.

AN ACT entitled an act to preserve certain unpatented certificates of surveys in the Land Office of Maryland.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, certain unpatented certificates of surveys in the Land Office of Maryland, which have been compounded on, have never been recorded, and are in a decaying condition, and liable to be utterly destroyed by the ravages of time; Therefore,

List of certificates of surveys in Land Office to be made out and published.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Commissioner of the Land Office of Maryland, be and he is hereby authorised, to have made out a list of all the certificates of surveys in his office, which have been compounded on, and ready for patents to issue thereon, the parties in whose names they stand having an equitable title therein, and state in said list the county in which the lands lie, the names of the parties in whom the surveys were made, with an account of their condition and liabilities to decay, and after the said list shall have been completed, the said commissioner of the Land Office, is hereby required to have the same advertised in one newspaper in each county of the State, for the period of three months, confining said advertisement to a list of the unpatented certificates in the county in which the lands lie.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.