

the property belonging to the said wards, that the said orphans' court if they shall deem it advisable and advantageous to the interest of the said orphan children, shall be and they are hereby empowered to authorise and direct such sale or sales, lease or leases under such conditions and restrictions as the said court shall think proper.

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2. *And be it enacted*, That every proceeding of the said guardians had in pursuance of the order of the orphans' court aforesaid in the premises, be, and the same is hereby ratified and made valid to every intent and purpose; *Provided*, that the said proceedings before they take effect shall be submitted to the inspection of the said court, and by them approved and confirmed.

Proceedings ratified.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 127.

*An act for the relief of the securities of Thomas Bailey, former collector of the tax for Baltimore county and city.*

Passed Feb 10, 1823.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the commissioners of the tax for Baltimore county and city be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to ascertain and fix the probable amount of money that appears to be due Thomas Bailey, collector of said county and city, in consequence of payments made by him on the property of insolvents for the year eighteen hundred and five, in the same manner as if the return had been made in time to the said commissioners, and this allowance when ascertained and fixed shall be an offset against the claim of the levy court of Baltimore county against the said Bailey as collector of the tax, and his securities.

Commissioners of tax directed.

CHAPTER 128.

*A supplement to an act, entitled, An act respecting certain land certificates.*

Passed Feb. 10, 1823.

WHEREAS, by an act passed at November session, 1804, chapter 75, it was provided that all surveys of land made in Allegany county prior to the passage of said act, and not compounded upon should be vacated unless compounded upon by the first day of August then next or secured by warrant of proclamation; *and whereas also*, there has been made sundry other large surveys in said county since the passage of said act, and which remain uncompounded upon and by the regulation of the land office the same cannot be taken except by proclamation and that for the whole tract which prevents numbers of persons from taking them up, which they otherwise would do for the purposes of settling on them; therefore,

Preamble.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all certificates of surveys of lands made in Allegany county since the passage of the act to which this is a supplement and not compounded upon, and which are now liable to proclamation, be, and the same are on and after the first day of August next, unless then paid on, made or vacated null and void, and placed upon the same footing with all other vacant land in said county, and liable to be effected in the same manner and in any quantity without being bound by or paying any regard to the aforementioned surveys.

Surveys vacated.

2. *And be it enacted*, That all fifty acre lots of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, which have not been allotted to soldiers or sold by the state, nor compounded upon by settlers, shall be, and they are hereby liable to be taken, by any person or persons, as all other vacant lands are in said county of Allegany, & that all such lots which have been heretofore taken up by any person or persons under

Lots west of Cumberland.