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Commissioners to have the land surveyed and divided.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall cause the lands mentioned in their commission, to be surveyed and laid out by the surveyor of the county or such other surveyor as they may appoint, and shall proceed to divide the said lands into so many parts as there were original holders thereof in seventeen hundred and ninety six, and shall allot to the said original holders thereof by metes and bounds their respective shares thereof agreeably to their several just and legal proportions.

Make return to the court. Expence to be apportioned.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners or a majority of them, after having made partition and allotment in manner aforesaid, shall return their proceedings to the county court, which shall be ratified or rejected by the said court as justice may dictate, and if ratified by the said court, the proceedings shall be recorded, and the partition shall have the same force and effect as a writ of partition and final judgment thereon; and the several persons to whom the allotments shall be so made, and those claiming under them, shall be deemed and considered as tenants in severalty of their respective allotments forever thereafter; and the costs and expences of executing the commission aforesaid, shall be ascertained and apportioned by the county court among the several persons entitled, who shall unite in said petition.

Subpartition and allotment

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case there are more persons than one interested in any such allotment so made, it shall and may be lawful for the county court to issue a commission to five discreet and sensible persons to make division of such allotment among the parties entitled, and the same proceedings shall be had, in subdividing the said allotment as is prescribed for the original division by the provisions of this act, and such subdivisions when made and ratified, shall have the same force and effect.

Vacancies to be filled.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case any vacancy shall occur in any of the commissioners aforesaid, by death, resignation or otherwise, the said court shall be and are hereby authorised to supply such vacancy or vacancies by the appointment of another person or persons.

CHAPTER 147.

Passed Jan. 31, 1814.

An act authorising Robert Welch, (of Ben.) collector of Anne-Arundel county, to complete his collections.

Authorised to collect.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Robert Welch, (of Ben.) be, and he is hereby authorised to collect, until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifteen, all balances due him as collector of Anne-Arundel county for the years eighteen hundred and ten, eighteen hundred and eleven, and eighteen hundred and twelve, in the same