

54 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume); and

WHEREAS, This reference was in error as there was no Section 46A; and

WHEREAS, The intent was to repeal Section 45A of said Article 54, it now being advisable to correct the error; now therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 45A of Article 54 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Hall of Records," subtitle "Land Patents," be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Sections 13(a), 14(a), 16(b), 17(b), 19(b), 20(a), 24, and 25 of said Article 54 (1967 Supplement), title "Hall of Records," subtitle "Land Patents," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

13.

(a) As used herein the following words shall have the following meanings, unless the context requires a different meaning:

(i) "Affidavit" means an oath or affirmation sworn or made before an officer or other person authorized to administer an oath or take an affirmation that the matters and facts set forth in the document to which it pertains are true and complete to the best of the affiant's knowledge, information and belief.

(ii) "Commissioner" means the [Archivist appointed by the Hall of Records Commission.] *Commissioner of Land Patents designated in Section 14.*

(iii) "County" means and includes each of the twenty-three counties of Maryland and the City of Baltimore.

(iv) "Land" means any contiguous area, whether cultivated or uncultivated, within the territorial limits of the State of Maryland, except that "land" does not include any area covered by navigable water unless such was included in a patent issued prior to March 3, 1862. "Vacant land" means land for which no patent has issued and which no person, other than one who hereafter applies for a patent and those through whom he derives title, has held in possession for twenty years prior to the filing of a proceeding under this subtitle.

(v) "Patent" means any valid grant by the State of Maryland of its interest in and to any vacant, *resurveyed*, escheat or confiscated land under any prior law; any grant confirmed by Article 5 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of Maryland; and any patent hereafter issued in accordance with this subtitle.

(vi) "Person" means any natural person, partnership, joint stock company, unincorporated association or society, or municipal or other corporation of any character whatsoever.

(vii) "Resurvey," whether used as a noun or as a verb in any form or tense, means and refers to the act of surveying any land