

warrants or surveys heretofore granted or made, agreeable to the former rules of the land office, and as to all warrants and surveys hereafter to be issued or executed, according to such rules and orders as shall be established by the governor and council.—*ibid.* § 6.

4. A preference shall be given to those who have before the 1 day of Dec. 1781, made, or may, after the 1 day of Feb. 1782, make the first application for warrants; provided, on application heretofore made, warrants shall be obtained on or before the 1 day of July next; and no warrant of escheat shall be good, unless where the owner hath, or shall die intestate, seized in fee simple, and without having any relation of the half-blood within two degrees (that is first cousins) as the same are reckoned by the common law, and without leaving any relation who might inherit, if a subject of this or any of the United States; but the public do engage to warrant and defend to the respective purchasers their title in fee simple to any lands escheated, on payment of a like sum of current money as was paid on the first purchase by escheat, in case where two-thirds of the real value only is paid at the time of purchase, or without any additional sum being paid, in case the full real value of the land is paid in current money at the time of escheating the same, if it should afterwards appear that there is any person who might claim as heir to such land, or under any testamentary disposition, if such person was a subject of this or any of the United States.—*ibid.* § 8.

5. Where any application has been made to effect and secure any vacant land included in any certificate, where the caution money was not paid within the time limited, and the time expired on or before the 1st of May 1775, such application shall be regarded, and warrants shall issue to the party applying, provided he shall require a warrant on or before the 1st day of July next.—*ibid.* § 10.

6. Grants shall issue, on all certificates on which the caution money has been paid, on the application of the owners of such certificates, unless grants have heretofore regularly issued for the same lands to other persons, or unless the chancellor, on hearing shall otherwise direct.—*ibid.* § 11.

7. No grant shall issue, unless to the person holding under the grant originally including the land as aforesaid upon any warrant hereafter to be taken out, or already taken out, upon which patent hath not issued, to effect any land, which the chancellor, on *caveat*, may adjudge to have been included by the courses of such original grant, and since excluded by the variation of the compass; and the chancellor may, on such adjudication, or on the certificate of the party claiming under such original grant, order a patent to issue for confirming to the person claiming under such grant the lands which shall be determined to have been originally included by the courses therein expressed; and the person to whom patent of confirmation shall be ordered to issue, shall not be