

March, 1777, may be renewed at any time within 6 months from the 1 day of July next.—*ibid.* § 10.

12. All persons, having surveys made before the 1st day of March 1777, or having surveys since made by virtue of warrants granted before that time, may compound thereon, on or before the 1st day of July next, after which day warrants may issue to affect the land not paid for before that day, to the person who shall first apply for the same.—*Nov.* 1782, c. 5, § 1.

13. But no warrant shall issue to effect any survey not compounded on within the time aforesaid limited, if the certificate has been lost or mislaid, or erroneous, or where the owner is an infant, or *caveat* remains in force against issuing grant, or default in payment has not been owing to the neglect of the owner, without the express licence of the chancellor. And if any owner shall neglect to compound on such certificates; he may, at any time before application for a warrant to affect such land, obtain a grant, on paying for surplus or vacant land 7s. 6d. per acre, or for escheat lands two thirds of the actual value, and for improvements (if any) the full worth thereof.—*ibid.* § 2.

14. The purchaser of any land lying within any manor or reserve, and sold by the intendant or commissioners of confiscated property, shall, upon return of a certificate of survey thereof to the land office for the western shore, and the same being examined and passed, and after the expiration of 6 months from the said return, and upon payment of the purchase money to be endorsed on the said certificate, be entitled to a patent for such land, in fee simple, unless the chancellor, upon hearing on any caveat to the same, shall otherwise determine; and such certificate and patent shall be recorded among the records of the land office.—1785, c. 66, § 1.

15. Any certificates and plats of survey which shall or may be returned to the register of the land office for the western shore, before the 1 day of Jan. 1787, by any person who has been appointed by the intendant to survey any of the aforesaid lands, shall be received by the examiner-general, and be of the same validity as if they had been executed and returned by the surveyor of the county.—*ibid.* § 2.—The time further extended to the 15th April, by 1786, c. 54, and to the 25, Dec. by April 1787, c. 27.

16. Any person may enter a caveat to any certificate aforesaid within 6 months from the time the same is returned, and the chancellor shall hear and determine the same in the same manner as in other caveats entered upon certificates returned to the land office.—*ibid.* § 4.

17. All reserves made of any land in this state for which no patent ever issued, (except only the reserve to the westward of Fort Cumberland and