

C H A P. XL.  
Chancellor to hear claims, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the chancellor shall be authorized to hear all claims made by virtue of this act upon petition to him as judge of the land-office, and upon such certificates of survey as have been returned under the sales of the intendant; which petitions and orders of the chancellor, and all the proceedings thereon, shall be recorded in the land-office.

Surveys to be made, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the said lands have not been surveyed, or certificates returned, that the surveyor or surveyors heretofore appointed are authorized and required to make such surveys, and return certificates thereof, upon which the same proceedings shall be had as aforesaid.

By 1789, ch. 14, all persons similarly circumstanced are to have the same relief as is given to purchasers by this act, and the time is extended as to those in this act till the 20th of March, and to those mentioned in the supplement till the 20th of June, 1790.

Passed 23d of Dec. 1788.

C H A P. XLI.  
An ACT to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 66.

C H A P. XLII.  
An ACT to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as prevent a citizen from taking a seat in the legislature, or being an elector of the senate, without taking an oath to the support of this government. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 67.

This act was intended to alter the constitution, and (after being published,) was confirmed by the act of 1789, ch. 1, but the provisions it contained were not sufficient to effect the alteration.

C H A P. XLIII.  
An ACT to enable the inhabitants of Saint-Paul's parish, in Queen-Anne's county, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 68.

C H A P. XLIV.  
An ACT to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 69.

Preamble.

• Chapter 8.

† Chapter 25.

WHEREAS by an act, entitled, An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army, and furnishing them with cloathing and other necessaries, passed at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Friday the thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven; \* and by sundry subsequent acts; it was provided, that a bounty of fifty acres of land should be granted to each able bodied recruit who should enlist and faithfully serve for three years in the American army; and by the said first recited act it was provided, that the said bounty should be paid to each recruit, or his legal representative, at the expiration of three years from the time of enlistment, in such manner as the general assembly should thereafter direct; and by the said act, and other subsequent acts, it was provided, that a bounty of one hundred acres of land, to be procured and laid out in such manner and place within this state as the legislature thereof should thereafter direct, should be given to every such recruiting officer, or his legal representative, who should enlist twenty able bodied effective recruits within the times in the said acts respectively specified, and also a bounty of fifty acres of land, to be procured as aforesaid, to every recruiting officer who should enlist and deliver twenty able bodied effective recruits according to the terms of the said acts: And whereas by an act, entitled, An act to appropriate certain lands to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands, passed at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the fifth of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, † all the lands within this state in Washington county, westward of Fort Cumberland, except as in the said act is excepted, were appropriated to discharge the engagement of lands heretofore made to the officers and soldiers of this state, and the residue to the use of the public, as the general assembly should thereafter direct: And whereas, in pursuance of a resolve of the general assembly, at April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, authorising the governor and council to appoint and employ some skilful person to lay out the manors, and such parts of the reserves and vacant lands belonging to this state, lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, as he might think fit and capable of being settled and improved, in lots of fifty acres each, Francis Deakins was appointed and employed by the governor and council for that purpose, and has finished the said survey, and has returned a general plot of the county westward of Fort Cumberland, on which four thousand one hundred and sixty-five lots of fifty acres each are laid off, besides sundry tracts which have been patented, distinguishing

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