

written in words at length, drawn by or for such officer or soldier by the said Commissioner or commissioners, and thereupon such officer or soldier, or their representative or representatives, shall have an estate in fee-simple in the lot or lots respectively drawn, without any patent, deed or grant, to be issued for that purpose.

C H A P. XLIV.

XXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on payment of the valuation to be made in pursuance of the directions of this act, by any of the settlers who shall be adjudged by the commissioner or commissioners aforesaid to be entitled to the pre-emption, a patent shall issue for the land, according to the determination of the said commissioner or commissioners, to the settler, or his representative or representatives, by the register of the land-office, he or they paying the usual fees of office.

On payment, &c. a patent shall issue, &c.

XXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any purchaser of any of the said lots to be sold in pursuance of this act, on payment of the purchase money, shall be entitled to a patent from the register of the land-office, on paying the usual fees of office.

Purchaser entitled to patent, &c.

XXIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioner or commissioners shall be entitled to receive ten shillings current money per day for every day he shall be actually employed in making the distributions aforesaid, deciding disputes concerning pre-emption, and selling the lands as aforesaid.

Allowance to commissioners.

XXIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioner or commissioners, before he or they act as such, shall take an oath well and faithfully to discharge the duties required and enjoined by this act, according to the best of his skill and judgment.

Who shall take an oath.

XXV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioner or commissioners shall make a record of all valuations by them made, and of all the lots distributed among the officers and soldiers aforesaid, and of all lots sold by them, in virtue of this act, and return the same to the register of the land-office, to be by him safely kept.

And make a record, &c.

C H A P. XLV.

A Supplement to an act, (a) entitled, An act authorising the appointment of trustees to sell and convey a tract of land called Hall's Lot, lying and being in Charles county, for the purposes therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 76. A Private Act.

Passed 23d of Dec. 1788.

(a) November, 1787, ch. 10.

C H A P. XLVI.

An ACT to cede to congress a district of ten miles square in this state for the seat of the government of the United States. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 77.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the representatives of this state in the house of representatives of the congress of the United States, appointed to assemble at New-York on the first Wednesday of March next, be and they are hereby authorized and required, on the behalf of this state, to cede to the congress of the United States any district in this state, not exceeding ten miles square, which the congress may fix upon and accept for the seat of government of the United States.

Representatives may cede any district, &c.

C H A P. XLVII.

An ACT to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 77.

The acts of 1774, ch. 28, May, 1788, ch. 10, November, 1779, ch. 25, and October, 1780, ch. 23, continued till the end of the next session.

This act was to continue until the end of the next session of the general assembly to be held in November, 1789. Continued to 30th October, 1790, &c. by 1789, ch. 57. Expired.

C H A P. XLVIII.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 78.

WHEREAS it appears by the journal of accounts and list of debts of this session, that there is now due from this state the sum of six thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine pounds eleven shillings and three-pence;

Preamble.