

the land-office of the said shore after the first day of March next, shall be returned, by the respective surveyors making the same, to the register of the land-office for the said shore, to be by him delivered to an examiner, (a) to be appointed as herein after mentioned, for the said shore; and if any certificate shall be found defective or imperfect, the said examiner shall forthwith return the same to the said register, to be by him transmitted to the surveyor who made the same, for correction, but if the same shall pass the examination of the said examiner, the said examiner shall deliver it to the register of the land-office for the said eastern shore, to be by him recorded in a proper and sufficient book, to be kept by him for the purpose of recording all such certificates, which it shall be his duty to do immediately after patent shall issue thereon, and not before; and the register of the said land-office, (after the payment of the purchase or caution money which may be due upon any certificate to the treasurer of the said shore,) shall make out a grant or patent, and shall present the same to the judge of the land office for the eastern shore, to be appointed as herein after directed, for his approbation, and the same being approved by him, and so certified, shall be transmitted by the said register, at his own proper expence, to the chancellor for his attestation, and being attested by him, and signed by the governor for the time being, the seal of the state shall be thereupon annexed, the cost and expence of which seal shall be paid by the register of the land-office on the eastern shore, in the same manner as is now or may hereafter be directed by law, which sum, so paid by the said register, together with the sheriff's commission for collection, may be collected from the owner of the patent by the said register, in the same manner as officers fees are by law directed to be collected; and every grant or patent so obtained shall, immediately thereafter, be recorded in the land-office for the eastern shore, in a proper and sufficient book, to be kept for the purpose of recording all such grants or patents.

(a) By ch. 88, no original certificate of survey or resurvey is to be received in the land-office unless passed by the examiner-general.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on or before the said first day of March next, the governor, with the advice of the council, shall be authorised to appoint and commission one fit and proper person, who shall reside at Easton, in Talbot county, to be the examiner for the eastern shore, who shall examine, and either pass or reject, any certificate delivered to him agreeably to the present or future rules and directions established or to be established for the government of the land-office of each respective shore, and according to such of them as the case may require, and in case of refusal, death, disqualification or resignation, of any person so appointed as aforesaid examiner of the eastern shore, the governor, with the advice and consent of the council for the time being, shall appoint and commission one fit and proper person to supply his place; and every person appointed shall, before he acts in his office, take the oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to the government, and an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to execute his office diligently and faithfully, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice.

Governor to appoint an examiner, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the value in current money of all escheat lands, and improvements thereon, and the real value in current money of all improvements on cultivated lands, on the eastern shore, shall be returned and certified by the surveyor, upon oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, at the time of returning his certificate of survey, and the treasurer of the eastern shore shall, in all such cases, finally ascertain the value of such lands and improvements, and shall receive the money therefor from the party.

Value to be returned, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, be hereby authorised to appoint and commission, on or before the first day of March next, a person of integrity and knowledge in the law, to be judge of the land-office for the eastern shore, who shall reside at Easton on the said shore, and whose duty it shall be to hear and determine all disputes that shall happen or arise concerning the grant of lands, or the validity of surveys made and executed under warrants that shall be issued out of the said office after the said first day of March next, in like manner, and according to such rules or orders, as are or shall be established for the government and direction of the chancellor in the determination of like cases, and who shall thereafter have all the powers and authorities, with respect to land affairs on the eastern shore, that are now vested in the chancellor of this state as judge of the land-office thereof; and in case of death, refusal, resignation or disqualification, of any person appointed judge as aforesaid, the governor and council may appoint another in his place; and any person appointed shall, before he acts in his office, take the oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to the government, and an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to execute his office diligently and faithfully, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice.

Judge to be appointed, &c.

By ch. 70, the salary of the judge is to be £, 150 0 0 per annum.

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