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The owners of certificates already made or returned to pay 1/8 per acre, if paid within the times therein mentioned, otherwise 7/5. *Ibid.* April, 1782, ch. 38, § 1; November, 1782, ch. 5.

The treasurer, for improvements on cultivated lands, to receive their actual value, and for escheat lands two thirds thereof. November, 1781, ch. 20, § 4.

On a deficiency in a grant appearing by certificates of survey, or on vacating a grant, &c. (the caution money being paid,) common or special warrants may issue for such deficiency. *Ibid.*

Common or special warrants then issued might be renewed within six months from the act, and executed within one year from the renewal. *Ibid.*

The treasurer of the western shore to have the care of the debt books, &c. relative to the revenue of the late proprietors. *Ibid.*

His bond liable for the faithful discharge of his office and compliance with the directions of this act. *Ibid.*

The equitable title of persons to surveys made with the consent of the late proprietary within the reserves to obtain leases thereon saved, and only the reversion of the state liable to sale. *Ibid.* § 5.

Time for compounding on vacant lands thereafter to be surveyed. *Ibid.* § 6, 1795, ch. 88, § 7.

On surveys then made. November, 1781, ch. 20, § 6; April, 1782, ch. 38, § 1, November, 1782, ch. 5.

On escheat warrants. November, 1781, ch. 20, § 6.

After those times respectively, warrants to issue to any other person applying. *Ibid.*

The governor and council empowered to make and establish rules and orders for the direction of the treasurers in issuing their titlings or orders, and for the conduct of the examiner-general, and the registers and surveyors, which shall be observed by the said officers. *Ibid.*

Directed to have transmitted to the register and examiner for the eastern shore, certified copies of such rules, &c. to be recorded by the said officers, and subject to inspection. 1795, ch. 61, § 8.

Disputes concerning the validity of surveys or the grant of lands to be heard and determined by the chancellor; as to warrants, &c. before granted, agreeable to the former rules of the land-office, and as to those to be issued thereafter, according to such rules and orders as should be established by the governor and council. November, 1781, ch. 20, § 6.

The governor and council to appoint a judge of the land-office for the eastern shore, to hear and determine such disputes in the same manner as the chancellor on the western shore. 1795, ch. 61, § 5.

An appeal given from his determination to the chancellor as judge of the land-office, and the proceedings thereon directed. *Ibid.* § 6.

The governor and council to appoint an examiner-general, (who shall reside at Annapolis,) to examine, and pass or reject, any certificate delivered to him agreeable to the former or future rules and directions. November, 1781, ch. 20, § 7.

Oath to be taken by the examiner. *Ibid.*

The governor and council to appoint an examiner for the eastern shore. 1795, ch. 61, § 3.

Certificates to be examined by him, &c. *Ibid.* § 2.

Fees allowed to the examiners. November, 1779, ch. 25, § 5, 1797, ch. 53, ch. 107, 1798, ch. 114, 1799, ch. 55.

Oaths to be taken by the examiner on the eastern shore. 1795, ch. 61, § 3.

A preference to be given to those who had, before the first of December, 1781, made, or might, after the first of February,

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1782, make the first application for warrants, (in proper hours for the transaction of business.) November, 1781, ch. 20, § 8.

Provided, that on application before made, warrants should be obtained on or before the first day of July then next. *Ibid.*

What escheat warrants shall be good. *Ibid.*

Manner of warranting and defending the title of purchasers of such land by the state. *Ibid.*

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The value in current money of all escheat lands, and improvements thereon, and the real value in current money of all improvements on cultivated land, shall be returned and certified by the surveyor, on oath, at the time of returning his certificate. *Ibid.* § 9.

The treasurer of the western shore shall finally ascertain the value of such land and improvements, and receive the money therefor. *Ibid.*

The treasurer of the eastern shore shall finally ascertain the value of such lands and improvements on his shore, and receive the money therefor. 1795, ch. 61, § 4.

Directions respecting applications for warrants on certificates where the caution money had not been paid to the agent of the late proprietary. November, 1781, ch. 20, § 10.

Grants directed to issue on all certificates on which the caution money had been paid, on the application of the owners, unless grants had issued for the same to other persons, or unless the chancellor, on hearing, should otherwise direct. *Ibid.* § 11.

No grant shall issue to affect any land which the chancellor on caveat may adjudge to have been included by the courses of an original grant, and since excluded by the variation of the compass, unless to the person holding under the grant originally including such land. *Ibid.* § 12.

The chancellor may, on such adjudication, or on the certificate of the party claiming under an original grant, order a patent to issue for confirming to him the lands which shall be determined to have been originally included in the courses therein expressed. *Ibid.*

Provision made for controverting, by a jury trial, the opinion of the chancellor, if against the original patentee. *Ibid.* § 13.

On such patent of confirmation no money shall be paid for the land or improvements. *Ibid.* § 12.

Certificates on warrants before the first of March, 1777, directed to lie in the office three months after the first of July then next, and certificates on warrants under the act of November, 1781, ch. 20, or thereafter to be granted, to lie in the office six months after being compounded on, after which times respectively grants to issue without notice as had been required. April, 1782, ch. 38, § 2.

The surveyor may insert in a certificate any boundary, artificial or natural, as being at the end of the distance expressed, provided he shall actually measure such distance. November, 1781, ch. 20, § 14.

If the length of the line shall not reach the boundary, and the line shall not have been actually run, such survey shall, on caveat, be adjudged void, so far as that the land which is excluded by running from the end of the course and distance to the end of the next course and distance, or to the next boundary, if any, shall be liable to be affected as vacancy. *Ibid.*

Every surveyor, before he enters on the execution of his office, shall swear or affirm, that he will not mention any boundary in his certificate of survey unless he shall actually run and measure the distance to such boundary, and that the boundary or boundaries by him returned shall be at the end of the line as expressed, and that the certificate does not contain more land than certified by him, to the best of his knowledge and belief. *Ibid.*

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