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The register for the western shore to transmit annually, on or before the first of October, to the commissioners of the tax of the several counties, a list of all grants, the name of the grantees and land, and the quantity of acres, and the date of the certificate and grant. *Ibid.* § 15.

No grant to issue on certificates returned of land adjoining to land formerly belonging to the Principio company, but the same to be reserved to the state. *Ibid.* § 16.

Persons having surveys made before the first of March, 1777, or made since by virtue of warrants granted before that time, empowered to compound thereon on or before the first of November then next, after which warrants might issue to affect the said land. April, 1782, ch. 38, § 1.

But no warrant to issue to affect surveys not compounded for in time, if the certificate had been lost or mislaid, or erroneous, or where the owner was an infant, or caveat remained in force, or default in payment had not been owing to the neglect of the owner, without the express licence of the chancellor. *Ibid.*

Owners neglecting to compound, empowered, (before application for a warrant,) to obtain grants, on making payment as therein mentioned. *Ibid.*

Similar provisions, extending the time to the first of July then next. November, 1782, ch. 5.

Chain-carriers to be sworn or affirmed, and the surveyor or sheriff empowered to administer the oath, &c. April, 1782, ch. 38, § 3.

No surveyor to execute any warrant unless the chain-carrier is so qualified. *Ibid.*

The surveyors directed to observe the conduct of the chain-carriers. *Ibid.*

Certificates in the hands of the late examiner-general directed to be delivered, on or before the first of July then next, to the register on the western shore. *Ibid.* § 4.

The register directed to receive the fees due on them, and to pay them to the said examiner. *Ibid.*

Erroneous certificates to be delivered to the owner, on their paying the fees for the use of the said examiner. *Ibid.*

Such fees to be recovered by the owners from the surveyors or their executors. *Ibid.*

No grants to issue on certificates then in the office which included land lying in any of the reserves made by the late proprietaries, but the said certificates to be corrected so as to exclude such land. *Ibid.* § 5.

Directions to be given by the governor and council to the surveyors not to run into such reserves, or other lands reserved for the state, and provision made for the return of caution money paid for such land. *Ibid.* § 6, 7.

Certificates then lying in the office caveated to remain six months after the first day of July then next, after which patent to issue on certain conditions therein mentioned. *Ibid.* § 8.

The register directed to make out a list of such certificates, expressing the names, land, &c. and to transmit such list to the several counties for publication. *Ibid.*

Where special or common warrants are not executed, new warrants may be granted in lieu thereof, or they may be applied towards the composition on any certificate. *Ibid.* § 9.

But nothing herein to compel the owner or possessor to pay for surplus land, or to weaken his title, or to give any other person under the grant before issued a right to take up any such surplus. *Ibid.*

All special or common warrants granted before the first of March, 1777, capable of being renewed at any time within six months from the first of July then next. *Ibid.* § 10.

Subpœnas may issue from the chancery or general court to summon parties to appear before the chancellor to maintain or answer any caveat. *Ibid.* § 11.

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Mode of compelling the attendance of witnesses thereon. *Ibid.*

Their allowance, and the mode of payment prescribed. *Ibid.*

The chancellor empowered, (as in the court of chancery,) at his discretion, to award costs to the party prevailing on the decision of any caveat. 1797, ch. 114, § 8.

The chancellor may by rule direct depositions to be taken as evidence on the hearing of any caveat, on reasonable notice being given. April, 1782, ch. 38, § 11.

Such depositions to be directed by the judge of the land-office on the eastern shore, and the like power given to summon the parties and witnesses. 1795, ch. 61, § 12.

A patent directed to issue on the certificate therein mentioned. 1784, ch. 13, November, 1787, ch. 32.

A grant may issue after the first of July (then) next, to any citizen of this or the United States, for any land within the state westward of Fort Cumberland, regularly surveyed by virtue of a common or special warrant obtained between the 22d of March and the 6th of October, 1774, for which the common consideration of 1/8 sterling per acre was paid, and which certificates were, at the passage of the act of November, 1781, ch. 20, *bonâ fide* the property of such citizen. 1784, ch. 75, § 2.

Grants so to be obtained, or before obtained, to be void, where the certificates were not the property of a citizen. *Ibid.* § 4.

Mode of ascertaining such property. *Ibid.*

Grants issued, or to be issued, for any lands within any manor to the westward of Fort Cumberland, to be void. *Ibid.* § 3.

Grants of land to the westward of Fort Cumberland, in which vacancy is included, made in virtue of warrants granted on or before the sixth of October, 1774, shall be void. *Ibid.* § 6.

Grants to be made of certain lands purchased from the commissioners of the late proprietary in the manner therein mentioned. *Ibid.* § 5.

Directions respecting grants where the quantity expressed in the warrant has been exceeded not above one fourth. *Ibid.* § 7, 1785, ch. 67, § 2.

Persons holding lands within the limits of this state, which were considered as lying in Pennsylvania, entitled to receive patents from the land-office of this state, on producing their Pennsylvania patents, or authenticated copies, without paying any purchase or caution money, or any charge or demand, except the common fees. 1785, ch. 66, § 7.

Manner of obtaining patents on the return of a certificate of survey of land within any manor or reserve, sold by the intendant or commissioners of confiscated property. *Ibid.* § 1.

Such certificates and patents to be recorded among the records of the land-office. *Ibid.*

Certificates and plots of survey by persons appointed to survey the said lands, returned to the register before the first of January, 1787, directed to be recorded, &c. as if executed and returned by the surveyor of the county. *Ibid.* § 2.

The time further extended to the 15th of April, 1787. 1786, ch. 54.

Further extended to the 25th of December, 1787. April, 1787, ch. 27.

Certificates and plots by surveyors under the intendant or the governor and council, returned before the first day of December then next, were to be received, &c. as if executed and returned agreeably to the times in acts before providing in such cases. November, 1788, ch. 37, § 5.

Certificates and plots returned on or before the first day of December then next, to be received, &c. as if returned agreeably to the time mentioned in the act of April, 1787, ch. 27. 1794, ch. 55.