

## REGISTERS OF THE LAND-OFFICE.

There shall be two registers of the land-office, one upon the western and one upon the eastern shore. Const. 51.

Short extracts of the grants, &c. to be deposited in their offices. *Ibid.*

The governor and council to appoint the registers of the land-office. *Ibid.* 48.

The registers of the land-office to hold their commissions during good behaviour, removeable only for misbehaviour on conviction in a court of law. *Ibid.* 40.

The registers to take the oaths therein mentioned, &c. *Ibid.* 52, 55, February, 1777, ch. 5.

See REGISTER of the CHANCERY COURT.

Punishment for their receiving the profits of any other office, &c. as therein mentioned. Const. 53.

Form of their commission. February, 1777, ch. 5.

Their fees established. November, 1779, ch. 25, § 2, 1795, ch. 61, § 9.

Former warrants to be delivered up to them. February, 1777, ch. 15, § 8.

The registers to have possession of the extracts of the grants and certificates of lands to be made agreeable to the directions of the form of government. November, 1781, ch. 20, § 3.

To grant warrants for resurveying, &c. *Ibid.*

To make out grants, to be signed by the chancellor when approved by him, or by the judge on the eastern shore. *Ibid.* 1795, ch. 61.

The governor and council empowered to make rules and regulations for the conduct of the registers. November, 1781, ch. 20, § 6, 1795, ch. 61, § 8.

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. November, 1781, ch. 20, § 15.

A similar provision on the eastern shore. 1795, ch. 61, § 7.

The registers on both shores directed to make out for the commissioners of the tax a list of all grants between the 15th of March, 1797, and the 15th of March, 1798, expressing the names, &c. and also a list of all certificates ready for patent since the 15th of March, 1797. 1797, ch. 89, § 36.

The registers on both shores to make out annually, between the first of January and first of March, for the commissioners of the tax, a list of all certificates which have become ready for patent, expressing the name of the land, the quantity it contains, and the person who is entitled to patent, and in case of resurvey, shall express the names of the original tracts, and quantity of vacancy added. *Ibid.* § 37.

Directions for forwarding the said lists. *Ibid.* § 39.

Compensation to be made therefor. *Ibid.* § 40.

Provision for the delivery to the register of the western shore of certificates in the hands of the late examiner-general. April, 1782, ch. 38, § 4.

For notice to be given by the said register of certificates laying in the office caveat. *Ibid.* § 8.

A record of the valuation, &c. of the lots to the westward of Fort Cumberland distributed and sold, to be returned to the register, and kept by him. November, 1788, ch. 44, § 25.

Warrants to issue on the eastern shore for any deficiency, but not upon a grant or certificate to be issued or made before the first of March then next, until a certificate shall be obtained from the register of the western shore, that no warrant has been before issued for such deficiency, or any part thereof, nor the party under whom his claims in any manner satisfied for the same, as far as appears by the records of his said office. 1795, ch. 61, § 11.

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The register on the western shore directed to correct the returns of the commissioners of the lands in Allegany county, westward of Fort Cumberland, in the particulars therein mentioned. 1797, ch. 31, § 2.

To correct the returns of a particular lot on the conditions therein mentioned. *Ibid.* § 3.

A copy of any of the books, papers, entries and proceedings, in possession of the register of the land-office, not being matter of record, attested by him, and sworn to be a true copy, shall be received in evidence in any court, &c. as if the original books, &c. were produced. 1798, ch. 108.

## REGISTERS OF WILLS.

A register of wills to be appointed for each county, who shall be commissioned by the governor on the joint recommendation of the senate and house of delegates. Const. 41.

On a vacancy by death, &c. in the recess of the general assembly, the governor and council may appoint and commission a person to such vacant office, to hold the same until the meeting of the general assembly. *Ibid.*

The registers of wills shall hold their commissions during good behaviour, removeable only for misbehaviour on conviction in a court of law. *Ibid.* 40.

The registers to take the oaths therein mentioned. *Ibid.* 52, 55, February, 1777, ch. 5.

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The register of the commissary's court obliged to deliver to defendants, if required, full copies of all the costs of suit recovered against them, under the penalty of 2000 lbs. of tobacco. 1731, ch. 15, § 3.

Fees to the registers of wills. 1797, ch. 76.

All estates not exceeding £. 30 shall be deemed pauper estates, and the register shall be allowed 30% for settling the same, and no more. November, 1779, ch. 25, § 6.

No register of wills shall demand, take or receive, any fee, gratuity, gift or reward, for giving his advice in any matter or thing relative to his office, under the penalty of £. 50. *Ibid.* § 7.

No register of wills shall exact, extort, demand, take, accept or receive, any fee, gratuity, gift or reward, for giving his advice in any matter or thing that will be transacted in the courts of the county where he acts as register, under the penalty of £. 30. 1786, ch. 10.

No register of wills shall plead as an attorney at law in any court of the county where he is register. *Ibid.*

Authority given to the registers of wills to pass accounts to the amount therein mentioned. 1791, ch. 76, § 5.

The registers of wills to receive and record indentures of apprenticeship. 1793, ch. 45, § 4, 5, 6, 1794, ch. 47.

Their allowance therefor. *Ibid.*

The registers of certain counties directed to hold their offices at the court-house, or within a quarter of a mile. 1794, ch. 25.

Where any orphans court shall not meet at the time prescribed by law, or to which they may stand adjourned, the register is empowered and required to adjourn the court from day to day till a meeting of the judges can be had. 1795, ch. 55.

Power given to the register of Calvert county respecting the records, &c. 1797, ch. 81.

See CALVERT COUNTY.

Directions respecting the records, &c. in the office of the register of Queen-Anne's county. 1797, ch. 88.

In what cases the registers of wills may take the probats of wills of personal property, and grant letters testamentary. 1798, No. 101, ch. 2, § 6, ch. 3, § 1, 2.