

examined, so as to obtain the quantity, to whom and when patented, and the book or page where it is recorded, to perform this, I do think one hundred and twenty five Dollars for each County, would be a very moderate compensation, clear of the expense of the books necessary for the purpose, the prices of which I cannot form any correct opinion, but have no doubt that Mr George Shaw will furnish them on the most reasonable terms.

I have made this statement, I can assure the Executive, with deliberation and candour and with a desire to perform the duty, upon the lowest terms which its nature will admit, and my situation justify. I can also assure them that the fee, which the before recited Act allows, for the same service hereafter, would if charged accordingly for the work now to be contracted for, amount to four times that sum.

It will occupy much time, and be performed with much labour, for many years. I have seen the want, necessity and importance of it, particularly to land holders and those whose possession often compel to trace titles, so as to enable them to form and give correct opinions. I have maturely reflected on the mode best suited to this purpose, I have at my own private expence commenced the plan, which my experience of more than twenty years in this office, selected as the best. I have submitted it to the wisdom of the Legislature, they have adopted it, by the law before you. They have required you to contract for its completion, upon that plan, and I with confidence, cheerfully submit to your honourable body my proposition, and pray your early attention.

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I have the honour to be with much respect your Obed Servt.

John Brewer

P.S

In this estimate I have claimed nothing for the plan but merely for its execution.

Ordered that the Executive will contract with the Register of the Land office, the Western Shore to furnish an Alphabet of the several certificates and Vouchers in his office for the sum of two thousand Dollars leaving any further...