

many laws have been enacted on the subject from which a system of practice has been deduced by the officers in that department, which has never been collected into any order, and cannot easily be detailed by those most conversant in the business, as we have found on requesting information.

We addressed a letter to the Judge of the Land Office on the Eastern Shore to this effect covering the instructions to surveyors and stating more fully than we have now done, our reasons for not proceeding further. We have however since that time on the suggestion of the Register of the Land Office for the Western Shore, made and forwarded an additional order to the Surveyor of each County, and to the Land Offices on both Shores in explanation of a part of the act relative to the proceedings in the Court of Chancery and in the Land Office, respecting which some doubts had arisen.

Our attention was called very soon after the rising of the last Assembly to the act appointing the Agent for the State, more particularly to that part of it which respected the purchase of Stock, and although Mr. Latimer who was named in the act had till the first day of February in the present year to make his Election of acceptance or resignation we thought it advisable to accelerate as far as we could, the attainment of the objects of the Law, and we therefore on the fifteenth day of January wrote to that Gentleman on the subject recommending his speedy qualification. In a few days after Mr. Latimer resigned his appointment and we appointed Mr. William Marbury (who had been his Assistant) to succeed him as Agent, agreeably to the powers vested in us by the Law.

Mr. Marbury qualified on the twenty third of January by giving Bond as the act directs, and on the same day an order was drawn on the Treasurer in his favour for the sum of forty thousand Dollars, which by the approbation of the Executive