

in any of the counties on their respective shores; and such warrants shall be directed to, and executed by, the surveyor of the county where the land to be surveyed or escheated shall lie, who shall return his certificate to the register of the land-office for the western shore, to be delivered by him to the examiner-general, who, if the same shall be imperfect, shall return it to the said register, to be by him transmitted to the surveyor who made the same, for amendment; but if the same shall pass examination, the examiner shall deliver it into the land-office for the western shore, and the register thereof, after payment of the purchase or caution money (if any due) to the treasurer of the western shore, shall make out a grant, and present the same to the chancellor for his approbation; and being attested by him, and signed by the governor for the time being, the seal of the state shall be thereunto annexed.

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IV. And be it enacted, That either of the treasurers may grant orders or titlings to the register of the land-office of their respective shore, for common warrants to take up vacant uncultivated land, or for special warrants to take up cultivated or improved vacant land, on the payment of three shillings and six-pence current money per acre; and the person who returns a certificate under such warrant, shall also pay to the treasurers respectively, within one year from the time of taking out such warrant, four shillings per acre for every acre of vacancy included in such certificate, so that seven shillings and six-pence current money per acre be paid to the state, for every acre of vacant land in any manner granted under warrants hereafter to be taken out; and no patent shall be delayed or denied, on account of the second payment aforesaid not being made, but the register aforesaid shall, upon making out every patent including vacant land, endorse the sum due, or to become due thereon, and shall also deliver an account of the sum due, or to become due, on every patent, and the time when the warrant was taken out, to the treasurer of the western shore, to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose; and on failure of payment at the day on which the sum due on any patent shall be payable, the treasurer shall and may lodge with the clerk of the general court, or the clerk of any county court where such patentee resides, a particular of the sum due by such patentee; and thereupon such clerk shall issue *feri facias* against the lands and tenements, goods and chattels, of such patentee, to raise the money due on such patent; and the lands granted by such patent shall be liable, in whose-ever hands it may be, to be taken in execution, to satisfy the sum due on such patent; and the owners of certificates already made or returned, shall pay the sum of one shilling and eight-pence current money per acre; and the treasurer for the western shore, for improvements on cultivated land, shall receive their actual value in current money, and for escheat lands he shall receive two thirds of its real value in current money, and common or special warrants may issue from the land-office on the western shore for any deficiency in any grant, on such deficiency appearing on a certificate of resurvey, and also in the case of caution money paid and the grant or certificate vacated; and any common warrant, or special warrant for vacant cultivation, already issued, may be renewed within six months hereafter, and shall be executed within one year after such renewal; and the treasurer for the western shore shall have the care and possession of all the debt books and other papers relative to the revenue of the late proprietaries, and the bonds given by the said treasurers

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