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the said Charles Carroll to take possession of the said land, and also that the petitioner is heir at law to the said Edward Lloyd: And this general assembly esteeming it just and right to secure the title of the said land to the petitioner, as fully as if a certificate had been returned and patent obtained in consequence of the said contract between the said Edward Lloyd and Charles Carroll, agent aforesaid:

Certificate to
be returned,
&c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the surveyor of Talbot county shall, upon application and request of the said Edward Lloyd, return a certificate of the said land according to its ancient metes and bounds; upon which, and the said certificate being examined, the chancellor shall have full power and authority to order a patent to be issued for the same land to the said Edward Lloyd the petitioner, his heirs and assigns for ever; in which said patent the payment of the money aforesaid, and the special matter, shall be recited, and the said patent, so granted, shall have relation to the thirteenth day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and thirteen aforesaid, on which day the money was paid as aforesaid to every intent and purpose, in the same manner as if a certificate had been made out immediately after the money was paid, and a patent had thereupon been granted; and the said certificate shall be returned and patent granted, without burdening the said Edward Lloyd, the petitioner, with the payment of any purchase or composition money, or any other expence whatever, except the usual and common fees of office to the several and respective officers.

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An ACT to prevent the obstruction of the navigation of the eastern and north-west branches of the river Patowmack.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that great numbers of weirs and hedges have of late been erected in and upon the eastern and north-west branches of Patowmack river, near the town of Bladensburg, to the great injury of the navigation of the said river and of the trade of the said town: Therefore,

Weirs, &c.
may be pulled
down, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all weirs and hedges, already made or hereafter to be made, in the eastern and north-west branches of the river Patowmack, which obstruct or hinder the free navigation thereof, shall be, and are hereby deemed and declared, nuisances, and may be, by any person or persons, pulled down, prostrated, and abated, as such.

Not to be e-
rected, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That no person or persons whatsoever shall, after the first day of April next, put, place, or make, any weir or hedge, or any other erection, which may injure the navigation in the said eastern or north-west branch of the river Patowmack, under the penalty of five pounds current money for every such offence, to be recovered before any magistrate of the county of Prince-George's, one half to the informer, or him or them that will sue for or prosecute to effect for the same, the other half to the use of this state.

Penalty on
fishing, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That any person or persons, who shall fish any such weir or hedge, already erected or which shall hereafter be erected, so as to obstruct or injure the navigation in the said eastern or north-west branch of the said river Patowmack, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of three pounds current money, to be recovered and applied as herein before directed.

V. And