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L A W S O F M A R Y L A N D.

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LXVI.  
Governor and  
council to ap-  
point survey-  
ors.

III. And be it enacted, That the governor and council hereby are au-  
thorised and requested, to appoint such an additional number of surveyors  
as they may think necessary to complete the surveys of the land sold as  
aforesaid, or whose plats and certificates shall be returned to the land-of-  
fice aforesaid, and shall be received and examined by the examiner-ge-  
neral.

Caveat may be  
entered, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That any person or persons may enter a caveat  
to any certificate aforesaid within six months from the time the same is  
returned, and the chancellor shall hear and determine the same in the  
same manner as in other cases of caveats entered upon certificates returned  
to the land-office.

Purchasers, on  
payment, &c.  
entitled to a  
deed, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That where any sale hath been made by the inten-  
dant, or the commissioners of confiscated property, of land heretofore patent-  
ed, and the patent recorded in the land-office, the purchaser, upon payment  
of the purchase money, and obtaining a receipt for the same, and upon a  
certificate of the sale being lodged with the register aforesaid six months,  
unless the chancellor otherwise determines upon hearing any caveat to the  
same to be filed within the time aforesaid, shall be entitled to a deed for  
the land and premises purchased, conveying such estate therein as was  
agreed to be sold, which deed, being prepared by the party, shall be sign-  
ed, sealed and delivered, by the chancellor on behalf of the state, and be-  
ing so executed and recorded among the records of the general court, or  
of the county court where the land may lie, within six months from the  
time of such execution, shall be good and effectual in law; and any pur-  
chaser of personal property shall, upon a certificate of the purchase money  
being paid, be entitled to a deed, to be executed as aforesaid, which when  
so executed, shall be recorded among the records of the general court, or  
of the county court where the purchaser may reside, or may have made  
the purchase, within six months from the date of such deed.

Reserves  
taken off, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That all reserves made of any land in this state  
for which no patent ever issued, (except only the reserve to the westward  
of Fort Cumberland and the reserves of the city of Annapolis and Balti-  
more-town,) shall be taken off, and any land within the said reserves may  
be taken up as other vacant land, at the price of seven shillings and six-  
pence current money per acre, or at such other price as such vacant land  
hereafter may be directed by the legislature to be taken up at.

Persons hold-  
ing certain  
lands may take  
out patents,  
&c.

VII. And, whereas there are sundry citizens of this state who hold  
lands in virtue of patents granted by the late proprietaries of Pennsylvania,  
antecedent to the running and settling of the divisional line between the  
two states: And whereas it was mutually agreed by the two propieta-  
ries, that all inhabitants on either side of the boundary line who obtained  
patents for their lands in Pennsylvania or Maryland should have their ti-  
tles confirmed in which ever they happened to fall; therefore, Be it  
enacted, That any person or persons holding lands within the limits of this  
state, granted and patented by the proprietaries of Pennsylvania antecedent  
to the settlement of the said divisional line, and which were, before the  
running and settling the divisional line aforesaid, considered as lying within  
the limits of Pennsylvania, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, shall  
be at liberty to take out and receive patents from the land-office of this state;  
and the register of the land-office of the western shore is hereby empowered  
and directed, on application of any of the above described landholders,  
and upon their producing their Pennsylvania patents or authenticated co-  
pies, which shall be lodged in the land-office, to grant a patent or patents  
for the lands expressed in such original grant or grants, and the person or  
persons thus receiving patents in exchange shall not be liable to pay any  
purchase