

hands of the said commissioners, the sum of eighteen pounds eighteen shillings and nine-pence sterling, which was to be applied in discharge of such land, for which a certificate was thereafter to be returned: And whereas it also appears, that the said Benjamin did afterwards obtain a certificate, in consequence of his said contract with the commissioners aforesaid, called Benjamin's Hills and Val- lies, containing five hundred and thirty acres, of which only four hundred and twenty-three acres were reserve, and chargeable in account against him with the said commissioners, the residue being patented land, which certificate was never filed with the commissioners, and consequently the excess or surplus not charged in their books: And whereas also the said certificate hath not yet been examined and a patent issued thereon, and it is thought reasonable that relief should be granted to the said Benjamin, and that patent should be granted to him for the aforesaid last mentioned land, which he cannot obtain under the late act of the session in November, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, because no statement of his account was left with the treasurer;

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That on the said certificate being examined and passed by the examiner-general, the trea- surer of the western shore of Maryland be authorized and required to state and settle an account with the said Benjamin, and to receive the balance which may be due from the said Benjamin, or from John Merryman, trustee of the said Benjamin, and on the payment thereof that a patent shall be granted for the same to the said John Merryman in trust for the several uses and trusts con- tained in a deed executed by the said Benjamin to the said John Merryman some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and that such balance as shall be due and received by the treasurer as aforesaid, shall be applied as in the aforesaid act directed.

On certificate being examin- ed, treasurer to state an ac- count, &c.

III. *And be it also enacted,* That if the said certificate should prove erroneous, the surveyor of Baltimore county is hereby authorized and required to amend and correct the same, and return the said certificate, bearing its original date, to the register of the land-office, and the same proceedings shall and may be had on the same as if a warrant from the land-office had originally issued for the same, saving nevertheless to all other persons and bodies politic and corporate their several and respective rights.

If erroneous, to be amend- ed, &c.

C H A P. XIV.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of certain purchasers of confiscated property.

Passed De- cember 19.

**B**E it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all persons simi- larly circumstanced with certain purchasers of confiscated lands in Cæcil county, known by the name of the Nottingham Lot Lands and the Welch Tract, and described by the original act, lying formerly within the tem- porary line of Pennsylvania, and now included within the limits of the state of Maryland, shall have the same relief as is given to said purchasers by the act aforesaid.

Persons simi- larly circum- stanced to have the same relief, &c.

II. *And,* whereas it appears necessary to give a further time to the persons in- tended to be relieved by this and the original act to have their claims investi- gated by the chancellor, *Be it enacted,* That all proceedings shall be stayed against such persons as purchasers of said lands, and included in the former act, until the twentieth day of March next, and against such persons as purchasers of such property so circumstanced, and intended to be relieved by this act, until the tenth day of June next, and the same additional time is hereby given to any per- son or persons interested in the lands comprehended in this act to exhibit his or their petition to the chancellor, to obtain an investigation of their respective rights or titles, in the manner provided in the said original act, and according to the true intention thereof.

All proceed- ings stayed, &c.