

C H A P. LXXVII.

An ACT respecting land certificates.

Passed 8th of
January, 1803.

Preamble,

WHEREAS it is represented to the general assembly, that there are various instances where orders have been passed for correcting certificates, and where certificates found erroneous have not been returned within the time limited by law, and it appearing just that the proprietors of such certificates should have the same benefit of the warrant and caution money paid on such certificates as on vacated certificates; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in cases where an order has passed, or may pass, for the correction of a land certificate by the judge of the land-office, or where a certificate is found erroneous by the examiner-general, and the corrected certificate is not, or may not be returned within the time limited by law, it shall be lawful for the register of the land-office to issue a land warrant to the amount of the caution money, and the money paid for improvements, if any, in the same manner as if such certificates had been vacated.

In certain
cases, register
to issue a war-
rant, &c.

C H A P. LXXVIII.

An ACT for the relief of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton.

Passed 8th of
January, 1803.
Preamble.

WHEREAS a patent issued to Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, on the thirty-first day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, for a tract of land called Rochester, in Baltimore county, which patent was signed by the then governor, William Paca, and chancellor John Rogers, and the great seal thereto affixed, but no record of either certificate or patent was ever made, and the original certificate is lost or mislaid; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the register of the land-office for the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed to receive into said office the duplicate certificate made out by James Calder, formerly surveyor of Baltimore county, of the said tract of land called Rochester, bearing date the twentieth day of November, seventeen hundred and seventy-three, containing, according to said certificate, four thousand seven hundred six and one half acres of land; provided, that before the same be received, it shall pass the examination of the examiner-general in the same manner as an original certificate; and provided also, that in case the same shall be found erroneous, it shall be amended by the said James Calder, in the same manner as erroneous certificates are by law amended by the surveyor of the county.

Register to re-
ceive a dupli-
cate certificate,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when the said certificate shall be received by the register aforesaid, and before he shall record the patent issued on the original certificate aforesaid, bearing date the thirty-first day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and in case of a variance between said patent and the duplicate certificate, it shall be lawful for the said register to make the patent correspond with the certificate, and that the said certificate, patent and record, made out in pursuance of this act, shall have the same effect and validity as a patent issued according to the regular course of the said office; provided, that nothing herein contained shall affect, or be construed to affect, any right or title which any other person or persons may have acquired to said land, or any part thereof, prior to the passage of this act, but that all such rights shall be of the same effect, and have the same avail, as if this law had never passed, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And make the
patent cor-
respond, &c.

C H A P. LXXIX.

An ACT, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to remove the market-house at the Head of Elk, and establish the same, and for the advancement and regulation of said town.

Passed 8th of
January, 1803.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any swine, goats or geese, shall be found going at large in said town, or within the limits aforesaid, or shall break into and be found within any enclosure, not belonging to the owner of such swine, goats or geese, within one mile of said market-house, it shall and may be lawful for any person to take up and impound said swine, goats or geese, and the person impounding them shall give notice to the owner, if known, and if not known, the person so impounding shall give notice thereof, within six hours, to the clerk of the market, who shall view and examine said swine, goats or geese, and advertise the same at the market-house, and at some two public houses in the said town, describing their number, colour and marks,

Swine, &c.
may be taken
up, &c.