

Amendments to the bill, entitled, An act to appropriate certain lands to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands.

In the fifth line of the second page, after the word acre, insert, "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, and also the sum of seven shillings and six-pence per acre for every acre of vacant land included in such certificate, within two years from the date of the warrant, so that fifteen shillings 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 or third payments 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 days on which the sums 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 sums due by such patentee, and thereupon such clerk shall issue fieri facias against the lands and tenements, goods and chattels, of such patentee, to raise the sum due on such patent; and the lands granted by such patent shall be liable, in whosever hands it may be, to be taken in execution, to satisfy the sums due on such patents."

In the third page, between the words "have" and "made," in the nineteenth line, insert, "before the first day of December seventeen hundred and eighty-one;" and in the same line strike out the word "hereafter," and insert "after the first day of February seventeen hundred and eighty two."

In the third line in the fourth page, after the word "purchase, insert "by escheat."

In the fifth page, in the second line from the bottom, strike out the word "and," and insert "or;" and strike out from the word "shall" to the end of the clause, and insert "otherwise direct."

In the sixth page insert, "And, Whereas land originally included by the courses and distances expressed in the certificates of lands heretofore granted, which is now excluded by the variation of the compass, ought not to be taken from the person claiming under such survey and grant, and attempts may be made to take up such land as vacancy, contrary to justice: Be it enacted, That no grant shall issue, unless to the person holding under the grant originally including the land as aforesaid, upon any warrant hereafter to be taken out, or already taken out, upon which patent hath not issued, to affect any land, which the chancellor, on caveat, may adjudge to have been included by the courses of such original grant, and since excluded by the variation of the compass; and the chancellor shall and may, on such adjudication, or on the certificate of the party claiming under such original grant, order a patent to issue for confirming to the person claiming under such grant, the land which shall be determined to have been originally included by the courses therein expressed; and the person to whom patent of confirmation shall be ordered to issue, as aforesaid, shall not be obliged to pay any money for the land so ordered to be confirmed to him, or the value of any improvement on such land; and no patent shall issue upon any certificate of survey heretofore returned, or hereafter to be returned, unless upon proof made of notice having been given by the party applying for such patent, to the person or persons whose land may be affected by such survey, or to his or their attorney, agent, guardian, or next friend, which proof of notice shall be made by affidavit, or affirmation, of a disinterested person, before a judge of the general court, or some justice of the county where such land may lie, and shall be lodged with the register of the shore on which such land shall lie, and by him shall be certified to the chancellor."

In the sixth page and fifth line from the bottom, after the word "line," in the interlineation, insert "expressed in the certificate;" and instead of the word "distance," insert "boundary," in the same line.

After the word "grant," at the end of the bill, insert, "And be it enacted, That no land adjoining to the land lately belonging to the Principio company, or the Nottingham company, shall be taken up as vacancy, or affected by any warrant to be taken out; and if any warrant has been taken out, or certificate returned, to affect such land, no patent shall issue thereon, but such vacancies, if any, adjoining to, or in any manner interfering with, the land formerly belonging to the said companies, or either of them, shall be reserved to this state, surveyed and sold, for the purposes to which the property of the said companies are respectively applied."

The bill, entitled, An act relating to forfeited recognizances, fines and forfeitures, and judgments in treason, was read the second time and will not pass.

Thomas Stone, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act relating to forfeited recognizances and judgments in treason, and fines imposed by militia courts-martial; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

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