

that there is an ejectment suit now pending in Baltimore county court, between him the said John Cockey, and Larkin H. Smith and others, for the recovery of certain property in said county, and that it is alleged by the counsel for the said Cockey, that said suit cannot be tried without the production of certain original records from the Western Shore Land Office, as the object of requiring the originals, is to prove the forging of a grant; Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the court in which such suit is so pending, on the application of either of said parties, and upon said court being satisfied that the trial of the merits of the said suit requires such evidence, to issue a subpoena *duces tecum*, directed to the register of the Land Office, from which any patent, certificate or other paper, produced or to be produced at the trial of the said suit purports to have been issued, commanding him to produce in evidence, on the trial of such suit all and every of the original books and papers of record in his office, which the said court shall be of opinion may be necessary to decide on the authenticity of such patent, certificate or other paper so produced or to be produced, and the register is hereby commanded to obey such subpoena.

The said preamble and resolution were accordingly engrossed, and

On motion of Mr. Sappington,

Read the third time by special order and assented to:

Mr. Morris from the committee on invalid deeds and defective proceedings, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to make valid the official acts of Wilson Hays, as a justice of the peace for Frederick county, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second and by special order the third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.