

ernments, the western limits of this state, and the dividing and boundary line between this state and the commonwealth of Maryland, to commence at the Fairfax stone, or at the first fountain of the Cohogorvota, or North Branch of the Potomac River, and to run a due north course to intersect the line between this state and the state of Pennsylvania. If however, the Commonwealth of Maryland shall fail to appoint commissioners, then and in that event, the commissioners appointed by the Governor of this commonwealth, or any two of them, shall run and mark said line, according to the provisions of this bill, and the commissioners appointed as aforesaid, are required to report their proceedings in virtue of their appointment and authority, to the General Assembly of this state, at the session next after the same shall have been concluded for confirmation or rejection.

And whereas sundry citizens of this state may hold lands in virtue of patents granted by the commonwealth of Maryland, before the divisional line shall have been settled and adjusted between the two states, and as it is proper that all inhabitants on either side of the boundary line, so to be settled and adjusted, who shall have obtained patents for their lands in Virginia or Maryland, should have their titles confirmed in which ever state they may happen to fall.

*Be it therefore enacted,* That any person or persons, holding lands within the limits of this state, which shall have been granted and patented by Maryland, before the settlement and adjustment of the said divisional line, and which before the running and settling the divisional line aforesaid shall have been considered as lying within the limits of Maryland, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, but which by the settlement and adjustment of the said divisional line, shall be found to lie within this state, shall be at liberty to take out and receive patents from the land office of this state. And after the confirmation of the settlement and adjustment of the said divisional line, as aforesaid, the register of the land office is hereby empowered and directed, on application of any of the above described land holders upon their producing their Maryland patents, or au-