

turned, gave a greater degree of activity to the land office than it had possessed even while the taking up of land by original warrants constituted the most general pursuit of the inhabitants of Maryland. I shall proceed as in other matters to shew by examples, intermixed with necessary remarks, all the principles, views, and distinctions, which are perceived to have regulated the practice in this article ; premising however that *escheat* and *proclamation* warrants which, as well as the *surplus* warrant just alluded to, are also warrants of resurvey, will require to be separately examined, and will not be noticed in this place.

The following is the first warrant of resurvey found on record.

“ October 20th 1658.

“ Whereas there have been several parcels of land by warrant surveyed in the county of Ann Arundell in a place there called the Town neck, (viz. to William Pell, George Saphir, Robert Rockhould, William Penny, Christopher Oately, Oliver Sprye, John Lordking and Richard Bennett, senr. which several parcells in all amounts to two hundred and fifty acres, and by conveyance is since become the sole right of the said Richard Bennett, and now by the like conveyance the right of coll. Nathaniel Utie ; These are therefore to authorize you to lay out all the said several parcels into one, and make return of your certificate and this warrant by the last day of this month, and for so doing this shall be your warrant.

PHILIP CALVERT.”

To Mr. Rob't Clark surveyr. Generall.

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The certificate, returned the 18th of November following, does not recite or in any manner refer to the warrant or the original surveys. It bears in short no distinguishing mark whatever of being a certificate of resurvey ; but the patent recites that William Pell and the others mentioned in the warrant, had in the years 1649 and 1650 transported themselves into the province, and for their mutual security, had taken up and seated themselves near together on small parcels of land in a place called the Town Neck : that these parcels having been purchased for valuable considerations by Richard Bennett, and since aliened by him to Nathaniel Utie, and “ now again” surveyed for the said Utie “ as into one entire freehold,” the said land called the Town Neck, is therefore granted, &c.

The structure of the preceding warrant furnishes some evidence that resurveys do not derive their origin from any special ordinance or instruction from the proprietary, in which