

cription which should not be compounded on, or secured by proclamation, before the first day of August then ensuing should on and after that day be deemed vacated, null, and void; placed upon the same footing as other vacant land in Allegany county, liable to be affected in the same manner, and in any quantity, without regard to the former surveys; provided that such lands should not be liable to be affected by any warrant issued or to be issued before the first day of August aforesaid.

And, by another act of the same session, ch. 105, all the land laid off and returned in lots as before mentioned which remained unapplied and undisposed of, and continued to be the property of the state, were liberated from the provisional dispositions under which they had lain, and were made liable to be taken up and secured like other vacant land in Allegany county.

These are the principal, and I believe all the material, provisions of the acts of assembly relative to military, and settlers, lands westward of Fort Cumberland. Some other matters have been directed by resolutions of the two houses which, so far as they may require notice, will receive it in another place; but besides that these and other resolutions are generally for the benefit of particular persons, and are oftener exceptions from, than evidences of, an established practice, I do not suppose them to be, in any point of view, precisely upon a footing with laws, and have not thought it expedient hitherto to notice them. So far, however, as they declare the sense of the legislature upon points of general concern, I shall not omit to give them proper attention.

CHAPTER VI.

OF INDIAN LANDS.

IN declining, in the former book, to give an historical account of the disputes, treaties, and other transactions between the proprietary government and the indian natives of the country, I promised nevertheless to notice what might concern the lands held by particular tribes, under the guaranty and protection, not only of that, but also, of the present government. In order, however, to make one work of it I have reserved this subject for the present book, and perceiving it to have but little connection with the practice of the land office, I shall not dwell very minutely upon it. As to the events