

entered shall first make oath, or affirmation, that he conceives he has good cause for entering the same, and has pretensions to the land, or a part thereof, containing in the certificate he is desirous of caveating, and that the same is not entered for the purpose of favouring the party, by enabling him to prolong the time for payment of the composition money on the said certificate, or made at his request, or at the request of another person, but for the purpose only of prosecuting *by* claim.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That no caveat hereafter entered, in either of the land offices of this state, shall remain in force and operation longer than twelve months from the entering thereof, unless under special circumstances, the chancellor, or judge of the land office on the eastern shore, as the case may be, shall so order and direct. Or remain in force, &c.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That all caveats already entered in either of the said offices shall be brought to issue by subpoena, or order of the chancellor, or judge of the land office, on the application of the party, or by submission, on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred, unless under the special circumstances the said chancellor, or judge of the land office, shall order a continuance; and after the expiration of the time limited and expressed in this act, or by the order of the chancellor, or judge of the land office, the said caveats, in either case before mentioned, shall be wholly discontinued, and the ordinary proceeding had, as if no such caveat existed. To be brought to issue, &c.

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#### NOVEMBER, 1798.—CHAPTER 5.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT,\* entitled, an Act to ascertain the allowance of Jurymen and Witnesses of the general and the several county and orphans courts in this state. \*1797, ch. 94.

Repealed by 1807, ch. 79.

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#### CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT for the establishment of Vestries for each parish in this state.

Other laws are 1802, ch. 111; 1823, ch. 189; 1824, ch. 53; 1827, ch. 29.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the act for the establishment of select vestries, and the supplements thereto, are inadequate to the exigencies of the protestant episcopal church in this state, for which the said acts were intended to provide; Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That vestries shall be chosen for each parish within this state in the following manner: Every free white male citizen of this state above twenty-one years of age, resident of the parish where he offers to vote six months next preceding the day of election, who shall have been entered on the books of the said How vestries are to be chosen, &c.