

of the land office the same cannot be taken except by proclamation, and that for the whole tract, which prevents numbers of persons from taking them up, which they otherwise would do for the purposes of settling on them; therefore,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Surveys vacated. That all certificates of surveys of lands made in Allegany county since the passage of the act to which this is a supplement, and not compounded upon, and which are now liable to proclamation, be, and the same are on and after the first day of August next, unless then paid on, made or vacated null and void, and placed upon the same footing with all other vacant land in said county, and liable to be effected in the same manner and in any quantity without being bound by or paying any regard to the aforementioned surveys.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* Lots west of Cumberland. That all fifty acre lots of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, which have not been allotted to soldiers or sold by the state, nor compounded upon by settlers, shall be, and they are hereby liable to be taken, by any person or persons, as all other vacant lands are in said county of Allegany, and that all such lots which have been heretofore taken up by any person or persons under any special or common warrants, and which have been compounded upon, a complete title for the same shall be vested in such taker up, or those claiming under him, her or them.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* Time limited for compounding. That all certificates of surveys of land made after the passage of this act in Allegany county, and returned to the land office of the western shore, and which shall not be compounded upon within twelve months from the date of such certificate, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be null and void, and the lands therein mentioned, shall be liable to be taken up again as all other vacant lands are in said county of Allegany.

#### CHAPTER 131.

AN ACT to authorize the County Clerks of this State to judge and approve of Security in cases therein mentioned.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Clerks authorized. That the clerks of the county courts of this state be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in their respective counties, to judge and approve of the securities in appeal bonds, writ of error bonds, bonds for the removal of proceedings by writ of certiorari, and injunction bonds, in the same manner that the judges of the county courts of this state are now authorized and empowered to do, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* Compensation. That the clerk shall have, for every bond by him so approved, twenty-five cents, to be paid by the party presenting such bond, and to be taxed in the costs as other charges are.