

proceeding in connection with that portion of the land to which the objection is sustained. If there is a dispute as to the amount, the applicant may recover in a court of law all further expenses incurred by the applicant in connection with the dispute.

(E) THE OPINION OF THE COMMISSIONER IN A LAND PATENT CASE OR A PROCEEDING TO RESERVE LAND BY A GOVERNMENTAL BODY SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER.

13-409.

(A) If the Commissioner determines that a patent should be issued, he shall certify his final judgment to the applicant and the parties to the proceeding. In addition, if either the Commissioner or the circuit court determines that a patent should be issued, the Commissioner shall mail to the applicant a notice:

- (1) Of the purchase price for any vacant land;
- (2) Of any expenses outstanding at the time the patent is to be issued; and
- (3) That the proceeding will be abandoned if the applicant fails to pay the purchase price and all outstanding expenses:
 - (i) Within 45 days of receipt of the notice; or
 - (ii) If an appeal is filed under § 13-410 of this subtitle, within 45 days of the rendering on appeal of a final decision to issue a patent.

(B) A GOVERNMENTAL BODY REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF RESERVATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE LAND.

13-413.

(a) Any expenses owed under this title constitute a debt to the State, owed by:

- (1) The applicant for a warrant under Subtitle 3 of this title; or
- (2) If a subsequent application for a patent is filed under § 13-412 of this subtitle, the new applicant.

(b) (1) If a proceeding terminates other than with the issuance of a patent, the Commissioner shall file for record a certified list of any unpaid expenses in the law or equity judgment records for:

- (i) The county of this State in which is located the address of the applicant owing these expenses, as that address appears in his application; or
 - (ii) If that address is not within this State, the county of this State in which is located the largest portion of the land for which the application was made.
- (2) When filed, the debt represented by the list has the force and effect of a judgment lien and may be enforced and renewed accordingly.