

By The Proprietaries of Pennsylvania

Whereas great Numbers of People have heretofore obtained from our Commissioners of Property, and lately from ourselves, Warrants directed to our Surveyor-General, for Surveying to them the Quantities of Land mentioned in their respective Warrants, for which they agreed to pay to us the Consideration-Money and Quit-Rent therein specified and reserved, with express Conditions in the said Warrants likewise contained, that in case the persons to whom the said lands should be surveyed, did not fulfil their respective Agreements within the space of six months from the date of the said Warrants, that then the said Surveys were to be void.

And Whereas many Persons have by colour of the said Warrants and Surveys, possessed themselves of the lands mentioned in the said Warrants, without having complied with any part of the conditions upon which they obtained the same, within the time therein limited; by reason whereof the said Warrants and Surveys, and all the Estate thereby intended to be conveyed, are become utterly void

And Whereas others under pretext of leave from our Commissioners, and some without any leave, license, warrant or other authority whatsoever, have entered into the possession of our lands, and have taken upon them to transfer their claims under the name of Improvements, to others, for considerable Sums of Money; and great numbers of all Parts have cleared great part of the land upon which they are seated, and continue to cut down and destroy the Timber without any regard to our Property, and in manifest prejudice of our Right; so that we might legally proceed without further delay to remove all such persons from their possessions; yet in consideration of the hardships which many of the said persons might suffer in the Winter-season, should they now be turned out of their Dwellings

We have thought fit to give this Publick Notice to all, who hold any of our Lands under any Warrants or Surveys, or pretended assignments, or under pretence of a possession without authority as aforesaid, or otherwise howsoever, who have not paid any Consideration-Money for the same; That unless they shall before the first day of March next, pay unto our Receiver-General the Consideration-Money which ought to be paid according to the usage of our Land-Office, for the Lands of which they are possessed by colour of the premisses, so that they may have them confirmed by Patent, they will be proceeded against according to law, in order to be removed from their possessions; and the lands from whence they shall be removed, will be granted to such as will pay for and improve the same.

By Order of the Proprietaries.

Richard Peters, Secy.

Philadelphia, Nov. 23, 1738.

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of February, 1833, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this

twenty-third day of February 1912

Henry Horner,
Secretary of Internal Affairs.