

## Illegal Surveys (1798)

### CHAPTER LXI.

#### **An Act to Prevent Illegal Surveys on the South Side of Green River.**

*Approved by the Kentucky General Assembly on February 12, 1798*

SECTION 1. **BE it enacted by the General Assembly**, that every person who shall in future, be guilty of making any survey on a military land warrant, issued by the state of Virginia, on which an entry was not made on or before the first day of May, 1792, unless the same shall have been heretofore authorized by law, and all persons aiding or assisting therein shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars, to be covered by bill, plaint or information, in any district court or court of quarter sessions in this state, one half to the use of the informer, and the other to the use of the commonwealth.

SECTION 2. **And be it further enacted**, That the surveyors of the Virginia state line and continental line holding their offices in this state, shall copy from the books in their respective offices, all the entries for land on the south side of Green river, made by virtue of any warrant granted for military services, in well bound books, which they shall provide for that purpose and shall certify the same to be truly copied from the originals in their offices; and the said surveyors shall lodge the books containing the copies of the entries aforesaid in the register's office of this state, and a copy therefrom of any entry shall be admitted as evidence as copies now are that are given by either of said surveyors.

**Provided, however**, That if the said surveyors shall not copy their books as aforesaid within three months from the passage of this act, the governor shall appoint one or more persons to take copies of the entries aforesaid and lodge them as is by this act directed, and they shall be allowed for each entry, the sum as is herein allowed to the said surveyors to be paid in like manner.

SECTION III. **And be it further enacted**, That any person making a survey on any entry on the south side of Green river shall shew the entry on which such survey is made and permit a copy thereof to be taken, if demanded, by any person requiring the same; and if such entry is not attested by the principal surveyor, register of the land office, or the surveyor of the county wherein the land may lie, such survey, if forbidden by any person, shall not be made; and any person who shall proceed contrary thereto, shall forfeit and pay fifty dollars to be recovered and applied as other fines are directed by this act.

SECTION 4. There shall be allowed to each of the surveyors aforesaid for a copy of each entry, the sum of expense to be paid as soon as the said copies are lodged in the register's office, and the governor shall certify the same to the auditor, who shall issue his warrant on the treasurer for payment accordingly.

This act shall be in force from the passage thereof.

REF: "The Statute Law of Kentucky", Vol. II., by William Littell, pp. 109-111.

