

CHAP. 13. dent of the said company to the said Treasurer, and the money so retained shall be applied in such manner as the Treasurer may think most expedient to the redemption of said notes.

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CHAPTER 13.

Passed Mar. 4, 1840. *An act providing for the acknowledgment and execution of deeds of conveyance, and other instruments of writing in foreign countries, touching property in this State.*

Consuls authorised to receive acknowledgments, &c. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Consuls and Vice Consuls of the United States, duly appointed and recognised, shall be authorised and empowered, as they hereby fully are, to receive the acknowledgments in writing of citizens of the United States or other persons, being or residing in the districts of their several consulates, of deeds of conveyance, mortgage, letters of attorney or other legal instruments whatever, touching or affecting real estate or other property rights or interests whatever, situate, lying or being in any part of this State, belonging to the said parties in whole or in part, in their own right, or as agents or trustees of others; and that the certificates of the said Consuls and Vice Consuls, under their official seals shall be good and available as evidence of the execution of such deeds of conveyance or other legal instruments so as to authorise the clerk of the county court of the county in which the property lies, to record such deeds of conveyance or mortgage, and the clerk of any county court in this State, to record the other instruments hereinbefore described; *provided,* such deeds of conveyance or mortgage or other legal instruments whatever, shall be recorded within six months from the date of the acknowledgments thereof respectively; *and provided further,* that as against creditors or purchasers without notice the said deeds of conveyance or mortgage or other legal instruments whatever shall only avail from the time of their being so recorded.

Certificates to be valid, &c.

Proviso.

To be construed

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to last wills and testaments or instruments of writing in the nature of last wills and testaments.