

CHAPTER 160.

AN ACT to make valid deeds executed and acknowledged since the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four before the Justice of the Peace in any county in this State, where the grantors resided or where lands are situated.

Passed Mar. 22, 1867.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all deeds made and executed in the State of Maryland since the first day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, which were executed and acknowledged before any Justice of the Peace duly commissioned and qualified for any county in this State, and which deeds were recorded in the county or city where the land or real estate, in whole or in part, is situated, shall have the same effect and operations in law, and be as valid to all intents and purposes, as if the Justice of the Peace before whom the same was acknowledged, was at the time of such acknowledgement a Justice of the Peace, duly commissioned and qualified according to law, for the county or city in which the lands were situated, or in which the grantors in such deed resided, saving and reserving the rights of creditors and bona fide purchasers without notice.

Deeds made valid and binding.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all deeds executed and acknowledged by the grantors since the first of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, in the county in this State in which the grantors then resided, before any other Justice of the Peace of any other county in this State, duly commissioned and qualified, shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if acknowledged in the county where the lands in whole or in part are situate, before a justice of said county, or as if acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace of the county in which the grantors resided, saving and reserving the rights of creditors and bona fide purchasers without notice.

Deeds made valid.

Sec. 3 *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.