

vided, that the acknowledgment shall be certified or endorsed on said deed by the judge before whom it shall be taken, under his hand; and that the clerk or keeper of the records of the court of which he was judge, shall certify under his hand and the seal of the court, that he was a judge of said court at the time of taking said acknowledgment, and that such deed shall be recorded within six calendar months from the day of its date among the land records of the county in which such lands, tenements or hereditaments, may lie.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That every deed for the conveyance of any estate or interest in any land lying in this state, which shall be acknowledged by any party thereto in open court, in any court of record of the United States, or of any of the states or territories, and certified under the seal of such court to be so *acknowledgment*,* shall be deemed as good, valid and effectual, as if such acknowledgment had been made and certified in the manner aforesaid.

To be valid if acknowledged in open court, &c.

(*acknowledged)

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That no deed executed after the first day of September next, shall be effectual to convey the interest or estate, or to bar any right or claim of dower of a feme covert, in or to any lands or tenements lying in this state, unless the judge or justices of the peace as the case may be, before whom the same shall be executed and acknowledged, shall examine her out of the presence and hearing of her husband whether she doth execute and acknowledge the same freely and voluntarily, and without being induced to do so by fear or threats of, or ill-usage by her husband, or by fear of his displeasure, or to that effect, and unless such feme covert shall sign and seal such deed before such judge or justices, out of the presence and hearing of her husband, and such judge or justices shall endorse upon or annex to such deed, a certificate under his or their hands, of such private examination, execution and acknowledgment.

Rights of feme covert.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any deed hereafter signed, sealed and acknowledged as aforesaid, by any feme covert within the United States, or any territory thereof, before any judge of a court of law and of record of the state or territory in which she may be at the time, or before any judge of any of the United States' courts, and certified as aforesaid, shall be valid and effectual for the purposes expressed in such deed, and to bar the right or claim of dower of such feme covert to any lands or tenements therein specified lying within this state; *Provided*, that in all other respects the act of assembly, entitled, an additional supplement to an act, entitled, an act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-five, chapter fifty-eight, be complied with.

Deeds of feme covert.

Proviso.