

that all the other provisions of the said act shall have been complied with, except that the acknowledgment of the feme covert, may be either in the form set out in that allowed by the fourth section of the act of eighteen hundred and seven, chapter fifty-two.

Acknowledgments of feme coverts according to act of 1807, ch. 52, confirmed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all deeds heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, which have been or shall be acknowledged by any feme covert, in the form pointed out and allowed in the fourth section of an act, entitled, an act for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the estates of purchasers, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and seven, chapter fifty-two; shall be good and effectual, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided*, that in all other respects, the said deeds shall have been executed and acknowledged, and recorded, agreeably to law, except so far as the same may be dispensed with, by a former section of this act.

Obligation to convey estate, to be recorded.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all writing obligatory, or contracts for conveyances of lands or tenements, or of any interest or estate of, in, or relating to, lands or tenements, or hereditaments, and all writings obligatory or contracts for the leasing and demising, for any term of years, of lands or tenements may, if executed and acknowledged in manner as is directed by the acts of assembly made and provided in case of conveyances of lands, and as if such writings obligatory or contracts, were conveyances as aforesaid, be recorded among the land records of the county where such lands or tenements, or hereditaments shall lie, and a certified copy of the seal of the county court of said county, of such record, shall be received as evidence, as fully and to the same effect, of such writing obligatory or contract, as a like copy of the record of any such conveyance, executed and acknowledged, and duly recorded in manner aforesaid, would be evidence of such conveyance.

Identity of grant to be certified.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases of acknowledgment of deeds or conveyances or writings obligatory, or contracts of, or relating to lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any right, interest, estate, or use, therein or thereof, the justices or other officers, or courts, or tribunals, taking such acknowledgment, shall, of their own knowledge, or by oral testimony, under oath, received by them, be satisfied with the persons acknowledging as aforesaid, are the persons who are named and described as, and professing to be parties in said deeds, conveyances, writings, or contracts; and from and after the first day of September next, it shall be the duty of the takers aforesaid of said acknowledgments, to certify in their certificates of such acknowledgments, the fact of their being so satisfied.