

in the said deed or conveyance, shall be good and sufficient to bar any feme covert of her right of dower; provided, that such feme covert, in both cases be, at the time of such execution, examination and acknowledgment, of the full age of twenty-one years, of sound mind, and out of prison; and where any such feme covert shall live out of this province, within any of his majesty's dominions, such examination and acknowledgment as aforesaid, taken before the mayor of some corporation within Great Britain or Ireland, or other of his majesty's European islands, or before one justice of the supreme or provincial court of any province or colony, or governor or chief officer within any of his majesty's dominions, and certified by endorsement on the deed or conveyance by such mayor or justice, under his hand and seal of the corporation, when taken before a mayor, or the seal of the province or colony, governor or chief officer, when taken before such justice, governor or chief officer, shall be as good and effectual in law for barring such feme covert of her right of dower, or inheritance, as the case may be, as if the same examination and acknowledgment were taken and certified within this province, according to the directions of the said recited act, any thing therein, or in any other act, law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

See 1832, ch. 302.

CHAPTER 21.

AN ACT to aid defective common recoveries.

WHEREAS, many valuable lands are held by the present possessors, under common recoveries suffered by tenants in tail, and in many instances those recoveries, although now grown common conveyances in this province, have been so inartificially and defectively drawn, suffered and executed, that the same are not aided by the beneficial and useful provisions of the late statute, entitled, an act to amend the law concerning common recoveries, and to explain and amend an act made in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of king Charles the second, entitled, an act for prevention of frauds and perjuries, so far as the same relates to estates, *per auter viæ*; to remedy therefore such defective recoveries, and secure the titles and quiet the possessions of those who do and may hold under them; Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same,* That all common recoveries heretofore suffered in the provincial court of this province, by consent and agreement of the parties thereto, shall be good and available in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, to dock and cut off any estate tail in any of the parties thereto, and bar Certain recoveries to be good, &c.