

the records of his county; and in like manner any such deed or deeds already enrolled, or which may hereafter be enrolled, in the records of the county where the lands or estate thereby conveyed lie, may, upon application of the party or parties claiming by or under any such deed or deeds, be transmitted, with a certificate of such enrolment annexed to the same, signed by the clerk of such county court, and under the seal thereof, to the clerk of the general court, who is hereby authorized and required to enrol such deed or deeds, together with such certificate, in the records of the general court.

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SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That after any deed shall be enrolled in the records of any county court, the clerk of such court, before he shall deliver to the bargainee or grantee the original deed out of his office, shall, in a record book, (to be provided and kept for that purpose only,) carefully, and with accuracy, enter the substance of such deed; that is to say, the date of the deed, the christian names and surnames of the parties, with their additions (if any,) the name of the land or estate in such deed mentioned to be conveyed, and the number of acres of land, if expressed, and the place where the same may lie, and the consideration for making the deed, and the estate expressed in the premises, and the *habendum* of such deed in the very expressions thereof; and the said clerk shall note and certify in the said record book, immediately after and following such entry, the day such deed was enrolled, and shall sign his name thereto, and shall be entitled to receive for his trouble from the bargainee or grantee two shillings current money; and the said clerk shall annually, sometime in the month of May, transmit a copy of such record entry to the clerk of the general court, who shall enter the same in a record book, (to be provided and kept for that purpose only,) and the transcript shall be safely kept among the papers of the general court office; and the clerk of the county for such transcript shall be entitled to receive one shilling current money for each deed mentioned in such transcript, to be paid by the party claiming under such deed; and the clerk of the general court, for his trouble, shall be entitled to receive one shilling like money for each deed in such transcript mentioned, to be paid as aforesaid; and in case any original deed, and the record of the same at length, shall be lost or destroyed, then the said record entries, or copies of the same properly attested, shall be admitted in evidence in all courts of this state, and although the original deed or record thereof at length may not be lost or destroyed, yet the judges of the general court may, in their discretion, admit the record entries as aforesaid to be made by the clerk of the general court, or attested copies of the same, to be given in evidence in all cases in the said court