

company, and now in circulation, of which an account shall be returned forthwith by the president of the said company to the said treasurer, and the money so retained shall be applied in such manner as the treasurer may think most expedient to the redemption of said notes.

AN ACT, entitled, an Act providing for the acknowledgment and execution of Deeds of Conveyance and other Instruments of Writing, in Foreign Countries, touching property in this State.—1839, ch. 133.

Consuls of  
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ledgments.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the consuls and vice-consuls of the United States, duly appointed and recognized, shall be authorized and empowered, as they hereby fully are, to receive the acknowledgments in writing of citizens of the United States or other persons, being or residing in the districts of their several consulates, of deeds of conveyance, mortgage, letters of attorney, or other legal instruments whatever, touching or affecting real estate or other property, rights or interests whatever, situate, lying or being in any part of this state, belonging to the said parties in whole or in part, in their own right, or as agents of others; and that the certificates of the said consuls and vice-consuls, under their official seals, shall be good and available as evidence of the execution of such deeds of conveyance or other legal instruments, so as to authorize the clerk of the county court of the county in which the property lies, to record such deeds of conveyance or mortgage, and the clerk of any county court in this state to record the other instruments herein before described; *Provided*, such deeds of conveyance or mortgage, or other legal instruments whatever, shall be recorded within six months from the date of the acknowledgment thereof respectively; *And provided further*, that as against creditors or purchasers without notice, the said deeds of conveyance or mortgage, or other legal instruments whatever, shall only avail from the time of their being so recorded.

Proviso.

EXCEPTION. SEC. 2 *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to last wills and testaments, or instruments of writing in the nature of last wills and testaments.

AN ACT, entitled, an Act in furtherance of Justice.—1839, ch. 134.

Judgment  
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the others.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a judgment recovered against one or more members of a partnership, or one or more persons jointly liable, on any bill, bond, covenant, promissory note, bill of exchange, contract or agreement whatsoever, less than the whole number of partners or persons so bound, shall not work an extinguishment or merger of the cause of action on which such judgment may have been rendered, as respects the liability of the partners or persons not bound by such judgment, and they shall remain