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the hand of the keeper, and the seal of the court or office where made, or a copy of any deed, will, &c. lodged for safe keeping agreeably to such laws, and certified as aforesaid, shall be evidence to prove such deed, will, &c.—1785, ch. 46, sec. 2, . . . . .	199
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