

CHAPTER 58.

* 1715, ch. 47. AN additional SUPPLEMENT to an Act,* entitled, an Act for Quieting Possessions, Enrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of purchasers.

Acknowledgment of deed. SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person or persons seized or possessed of, or holding any estate or interest in any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, lying and being within this state, shall be without this state, and within the United States, and shall execute and acknowledge a deed for the conveying of such estate or interest, or for declaring or limiting of any use in and for the same, before any judge of a court of record and of law of the state and county in which such person or persons may be, or before any judge of the supreme or circuit or district court of the United States, and the clerk or prothonotary of such court, shall certify upon or annex to such deed under his hand and the seal of his office, that the judge before whom the same may be executed and acknowledged is or was at the time of the execution and acknowledgment thereof, a judge of such court, and such deed, shall be recorded within six calendar months from the day of its date, among the land records of the county, in which such lands, tenements or hereditaments may be, such deed shall be good and effectual for the purpose or purposes therein mentioned.

Relinquishing dower. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if any feme covert in whom such estate or interest may be, shall be a party with her husband executing such deed, (or shall only be relinquishing her right of dower in or to such estate or interest,) and the judge of such court aforesaid, before whom the same may be executed and acknowledged, shall examine her out of the presence and hearing of her husband, whether she doth make her acknowledgment of the same voluntarily, and without being induced to do so by fear or threats of, or ill usage by her husband, or by fear of his displeasure, or to that effect; and the said judge shall endorse upon or annex thereto his certificate of such examination and acknowledgment; and such clerk or prothonotary shall certify as aforesaid; and such deed shall be recorded as aforesaid, the same shall be good and available for the purposes therein mentioned, and thereby intended.

Recording. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the clerks of the several county courts of this state are hereby authorized to record any deed or conveyance executed and authenticated agreeably to the provisions of this act, in the same manner, and under the same restrictions as they are authorized to record deeds or conveyances executed and acknowledged within this state.