

## CHAPTER 325.

## AN ACT to provide for giving effect to Informal or Invalid Deeds.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever any deed or bill of sale shall have been duly signed and sealed by the parties thereto, but shall not have been acknowledged by the said parties, or any one of them, in the manner or form, or before the person authorized to take such act or acknowledgment, the Circuit Court of a county in which, by law, the said deed or bill of sale ought to be or to have been recorded, or the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, if the said deed or bill of sale ought, by law to be or to have been recorded in said city, may, upon the petition of any party to said deed or bill of sale, or his or their assigns, or any person claiming, under them, setting forth the defects in the acknowledgment of said deed or bill of sale, pass an order directing the other parties thereto to appear and answer the said petition, and may cause notice to be given to such parties by summons or publication, according to the practice of the said court, and may direct testimony to be taken in relation to the matters in said petition, or in said petition and answer contained; and the said court may grant relief upon said petition by directing the said parties, or any of them, to acknowledge or to re-acknowledge the said deed or bill of sale, as the case may require; and the order of the said court, passed in the premises, directing the said acknowledgment to be made as aforesaid, shall operate in the same manner and to the same extent, from the date of the said order, as if the said party, ordered as aforesaid to acknowledge or re-acknowledge the said deed or bill of sale, had thereupon so done; provided, however, that the rights of any person who shall not be a party to said proceedings, as aforesaid, shall not be in any wise affected by said order.

Deed or bill  
of sale.

Testimony  
taken.

In force.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved March 30, 1868.