

ARTICLE XXIV.

Conveyancing.

SEC. 1. No estate of inheritance or freehold, or any declaration or limitation of use, or any estate for above seven years, shall pass or take effect unless the deed conveying the same shall be executed, acknowledged and recorded as herein provided, and all such deeds shall be acknowledged before some one of the following officers.

2. If acknowledged in the county or city within which the real estate or any part of it lies, the acknowledgment may be made before:

1st. Some one justice of the peace for said county or city.

2d. A judge of the Orphans' Court for said county or city.

3d. The judge of the Circuit Court for the county.

4th. The judge of the Superior Court, Court of Common Pleas, or Circuit Court for Baltimore city.

3. If acknowledged within the State, but out of the county or city in which the real estate or any part of it lies, the acknowledgment may be made before:

1st. Any justice of the peace for the county or city where the grantor may be at the time of the acknowledgment: the official character of the justice being certified by the clerk of the Circuit or Superior Court under his official seal.

2d. Any judge of the Circuit Court for the circuit in which the grantor may be.

3d. The judge of the Superior Court, Court of Common Pleas, or Circuit Court, if the grantor be in Baltimore city.

4. If acknowledged without this State, but within the United States, the acknowledgment may be made before:

1st. A notary public.

2d. A judge of any court of the United States.

3d. A judge of any court of any State or Territory having a seal.

4th. A commissioner of this State to take acknowledgment of deeds.