

6. AND whereas, at a session of assembly, begun and held at the port of Annapolis, the seven and twentieth day of June, and ended the two and twentieth day of July, in the eleventh year of the reign of our late sovereign lord, king William the third, *anno. domini* one thousand six hundred ninety and nine, an act\* for enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, was made, whereby for the better establishing a way and method of conveying of manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, and for the avoiding the abuses and deceits by mortgages, it was enacted by the king's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the same assembly, and the authority of the same, that no manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments whatsoever, within this province, should pass, alter or change, from one to another, whereby the estate of inheritance or freehold, or any estate for above seven years, should be made to take effect, &c. as by the said act, (relation being thereunto had) more at large doth appear, except the deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, by which the same should be intended to pass, &c. were acknowledged and enrolled as the law directs, **BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND DECLARED**, That whatsoever deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, made during the continuance of the said law, were enrolled by virtue of the said law within the time therein limited, are and shall be taken and adjudged to be effectual in law, according to the purport, intent and meaning, of such deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, enrolled; and if any deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, made during the continuance of that act, were sealed and delivered, but not enrolled, according to the intent of the said law, it is hereby enacted and declared, that nothing hath passed by such deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, not enrolled as aforesaid, the repeal of the said act notwithstanding.

\* 1699 ch. 43

Deeds within the act of 1699 if enrolled, &c. confirmed; but of not enrolled to be void

7. AND for the better ascertaining a way and method of conveying of manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, for the future, and for the avoiding the abuses and deceits by mortgages; **BE IT ENACTED**, by the Queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, That from and after the publication hereof, no manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments whatsoever, within this province, shall pass, alter or change, from one to another, whereby the estate of inheritance or freehold, or any estate for above seven years, shall be made to take effect in any person or persons, or any use or trust, except the deed or conveyance by which the same shall be intended to pass, alter or change the same, be made by writing, indented and sealed, and the same to be acknowledged in the provincial court, or before one justice thereof, or in the county court, or before two justices of the same, where such manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, do lie, and enrolled within six months after the date of such writing indented as aforesaid; and for the caption of such acknowledgment, there shall be paid to the party or parties taking the same, one shilling, and no more; and the clerk shall well and truly enroll such deed or conveyance in a good sufficient book in folio, to remain in the custody of the clerk of the same court for the time being, among the records of the same court, and that the same clerk shall, on the back of every such deed, in a full legible hand, make an endorsement of such enrolment, and also of the folio of the book in

Deeds of bargain and sale, and leases for above seven years, how to be acknowledged and enrolled.