

3. AND BE IT ENACTED. That any two justices of the peace, within their own county, shall have the same power and authority to take the acknowledgments of deeds for conveying property as aforesaid, as the judges of the county courts respectively have.

CHAP. 52.

Acknowledgment of deeds conveying property may be taken by two justices of the peace.

By 1816, ch. 74, s. 20, the mayor of Frederick Town may take the acknowledgment of any deed required to be recorded, and to have the same effect as if taken by one or two justices of the peace of Frederick county.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all deeds heretofore (a) made by any feme covert for conveying property as aforesaid, and all acknowledgments of release or relinquishment of a right of dower, shall be good and effectual to pass the estate, or bar the said right of dower therein limited or expressed, provided it shall appear by the acknowledgment thereof, that she made the same voluntarily, and out of the presence and hearing of her husband, and that the said deeds shall be, in all other respects, executed, acknowledged and recorded, agreeably to the provisions of the law.

Deeds by feme covert.

(a) By 1808, ch. 73, it is declared, that by an error in engraving this act, the word "heretofore" had been inserted instead of the word "hereafter," and it was enacted that this act shall receive the same construction, as if the error had not been committed.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all deeds for the conveyance of property as aforesaid, which may be hereafter acknowledged by any attorney in fact, in his own name, shall be as good and valid in law as if acknowledged by him in the name of his principal; provided, that in all other respects the said deeds shall be executed, acknowledged and recorded, agreeably to law.

And deeds by attorneys to be good, &c.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained shall affect, or be construed to extend to, any case where a recovery has been actually had in opposition to any defective deed or deeds in any court of justice in this state, or when any person or persons are in the possession of the property in virtue of a compromise with the persons executing such defective deed, or those claiming under him, her or them.

Not to affect certain cases.

CHAP. LIII.

An Act for founding a Medical College in the City or Precincts of Baltimore for the instruction of Students in the different branches of Medicine. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 358.

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See ch. 111. 1808, ch. 96; and November 1812, ch. 159.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly that many benefits would accrue, not only to the state of Maryland, but to many other parts of the United States, from the establishment of a seminary for the promotion of medical knowledge in the city of Baltimore; therefore,

Preamble.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a college for the promotion of medical knowledge, by the name of The College of Medicine of Maryland, be established in the city or precincts of Baltimore, upon the following fundamental principles, to wit: The said college shall be founded and maintained for ever upon a most liberal plan, for the benefit of students of every country and every religious denomination, who shall be freely admitted to equal privileges and advantages of education, and to all the honours of the college, according to their merit, without requiring or enforcing any religious or civil test, or urging their attendance upon any particular plan of religious worship or service; nor shall any preference be given in the choice of a president, pro-

College to be established in city or precincts of Baltimore.