

1904, art. 79, sec. 2. 1888, art. 79, sec. 2. 1860, art. 79, sec. 2. 1809, ch. 168, sec. 1. 1831, ch. 305, sec. 1.

2. The releases and receipts mentioned in the preceding section may be acknowledged in this State before a justice of the peace; and if acknowledged before a justice of the peace of any other county or city than that in which it is to be recorded, there shall be a certificate of the clerk of the circuit court for the county, or of the superior court of Baltimore city, under the seal of the court, that the person before whom the acknowledgment was taken was at the time of the acknowledgment a justice of the peace; or before the mayor of a municipal corporation; and if so, the fact of his being mayor shall be certified under the seal of the corporation; or before a notary; and if so, the fact of his being a notary shall be certified under his notarial seal; or before a judge of the orphans' court; and if before a judge of the orphans' court of any other county than that in which it is to be recorded, there shall be a certificate of the register of wills of his county, under the seal of his office, that at the time of the acknowledgment he was a judge of the orphans' court; or before a judge of the circuit court; and if before a judge of any other judicial circuit than that in which the county in which it is to be recorded is situated, there shall be a certificate from the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which it is acknowledged that he was a judge of the circuit court for that county at the time of the acknowledgment; or before a register of wills; and if before a register of wills of any other county than that in which it is to be recorded, there shall be a certificate of the chief judge of the orphans' court of the county in which he is register that he was register at the time of such acknowledgment; but if the acknowledgment is made before a justice of the peace, judge of the orphans' court or register of wills of the county in which the release or receipt is to be recorded, or before a judge of the judicial circuit in which said county is situated, no such certificate shall be necessary.

Cited but not construed in *McClellan v. Kennedy*, 3 Md. Ch. 252.

*Ibid.* sec. 3. 1888, art. 79, sec. 3. 1860, art. 79, sec. 3. 1809, ch. 168, sec. 3. 1831, ch. 305, sec. 4.

3. Such releases may be acknowledged out of this State before the mayor of a municipal corporation, notary public, judge of any court of record, justice of the peace, alderman, consul-general, consul or vice-consul of the United States residing in a foreign country. If acknowledged before the mayor of a municipal corporation, there shall be a certificate that he is mayor under the seal of the corporation. If acknowledged before a notary public, there shall be his certificate of the fact under his notarial seal. If acknowledged before a judge of a court, there shall be a certificate from the clerk of the court of which he is judge, under the seal of the court, certifying to the facts that at the time such acknowledgment was made he was a judge of such court, and that such court is a court of record. If acknowledged before a justice of the peace, there shall be a certificate, under seal, from the governor, chief magistrate, or clerk of a court of such State or county, certifying to the