

to the extent of three hundred dollars per annum; all sums in excess of said amount to be paid into the treasury of the State.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 14, 1880.

CHAPTER 256.

AN ACT to make valid deeds, mortgages, and other conveyances executed and acknowledged since the twenty-second day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, before any justice of the peace in any county or city in this State, where the grantors resided or where the lands or other property are situated.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all deeds, mortgages and other conveyances made and executed in the State of Maryland since the twenty-second day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, which were executed and acknowledged before any justice of the peace duly commissioned and qualified for any county or city in this State, and which deeds, mortgages and other conveyances were recorded in the county or city where the lands or other property, in whole or in part, are situated, shall have the same effect and operations in law, and be as valid to all intents and purposes, as if the justice of the peace before whom the same was acknowledged was, at the time of such acknowledgment, a justice of the peace duly commissioned and qualified according to law for the county or city in which the lands or other property were situated, or in which the grantors in such deed, mortgage or other conveyance resided, saving and reserving the rights of creditors and bona fide purchasers, without notice.

Deeds made
valid.