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shall be hereafter acknowledged before any justice of the peace of this state, and which said justice of the peace shall be certified to be a justice of the peace by the clerk of the county court of the county of which he is a justice of the peace under the seal of the said court, or before any judge of the peace under the seal of the said court, or of either of the other United States or the territories thereof, which said judge shall be certified to be a judge of such court, by the clerk of said court, under the seal thereof, and any receipt, acquittance, release or final discharge made in pursuance of the authority granted by such power of attorney, to any guardian, executor or administrator, which said receipt, acquittance, release or final discharge, shall have been or may be hereafter acknowledged before any justice of the peace of the city or county, or before the register of wills of the county, where such guardian was appointed, or such executor or administrator obtained letters testamentary or of administration, may be recorded; and it shall be the duty of such register to record any such power of attorney, receipt, acquittance, release or final discharge produced to be recorded, in a well bound book, to be kept for that purpose: Provided nevertheless, That no such power of attorney, receipt, acquittance, release or final discharge shall be recorded unless the justices of the court wherein it is desired to record the same, shall in the first instance approve of and direct the recording thereof.

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dence.

2. *And be it enacted*, That a copy of any such power of attorney, receipt, acquittance, release or final discharge, acknowledged and recorded as aforesaid, duly attested under the seal of the office in which the same is recorded, shall at all times hereafter be admitted as evidence to prove such power of attorney, receipt, acquittance, release or final discharge.

Fee.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the registers of wills may ask, demand and receive, such fee for recording the same, as is allowed by law in other cases of a similar nature.

CHAPTER 161.

Passed March 2, 1826. An additional supplement to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act it shall be the duty of constables of the different counties of the state, and of the cities of Baltimore, Annapolis and Frederick to make diligent enquiry, and where they find any free negro or mulatto living idle, without any visible means of maintenance, or going at large through their counties or cities without any visible means of support, to lodge such information with some justice of the peace of their counties or cities who shall thereupon, on being satisfied of the truth of the same, issue his warrant, directing