

CHAP. 97. SEC. 4. *And be it enacted, That the right is hereby reserved to the Legislature to repeal or modify this act at any time.*

## CHAPTER 97.

Passed Feb. 27, 1838 : *An act to authorise the appointment of Commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds and instruments of writing, under seal, out of the State of Maryland.*

Governor to  
appoint

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, be, and he is hereby authorised to name, appoint and commission one or more commissioners in each, or such of the other States or Territories of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, as he may deem expedient, which commissioners shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Governor; and shall have authority to take the acknowledgments and proof of the execution of any deed, mortgage, or other conveyance of any lands, tenements or hereditaments lying or being in this State; any contract, letter of attorney, or any other writing, under seal, to be used or recorded in this State; and such acknowledgment or proof taken or made in the manner directed by the laws of this State, and certified by any one of the said commissioners before whom the same shall be taken or made, under seal, which certificate shall be endorsed on or annexed to said deed or instrument aforesaid, shall have the same force and effect, and be as good and available in law for all purposes, as if the same had been made or taken before some one of the Judges of the United States Courts, or of the courts of record of the several States.*

Authority

Endorsement

Available

Administer  
oaths

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That every commissioner appointed by virtue of this act, shall have full power and authority to administer an oath or affirmation to any person who shall be willing and desirous to make such oath or affirmation before him, and such affidavit or affirmation made before such commissioner, shall and is hereby declared to be as good and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if taken by any justice of the peace in this State.*