

1844. THOMAS G. PRATT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

CHAP. 81. his or her lawful owner or possessor, such person or persons shall be liable to an indictment in the county court of the county in which he, she or they may reside, or in the city court of the city of Baltimore, or in the district court of Howard District, if he, she or they reside in the city of Baltimore or Howard District, and on conviction, shall be subject to confinement in the penitentiary, for not less than two, or more than five years, at the discretion of the court before whom such conviction was had.

CHAPTER 81.

Passed Feb. 5, 1845. *An act to make valid and sufficient a certain acknowledgment of a Deed therein mentioned.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, a certain indenture or instrument of writing was executed on the sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, by and between a certain James Pattison of the one part, and a certain Reuben Tall, of the other part, both of Dorchester county, and State of Maryland, by virtue of which instrument of writing, the aforesaid James Pattison, did in consideration of the sum therein mentioned, to wit, the sum of three thousand dollars, covenant and agree, that the said Reuben Tall should stand seized of a certain farm or plantation therein mentioned, and of all the rents, profits and issues accruing from said farm or plantation, lying and being in Dorchester county, whereon a certain Henry Pattison resided at the time of his death, and whereon the said Reuben Tall then resided at the time of the execution of said indenture, in fee simple; AND WHEREAS, in taking the acknowledgment of said indenture before two justices of the peace, duly qualified, one of said justices by mistake, as will manifestly appear from the face of said instrument of writing, signed his name in the wrong place to wit: the signature of said justice being placed immediately under and near the signature of the party grantor, and not under the acknowledgment of said indenture—Therefore,

Made valid.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said acknowledgment shall be taken and held to be as valid and sufficient to every intent and purpose in law, as if the same had been duly acknowledged as prescribed by the law of this State; and that the clerk be authorised to record said indenture.