

was made, and that the said certificate of acknowledgment is irregular in other respects; and whereas, it is just and right, inasmuch as the grantee in said deed paid a valuable consideration for said land, and it was the intention and desire of all the parties to the said deed to make it effective to convey the grantors title in said land, that that intention and desire should not be defeated by mere matters of form—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the same deed be and the same is hereby declared and made as valid and effective for conveying all the right, title, interest and estate of the grantors therein named to the grantee therein named, as if the certificate of the execution and acknowledgment thereof endorsed thereon by the justices of the peace before whom the same was executed and acknowledged, has been made and expressed in strict conformity with the provisions and requirements of the acts of Assembly in regard to the legal execution and acknowledgments of deeds in this State, as if all the requirements by said acts had been strictly complied with by the said grantors and justices respectively.

SEC. 2. *And be it also enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the clerk of Cecil county court, at any time hereafter, when requested, to write on the margin of the page of said land record book of said county, wherein the aforesaid deed has been recorded, these words, namely, this deed made valid by an act of Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

#### CHAPTER 256.

*An act for the relief of William Robinson Sheffield and Mary E. Sheffield.* Passed Feb 20, 1850.

WHEREAS, it is represented and shown to this General Assembly, that at the December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, an act was passed divorcing the said Mary E., then the wife of William W. Lewis, a mensa et thoro, and that said Mary E. was informed and believed that said divorce was a vinculo matrimonii, and that said Mary E. being under such mistaken belief did, on the twenty seventh day of May, eighteen hundred