

CHAPTER 208.

AN ACT to make valid deeds and other instruments of writing, defective in the acknowledgment or in the certificate thereof.

Passed March 9, 1858.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all deeds and other instruments of writing which have been executed and acknowledged and are recorded in this State, previous to the passage of this act, which may not have been acknowledged according to the laws existing at the time of such acknowledgment, or where the certificate of acknowledgment is not in the prescribed form, be and the same are hereby made valid to all intents and purposes, as if the said acknowledgment and the certificate thereof had been in legal form; *Provided,* that said deeds and other instruments in other respects are in conformity with the laws; *And provided further,* that nothing in this act shall affect the interests of *bona fide* purchasers or creditors without notice, who may have become so previous to the passage of this act.

Deeds and other instruments of writing declared valid.

Provisos.

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

In force.

CHAPTER 209.

AN ACT to incorporate the Peabody Institute of the city of Baltimore.

Passed March 9, 1858.

WHEREAS, George Peabody, Esq., of London, formerly of Baltimore, has recently made a munificent donation for the purpose of founding an Institute in the city of Baltimore, the design and objects of which, are set forth in a letter from Mr. Peabody, to certain persons therein named, of which the following is a copy.

Preamble.