

of Worcester county, in the State of Maryland, to Benjamin Bassett of said county and State, and which is recorded among the Land Records of said county, in Liber G. M. H., number five, folio three hundred and thirty-six, and three hundred and thirty-seven, be and the same is hereby declared as valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes as if the said deed of conveyance had been in all respects acknowledged according to the laws then existing, for the acknowledgment of deeds in this State; *Provided*, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to effect the rights or interest of *bona fide* creditors or purchasers for valuable consideration which accrued before the passage of this act.

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

CHAPTER 213.

AN ACT to protect the public bridge at Crompton in Queen Anne's county. Passed March 5, 1858.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That no person shall cut, break, obstruct, misuse or in any way injure the bridge over Chester River at Crompton, in Queen Anne's county, under a penalty of not less than five or more than fifty dollars for each offence, or drive, or ride over said bridge faster than a walk, under a penalty of two dollars, or leave the draw of said bridge open, for any unnecessary period of time, under a penalty of five dollars for each offence; *Provided*, proper notice of these penalties is kept conspicuously placed on said bridge.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any of said penalties may be recovered before any justice of the peace in Kent or Queen Anne's counties, one half to go to the informer and the other half to the county in which it is recovered.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.