

whom the said acknowledgments have been made have certified the same very inaccurately, whereby it is apprehended the validity of such deeds may be questioned, contrary to the intention of the parties who executed the same;

C H A P.
CIII.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases where an acknowledgment of a deed hath been made before any person or persons competent by law to receive such acknowledgment, and the said person or persons receiving such acknowledgment hath or have certified, by endorsement on said deed, that the grantor, bargainor or vendor, mentioned in the said deed, acknowledged the lands and tenements therein mentioned to be the right or title of the grantee, bargainee or vendee, or hath or have certified any acknowledgment tantamount thereto, or endorsed any certificate in any words declaratory of the intention of the grantor, bargainor or vendor, to pass or convey the property in said deed mentioned unto such grantee, bargainee or vendee, such deeds shall be as good and available in law against such grantors, bargainors or vendors, their heirs, executors and administrators, as if the person or persons receiving such acknowledgment had certified that the grantor, bargainor or vendor, had acknowledged the said instrument of writing to be his, her or their act and deed, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Certain deeds
good, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases hereafter, where any person or persons competent by the laws of this state to receive the acknowledgment of deeds, shall certify, by endorsement on said deed, that the donor, grantor or bargainor, in any deed mentioned, acknowledged the lands and tenements, or other property in the same, to be the right or estate of the donee, grantee or bargainee, or shall certify, by endorsement, any acknowledgment tantamount thereto, or shall endorse on any deed any certificate in any words declaratory of the intention of the grantor, bargainor or vendor, to pass and convey the property therein mentioned to the donee, grantee or bargainee, such acknowledgment shall be as good and available in law against all persons whatever, as if the persons receiving such acknowledgment shall certify that the donor, grantor or bargainor, had expressly acknowledged the said instrument of writing to be his, her or their act and deed, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, that nothing herein contained shall alter or change the mode prescribed of taking the acknowledgments of *feme-coverts* and *feme-covert* grantors.

Acknow-
ledgments to
be good, &c.

C H A P. CIV.

An ACT to authorise the building a record-office in Kent county.

Passed Janua-
ry 20.

WHEREAS by an act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, the justices of the levy court of Kent county were authorised and directed to levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county for the purpose of making such repairs, additions, alterations and improvements, to the court-house, as might be thought necessary for the safe keeping and securing the public records of said county: And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that it may be more convenient and less expensive to build an entire new office for that purpose;

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Messieurs John Nicholson, Thomas Worrell and James Houston, or any two of them, may and they are hereby authorised and directed to superintend the building an office in Chester-town, in Kent county, as a depository for the records of the said county, and that they be authorised to attach the same to the present court-house of said county, or to build the same separate therefrom, as they may think most for the benefit of the said county, and to contract for materials and agree with workmen to complete the same.

J. Nicholson,
&c. to super-
intend, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That all monies ordered to be levied as aforesaid by the above recited act shall be paid into the hands of the persons above mentioned, or any two of them, to be by them applied agreeably to the directions of this act.

Monies to be
paid, &c.