

An Act for the Enrollment of Conveyances and Securing  
the Estates of Purchasers

For the better Establishing of a way & method of Conveying of Mannors Lands  
Tenements & Hereditaments within this Province for the future and for  
the avoiding of all abuses & deceit in Incumbering Estates by Mortgages &  
otherwise by the owners of Lands & Hereditaments to the prejudice of  
purchasers for valuable Considerations and such as lend their monies upon well  
Securities

Be it Enacted by his Lordship the Lord Proprietary of this Province  
by and with the advice and Consent of the upper & Lower houses of this present  
Generall Assembly That from and after the Publication hereof no Mannors  
Lordships Lands Tenements or Hereditaments whatsoever within this  
Province or any the Lands Islands Territories or places thereto belonging  
shall passe alter or change from one to another whereby the Estate of  
Inheritance or freehold or any Estate for yeares other than such upon which  
the Improved yearely Rents reserved to be payd shall be made to take  
Effect in any person or persons or any use or trust thereof except the good  
or goods Conveyances or Conveyances by which the same shall be intended to  
passe alter or change be made by writing indented and sealed and that  
the same be acknowledged in the Provinciaall Court of this Province or  
before two of the Privy Councill of this Province or in the Court of the  
same County or before two of the Justices of the peace of the same County  
where the same Mannors Lordships Lands Tenements & Hereditaments doe  
Lye And be Enrolled or the substance of the same (that is to say) the Certainty  
dates names surnames and additions of the parties thereto with the  
Certain Considerations for which the same are made And the Certainty of  
the premises and of the Estate and Estates thereby intended to passe be Enrolled  
in the Provinciaall Court of this Province or in the County Court where the Land  
doth Lye the same enrollment to be made within twelve monthes next after  
the date of the said writings indented for the Suppen of which said acknowledgin  
there shall be paid to the parties taking the same twelve pences Sterling and  
no more and for which said enrollment there shall be paid to the Clerks of  
the said Provinciaall or County Court in case the same doe not exceed halfe  
a side of aldays in folio in the Record books wherein the same shall be Enrolled  
the sume of eight pences only And if the same doe exceed halfe a side of aldays as  
aforesaid then the sume of sixteen pences and soe after the Rate of sixteen  
pences of every side of aldays which the enrollment shall take upp and that the  
said Clerks of the said Court shall well and Sufficiently Enroll the same with  
a note of the day wherein the same shall be enrolled in a good Sufficient book  
in folio to Remaine in the Court of the said Court for  
the time being

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