

such certificate shall be a sufficient warrant for the clerk of such lands, where the lands, tenements, and hereditaments aforesaid, do lie, to enrol such deed or conveyance, and the endorsements thereon. C H A P. XIV.

IV. And if any person or persons, conveying, limiting, or declaring as aforesaid, shall not be a resident of this province at the time of the execution of such deed or conveyance, so as the same cannot be acknowledged as is before directed, or enrolled within the time for that purpose herein before limited; then, and in every such case, the deed or conveyance shall be acknowledged by letter of attorney, well and sufficiently proved, either in the provincial court, or county court where the land intended to be conveyed, or the use thereof limited or declared, doth lie, or before one justice of the provincial, or two justices of the county court as aforesaid, and be enrolled as aforesaid, within six months from the time of such acknowledgment, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Grantor, if a non-resident, may acknowledge by attorney.

V. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That every such writing, to be acknowledged and enrolled as aforesaid, and every deed of bargain and sale of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments whatsoever, hereafter to be made, executed, acknowledged and enrolled, shall have relation as to the passing and conveying the premises, and the estate thereby intended to be passed or conveyed, by and from the day of the date thereof, any thing contained in this present act, or any other act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Deeds of sale to take effect from the day of the date thereof.

VI. And be it further enacted, That any *feme covert*, not being a minor, joining with her husband in any of the several kinds of conveyances herein before mentioned, and acknowledging them, or any of them, upon private examination, according to the directions of the said recited act, where such *femes covert* have the right, title, or interest of the lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any part thereof, by such conveyances intended to be given, granted, released, surrendered, declared, settled, or otherwise disposed of, shall by such execution of the said conveyance or conveyances, examination, acknowledgment and enrollment, be barred and foreclosed to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and that such examination, and acknowledgment, and enrollment, without her joining in the said deed or conveyance, shall be good and sufficient to bar any *feme covert* of her right of dower: **Provided**, That such *feme covert*, in both cases be, at the time of such execution, examination and acknowledgment, of the full age of twenty-one years, of sound mind, and out of prison. And where any such *feme covert* shall live out of this province, within any of his majesty's dominions, such examination and acknowledgment as aforesaid, taken before the mayor of some corporation within Great-Britain or Ireland, or other of his majesty's European islands, or before one justice of the supreme or provincial court of any province or colony, or governor or chief officer within any of his majesty's dominions, and certified by endorsement on the deed or conveyance, by such mayor or justice, under his hand and seal of the corporation, when taken before a mayor, or the seal of the province or colony, governor or chief officer, when taken before such justice, governor or chief officer, shall be as good and effectual in law for barring such *feme covert* of her right of dower, or inheritance, as the case may be, as if the same examination and acknowledgment were taken and certified within this province, according to the directions of the said recited act, any thing therein, or in any other act, law, usage or custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Proviso for *feme covert*.

How to be examined.

Barred of dower.

Feme covert, non-resident, how her examination and acknowledgment is to be taken and certified.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to ease the inhabitants of this province, and to empower the justices of the several counties to bind out the persons therein mentioned, apprentices.

To continue three years, &c. It was afterwards continued for three years, &c. by the act of 1769, ch. 3, and for seven years by the act of June, 1773, ch. 2. At length it expired with October session, 1780.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT for the speedy and effectual publication of the laws of this province, and for the encouragement of Jonas Green, of the city of Annapolis, printer.