

shall be made or take Effect in any Person or Persons, or to any Use thereof to be made, by Reason of any Bargain and Sale only, except the Deed or Conveyance, by which the same shall be intended to pass, alter or change the same, be made by writing indented and sealed and the same to be acknowledged in the Provincial Court, or before any of the Justices thereof, or in the County Court or two Justices thereof, where such Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments do lie; and enrolled within Six Months, after the Date of such writing indented as aforesaid; and for taking such Acknowledgment, there shall be paid to the Party or Parties taking the same *One Shilling* of Fee, and no more. The Clerk shall immediately on Receipt of such Deed, indorse the Time of receiving the same, and well and truly enroll such Deed or Conveyance, in a sufficient Book in Folio, to be regularly alphabeted in the Names of both Parties, to remain in the Clerks Custody among the Records of the Court; and the same Clerk shall on the Back of every such Deed, in a full legible Hand, make an Endorsment of such Enrolment, and the Folio of the Book where enrolled, and set his Hand thereto.

WHERE the Granter or Granters, Bargainer or Bargainers, of such Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, shall live remote from either the Provincial or County Court where the Lands lie, it shall and may be lawful for them to acknowledge the same in the County where they live; and a Certificate of such Acknowledgment, under the Hand of the County Clerk, and under the Seal of the same County, shall be deemed, reputed, and be as good and valid as if the same had been acknowledged in the Provincial or County Court, where the Lands lie, and for the County Clerk, where the Lands lay, to enroll the same. And if such Granter or Bargainer happen to be out of the Province, within any of His Majesty's Dominions, at the Time of the en sealing of such Writing or Writings indented, so as the same cannot be acknowledged, as before directed, or enrolled within the Time before limited, in such Case, such Lands or Tenements shall be acknowledged by a Letter of Attorney, well and sufficiently proved, either in the Provincial or County Court where the Lands lay, or before one Justice of the Provincial or two Justices of the County Court as aforesaid, and enrolled as above.

EVERY such Writing indented, to be acknowledged and enrolled as above, shall have Relation as to passing the Premises, from the Day of the Enrolment, and not from the Date of the Deed, and shall at all times be construed and take more favourably and beneficially for the Benefit of the Grantee or Grantees, and more strongly for barring the Granter or Granters thereof, according to what appears to have been the true Intent of the Parties, tho' not so firmly drawn, as is used in *England*, where the Advice of Council can be had.

IF any Feme Covert be named as a Granter in any such Deed indented, the same shall not be of Force to bar her or her Heirs, except upon her Acknowledgment of the same; and the Persons taking such her Acknowledgment, shall examine her privately, out of the Hearing of her Husband, whether she doth make her Acknowledgment of the

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