

5. Any foreigner may, by deed or will hereafter to be made, take and hold lands within that part of the said territory which lies within this state in the same manner as if he was a citizen of this state, and the same lands may be conveyed by him, and transmitted to, and be inherited by, his heirs or relations, as if he and they were citizens of this state, provided no foreigner shall, in virtue hereof, be entitled to any further or other privilege of a citizen.—*ibid.* § 6.

6. The said commissioners, or any two of them, may appoint a clerk for recording deeds of lands within the said territory, who shall provide a proper book for the purpose, and therein record in a strong, legible hand, all deeds, duly acknowledged, of lands in the said territory delivered to him to be recorded, and in the same book make due entries of all divisions and allotments of lands and lots made by the commissioners in pursuance of this act, and certificates granted by them of sales, and the purchase money having been paid, with a proper alphabet in the same book of the deeds and entries aforesaid, and the same book shall carefully preserve, and deliver over to the commissioners aforesaid, or their successors, or such person or persons as congress shall hereafter appoint; which clerk shall continue such during good behaviour, and shall be removeable only on conviction of misbehaviour in a court of law; but before he acts as such, he shall take an oath, or affirmation, well and truly to execute his office; and he shall be entitled to the same fees as are or may be allowed to the clerks of the county courts for searches, copying and recording.—*ibid.* § 7.

7. Acknowledgments of deeds made before a person in the manner and certified as the laws of this state direct, or made before, and certified by, either of the commissioners, shall be effectual; and no deed hereafter to be made of or for lands within that part of the said territory which lies within this state, shall operate as a legal conveyance, nor shall any lease for more than 7 years be effectual, unless the deed shall have been acknowledged as aforesaid, and delivered to the said clerk to be recorded within 6 calendar months from the date thereof.—*ibid.* § 8.

8. The commissioners aforesaid, or some two of them, shall direct an entry to be made in the said record book of every allotment and assignment to the respective proprietors in pursuance of this act.—*ibid.* § 9.

9. For all sums due and owing, on written contracts, for the building any house in the said city, or the brick work, or carpenter's or joiner's work thereon, the undertaker, or workmen, employed by the person for whose use the house shall be built, shall have a lien on the house and the ground on which the same is erected, as well as for the materials found by him; provided the said written contract shall have been acknowledged before one of the commissioners, a justice of the peace, or an alderman of the corporation of George-town, and recorded in the office