

4. No manors, lands, tenements, or hereditaments whatsoever, within this province, shall pass, alter or change from one to another, nor any estate for above seven years, shall take effect by reason of any bargain and sale only, except the deed or conveyance thereof be made by writing indented and sealed, and acknowledged in the provincial court, or before one provincial justice; or in the county court, or before two justices of the same, where such manors, &c. do lie, and enrolled within six months from the date of the deed.—*ibid.* § 7. (See below, art. 13.)

5. The clerk, upon receipt of such deed, shall endorse the time of his receiving the same, on the back thereof; and shall enroll the same, and alphabet the names of both parties, and in a full legible hand, endorse the enrollment and folio on the back of the deed, and sign such endorsement.—*ibid.*

6. Where a grantor, &c. lives remote from the provincial court, or the county court where the land lieth, an acknowledgment of the same in the county where he liveth, and certificate thereof under the clerk's hand and county seal, shall be a sufficient warrant to the clerk of the county where the land lieth to enroll the same.—*ibid.* § 8.

7. If the grantor, &c. at the time of enfealing such writing indented, be out of the province, within any of his majesty's dominions, in such case, such lands or tenements shall be acknowledged by a letter of attorney, sufficiently proved, either in the provincial, or county court where such lands or tenements lie; or before one justice of the provincial or two justices of the county court, and be enrolled as aforesaid.—*ibid.*

8. Every such writing indented (to be acknowledged and enrolled as aforesaid) shall take effect from the day of enrollment, and not from the day of its date. And shall be construed more favourably for the grantee, and more strongly for barring the grantor, according to the apparent intention of the parties, tho' not so firmly drawn, as is used in England.—*ibid.* § 9. (but see art. 16.)

9. If any *femme covert*, be named as a grantor in any such writing indented, the same shall not be in force to debar her or her heirs, except upon her acknowledgment of the same: And the person taking her acknowledgment examining her privately out of the hearing of her husband, "whether she doth make her acknowledgment of the same willingly and freely, and without being induced thereto by fear or threats of, or ill usage by her husband, or fear of his displeasure?" and certifying the same; and such certificate to be likewise enrolled upon record. Which acknowledgment and certificate shall bar her of dower tho' not named in the deed.—*ibid.* § 10. (See below art. 17.)