

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after any deed shall be enrolled in the records of any county court, the clerk of such court, before he shall deliver to the bargainee or grantee the original deed out of his office, shall, in a record book, (to be provided and kept for that purpose only,) carefully, and with accuracy, enter the substance of such deed; that is to say, the date of the deed, the christian names and surnames of the parties, with their additions (if any,) the name of the land or estate in such deed mentioned to be conveyed, and the number of acres of land, if expressed, and the place where the same may lie, and the consideration for making the deed, and the estate expressed in the premises, and the *habendum* of such deed in the very expressions thereof, and the said clerk shall note and certify, in the said record book, immediately after and following such entry, the day such deed was enrolled, and shall sign his name thereto, and shall be entitled to receive for his trouble from the bargainee or grantee two shillings current money; and the said clerk shall annually, sometime in the month of May, transmit a copy of such record entry to the clerk of the general court, who shall enter the same in a record book, (to be provided and kept for that purpose only,) and the transcript shall be safely kept among the papers of the general court office; and the clerk of the county for such transcript shall be entitled to receive one shilling current money for each deed mentioned in such transcript, to be paid by the party claiming under such deed; and the clerk of the general court, for his trouble, shall be entitled to receive one shilling like money for each deed in such transcript mentioned, to be paid as aforesaid; and in case any original deed, and the record of the same at length, shall be lost or destroyed, then the said record entries, or copies of the same properly attested, shall be admitted in evidence in all courts of this state, and although the original deed or record thereof at length may not be lost or destroyed, yet the judges of the general court may, in their discretion, admit the record entries as aforesaid to be made by the clerk of the general court, or attested copies of the same, to be given in evidence in all cases in the said court where the judges shall be of opinion, from the circumstances of the case and the nature of the dispute, that it is not necessary to have the deed at length; provided that no such record entry, or copy of the same, shall be admitted in evidence, if the party against whom the same is intended to be used shall give the other party notice a term before the trial of the cause to produce the original deed, or a full copy of the same from the record.

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IX.
Substance of
deeds to be re-
corded, &c.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to extend the time limited for bringing in and settling claims against this state by the citizens thereof, and for limiting the time for bringing in and settling claims against the said state by citizens of the United States. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 606.

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WHEREAS by an act, entitled, An act to limit the time for bringing and settling claims against this state, * it was enacted, that all claims upon this state by any citizen thereof, which have arisen before the tenth day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, shall be brought in, liquidated and settled, on or before the tenth day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-five; and no claim against the state by any citizen thereof, which did arise on any account or transaction whatsoever before the said tenth day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, shall, after the said tenth day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, be passed or settled by the auditor or intendant, or paid by this state, unless the person having such claim is or shall be an infant, *non compos mentis*, or *seme-covert*, or be out of this state, in which cases one year shall be allowed to such persons respectively, after the disability removed or the person so being out of the state returns, to bring in and settle such claims: And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that sundry citizens of this state having claims upon the same, through the remoteness of their situation from the auditor or intendant, and other causes, have not brought in the said claims to be liquidated and settled on or before the aforesaid tenth day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, as directed by the above recited act; and it appearing reasonable that a further time should be allowed for the purpose aforesaid to such persons as have just claims against this state;

Preamble.
* 1784, ch. 65.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all claims upon this state by any citizen thereof, (except claims for the depreciation and pay of the army previous to the first day of August, seventeen hundred and eighty,) which have arisen before the said tenth day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, may be brought in, passed and settled, by the auditor-general or intendant, on or before the first day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, and paid by this state, any thing in this recited act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Claims may be
brought in, &c.