

shall be certified by the justice or judge taking the same: and in cases of *femes covert*, any two justices of the peace of the proper county, shall have power to take the acknowledgment of any such *feme*, purporting her knowledge of the intended negotiation, of her free will and consent thereto, and of her voluntary relinquishment of all estate, by right or expectancy of dower or otherwise, in the said lands or real property; which said acknowledgment and certificate shall operate for the purposes of this act, to divest the said *feme* from all interest, present, remote or contingent, in the said lands or real property, to all intents and purposes, and as fully as if the same had been passed by a formal deed of bargain and sale, duly acknowledged, certified, and recorded, as is now required by law. And the said description shall contain annexed thereto, the assessment and valuation of the said lands or real property, the separate and respective value being affixed to and extended against each and every tract or parcel under the hands, seals, and official obligations of two or more of the assessors or commissioners of the tax of the proper county, who shall each be entitled to demand and receive from the said applicant or applicants, fifty cents therefor; and the attorney acting for the state, shall certify and endorse on the said description and exposition, in substance, that the said title or titles as therein set forth, is justly and properly described and exposed; and the said attorney shall be entitled to demand and receive from the said applicant or applicants, five dollars for his said certificate and endorsement; and thereupon the said president and directors shall be authorised to cause a bond or bonds to be executed, and a judgment or judgments, to be confessed, taken and certified before any two justices of the peace by the said applicant or applicants, in pursuance of a form or forms to be prescribed by the Treasurer of the Western Shore; acknowledging in the said judgment or judgments, that he, she or they, is or are justly indebted to the State of Maryland, (inserting the sum to be loaned,) to be levied and collected according to law, as in ordinary cases of execution or attachments under judgments in the courts of this state, at the end of six months, for the whole amount, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum therefrom, and costs, in case that he, she or they, shall fail to pay one-twentieth part of the principal, and to deposit in advance a sum sufficient to cover interest for six months, at the rate of five per centum per annum, on the remaining nineteen-twentieth parts; and the like sum of one-twentieth part of