

(499) William Mathews by his Power of attorney Duely executed & Proved Impowred
 Rich. Bennett and Tho. Bordeny Esqrs to Sell and Dispose of the said Lands in the
 said Deeds mentioned wha according to the Powers to themselves did agree for and sell
 the same Lands to a certain Josias Middlemore of Baltimore County
 But that when the said attorney wheres about to convey the said Lands over
 to the said Middlemore they perceived that tho the said Deeds from Colles and
 others to the said Mathews were Duely Proved yet that the same had never been
 Duely acknowledged by the attorney appointed to do the same, one of
 which to witt William Cursey Esq. was then Dead, Another to witt Wornel Hunt
 Esq. gone to reside in some of west India Islands of the third and only one
 Remaining to witt Charles Carroll Esq. then lying on his Death Bed soon Departed
 ing that altho the said Tho. Bordeny one of the attys obtained the favour of
 a provinciall Justice to come to annapolis on purpose to take the said Charles
 Carrolls acknowledgement he was too far spent to be troubled therewith and for
 that the said Rich. Bennett and Tho. Bordeny Esqrs as attorney aforesaid as wiso
 the said Josias Middlemore have petitioned this Present Generall assembly for
 the supplying the Omision of the acknowledgement of the Deeds aforesaid
 and have made good their Allegations it is prayed it may be enacted And be
 it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord proprietary by and with the
 advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the Upper and Lower houses of this
 assembly and the authority of the same that the aforesaid Deeds to
 the said William Mathews his heirs and assigns and the Records thereof be and
 hereby Declared to be as effectual in Law to all intents constructions and purposes
 as if the Deeds had been Duely acknowledged before the Recording thereof
 and that such acknowledgments had been Duely Recorded with the same Deeds
 and also that the said Josias Middlemore have as absolute an estate in the
 Lands so to him sold as if such acknowledgments had been made
 and Recorded or this act had passed to supply the Defect thereof before the
 said sale and conveyance made unto the said Josias Middlemore any
 omision or Defect of acknowledgment of the said Deeds or of the
 Recording thereof or the act Entituled an act for quieting Possessions Enrolling
 conveyances and securing the Estates of Purchasers or any other Law Statute
 usage or Custome to the contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding

Saving to his Majesty his heirs and Successors and to the Honble the
 Lord proprietary his heirs and successors and to all Bodies Politick and Corporate
 and to all Persons Not named in this act their Just and Legall Rights

October the 22. 1720

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Read and assented to by the Lower
 House of asembly & signed & ordered
 M. Jenifer C. lo. hoc

Read and assented to by the upper house
 of asembly and signed & ordered
 John Calvert C. lo. hoc

October the 27. 1720

On behalf of his Lordship the Right Honorable
 the Lord Proprietarie of this Province I will
 this be a Law.
 Cha. Calvert