

C H A P. CLIV. any two of them, to take the private examination and acknowledgment of such *feme-covert* in the manner herein before directed, when such *feme-covert* shall be named as grantor, bargainor, vendor or donor, in any such deed or conveyance, or be about to relinquish her dower in any lands, tenements or hereditaments, mentioned in such deed or conveyance; and such deed or conveyance, acknowledged before such commissioners, or any two of them, in the manner herein before directed, and which examination and acknowledgment being certified under the hands and seals of the said commissioners, so taking such examination and acknowledgment, and returned with such deed or conveyance and commission aforesaid to the court from whence the said commission shall issue, shall be recorded amongst the records of the said court, and shall be as valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been executed or acknowledged in this state agreeably to the provisions of the several acts of assembly in force upon this subject previous to the passing of this act.

Deeds to be recorded, &c. VI. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That any deed or conveyance, executed and acknowledged in virtue of this act, shall be recorded within the time prescribed by the act, entitled, A further additional supplementary act to the act to which this is also a further additional supplementary act, passed at November session, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

Proviso. VII. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained shall have operation to prevent the execution, acknowledgment and recording of deeds, according to provisions of the law now in force.

Clerks to record all deeds, &c. VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerks of the court of appeals be and they are hereby directed and authorised to record all deeds of conveyance, or extracts of deeds, required by law to be recorded, in the same manner that the late clerks of the general court might or could have done, and that they receive the same fees therefor as are charged and received by the clerks of the county courts of this state for the like services.

And retain all papers, &c. IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the clerk to retain, file and preserve, in his office, all such written papers purporting to be the assent of grantors or *femes-covert* to the issuing of commissions as directed by this act.

C H A P. CLV.

Passed 20th of January, 1808. An ACT for the preservation of the navigation of the north-west branch of Nanticoke river, in Dorchester county.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the navigation of the north-west branch of the said river is much injured by the erection of wears and hedges in and upon the same; therefore,

Wears deemed nuisances, &c. II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all wears and hedges already made, or hereafter to be made, in the channel of that part of the said branch of the said river which lies between the channel of the main river and the place on the aforesaid branch or river called The Walnut Landing, so as to stop the passage of boats or vessels, or in any manner injure the navigation of the said branch or river, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared, nuisances, and may be by any person taken out of said branch or river, and destroyed as such.

No person to make any wear, &c. III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person or persons shall, after the first day of March next, put, place or make, any wear or hedge in the channel or mouth of the said branch or river, so as to stop the passage of boats or vessels, or in any manner injure the navigation thereof, under the penalty of twenty dollars for every such offence, to be recovered before a single magistrate, in the same manner as small debts are recovered, and appropriated, one half to the informer or person who will sue for or prosecute to effect for the same, the other half to the use of Dorchester county, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. CLVI.

Passed 20th of January, 1808. An ACT authorising the court of chancery to decree in the case therein mentioned.

Preamble. WHEREAS Elie Williams, Nathaniel Rochester, Daniel Hughes, and Anne his wife, (formerly Anne Elliott,) Calunder Irwin, and Patience his wife, Duncan, and Harriet his wife,