

Dec. Ses. 1816 to corporations of this kind, and what may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted, to enable the members of the said society duly and fully to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent of their said corporation, for the benevolent succour and relief of such distressed persons as the regulations and by-laws of said corporation authorise, and generally to effect the charitable objects of their institution.

CHAPTER 164.

Passed Jan. 31 A Further Additional Supplementary act to the Act, entitled, An act for Quieting Possessions, Enrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers.

Deeds in certain cases to have effect. Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That where any deed, conveyance, or instrument of writing, intending to pass, convey and transfer, or purporting to pass, convey and transfer, the right, title, interest and estate, of any *feme covert*, residing or being without the limits of this state, of in and to any lands, tenements or hereditaments, lying and being within this state, hath been or shall be acknowledged by the husband of such *feme-covert* before a judge or justice of a court of any one of the former provinces, or of the present United States, or of the territories thereof, or before any other person or persons authorised by law to take the acknowledgment of a nonresident *feme covert*, and such deed, conveyance, or instrument of writing, hath been or shall be acknowledged by such *feme covert* in the form prescribed by law, then and in such case, every such deed, conveyance, or instrument of writing, shall be of the same force and effect, to pass, convey and transfer, to the bargainee or bargainees, grantee or grantees, or donee or donees, therein named, the right, title, interest and estate, thereby intended to be passed, conveyed and transferred, of, in and to, the lands, tenements or hereditaments, therein mentioned, in the same manner as if such deed, conveyance, or instrument of writing, had been acknowledged by the husband and *feme covert* in the manner required by law, provided such deed, conveyance or instrument of writing, hath been or shall be recorded within the time and in the manner required by law.

Copy of the same to be evidence.

2. *And be it enacted,* That a copy of any such deed, conveyance, or instrument of writing, acknowledged and recorded in the manner provided by this act, and of the acknowledgment thereof, and the endorsement thereon certified, under the seal of office, where the same is or shall be recorded shall be evidence of the said deed, conveyance, or instrument of writing, and of the execution, acknowledgment, and recording thereof, as fully for all purposes as copies so certified are evidence in case of deeds, conveyances or instruments of writing, acknowledged and duly recorded in the manner provided by law.

Provisos.

3. *Provided always, and be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained shall effect or be construed to extend, to any case where any land may have been actually recovered, and possession received by due course of law in opposition to any deed or conveyance which, before the passing of this act, was defective, or where the person or persons claiming independent of, and in op-