

limits of this Province, the acknowledgment or proof of any such conveyance or instrument may be had and taken, if in Great Britain or Ireland, before any Judge of the Courts of Queen's Bench, or Common Pleas, or Baron of the Exchequer, or any Master in Chancery in England or Ireland, or any Judge or Lord of the Session in Scotland, or before any Mayor or other Chief Magistrate of the City, Borough, or Town Corporate in any part of the United Kingdom; and if in any other part of the British dominions, by and before any Judge of the Supreme or Superior Court of Judicature in such Colony or part of said dominions; or if in any Foreign State or Kingdom, before any public Minister, Ambassador or Consul from the Court of Great Britain, resident in any such State or Kingdom: Provided always, that any conveyance or instrument which may have been duly proved or acknowledged before the time of passing this Act, agreeably to the directions of the Acts then in force, may be registered agreeably to the provisions of this Act, without any further proof or acknowledgment; and being so registered, shall have the like force and effect as if the said Acts had not been repealed.

In Great Britain or Ireland;

In other parts of the British dominions;

In a Foreign State or Kingdom.

Reservation for Deeds proved before the passing of this Act.

VIII. And be it enacted, That all such acknowledgments or proofs, or acknowledgments and declarations, so taken or made under and by virtue of this Act, shall be certified on such conveyances or instruments by the persons or authority before whom the same is taken or made, as follows, that is to say: if before any Court, then under the Seal of such Court, and the signature of some proper officer of such Court; if before any such Judge, Councillor, Register, Justice of the Peace, or any Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench, or Common Pleas, Baron of the Exchequer, Lord of Session, or Master in Chancery, then under the hand of such persons respectively, by the name of their office; or if before any such Mayor, or other Chief Magistrate of a City, Borough, or Town Corporate, Public Minister, Ambassador, or Consul, then under the Common Seal of such City, Borough, or Town Corporate, or the Seal of the Office of such Public Minister, Ambassador, or Consul; such certificate being also authenticated, if in the British Plantations, (other than this Province,) under the Hand and Seal of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, or some Notary Public, of the Province where the same shall be made; and if in Great Britain or Ireland, when the same shall be made by any such Judge, Baron, Lord of Session, or Master in Chancery, then under the Public Seal of some Corporation there, certifying that all faith and credit ought to be given to the acts or attestations of the person or authority giving such certificate.

Manner of certifying and authenticating acknowledgments or proofs of the execution of conveyances.

IX. And be it enacted, That in all cases where any married woman, being of the full age of twenty one years, having an interest in lands, tenements, or hereditaments, either in her own right, or in right of dower, or otherwise, shall sign, seal and deliver any conveyance of and concerning the same, such conveyance shall vest the estate or interest of such married woman in such lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in the person mentioned in such conveyance, according to the intents, uses and purposes therein expressed; provided that such married woman do acknowledge such execution in the manner and before the like persons and authorities respectively as is hereinbefore provided for taking acknowledgments in other cases, and at the same time, being examined separate and apart from her said husband, shall declare that she so executed such conveyance freely and voluntarily, and without any threat, fear or compulsion from him, and that such acknowledgment and declaration be endorsed on said conveyance, and with the conveyance, be duly registered agreeably to the provisions of this Act; and provided also, that the assent of the husband be given to such conveyance, to be signified by his joining therein, or becoming a party thereto.

Conveyance by a married woman to vest her title in the grantee, provided an acknowledgment of voluntary execution be endorsed, &c. and the assent of the husband be given.

X. And be it enacted, That all conveyances and instruments which shall be duly acknowledged or proved agreeably to the provisions of this Act, together with all certificates thereon, shall, on being produced to the said Register, be registered in the proper Registry Book in the order in which the same were received by him; and the said Register shall endorse on the said conveyance or instrument, when so registered, a certificate under his hand, mentioning the day on which such conveyance or instrument was so registered, (being the day and hour on which it was so received by him for registry,) and expressing also in what book and page, and under what number, the same is registered; which certificate shall be taken and allowed as evidence of such registry in all Courts of Record.

Register to register all duly acknowledged or proved conveyances produced to him, and endorse a certificate, which is to be received as evidence in all Courts of Record.

XI. And be it enacted, That all conveyances or instruments which shall be duly acknowledged or proved before any Court, officer or person authorized and empowered as aforesaid, and duly registered agreeably to the provisions of this Act, shall be and shall be deemed and taken to be good, effectual and available for the

Conveyances duly acknowledged or proved, and registered, shall pass Estates without livery of seisin, &c.