

An ACT for confirming Titles to Lands, and quieting Possessions.

BE it enacted by his Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted,
B That all Persons claiming or deriving any Right or Title to any *Lands* or *Tenements*, by Virtue of any *Grants* or *Deeds*, entered in the publick Registry of this Province, or by Virtue of any *Last Will* or *Testament*, shall have, hold, and enjoy such *Lands* and *Tenements*, according to the Tenor and Effect of such *Grants* or *Deeds* registred, and of such *Last Will* and *Testament*, whether the Estate be in his or their own Right, or in Right of, or in Trust for another; and that all Possessions by Virtue thereof shall be, and are hereby confirmed, any want of legal Form in such *Grants*, *Deeds* or *Wills*, notwithstanding.

Provided, That no Papist hereafter shall have any Right or Title to hold, possess, or enjoy, any *Lands* or *Tenements*, other than by Virtue of any *Grant* or *Grants* from the Crown, but that all *Deeds* or *Wills*, hereafter made, conveying ~~any~~ any Right, or in Trust for any Papist, shall be utterly null and void: And such *Lands* or *Tenements* shall not revert to the Persons granting the same to any Papist, or in Trust for any Papist, but such *Lands* or *Tenements* shall, upon Conviction of such Papist, be vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors forever.

And it is hereby enacted, That before the Registry of any *Grant* or *Deed* of any *Lands* or *Tenements*, other than by Virtue of any *Grant* or *Grants* from the Crown, the Person or Persons to whom, or for whose Use such *Grant* or *Deeds* are made, shall take the *Oaths* appointed to be taken instead of the *Oaths* of *Supremacy* and *Allegiance*, and make and subscribe the Declaration before the Register of the Province or his Deputy, who are hereby impowered to administer the same: And if any Person shall refuse to take the said *Oaths*, and subscribe the said Declaration, the *Grants* or *Deeds* made to such Persons, shall be null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

And it is hereby further enacted, That all *Deeds* of Sale of any *Lands* or *Tenements*, made by the Provost-Marshal, under Writs of Execution to him issued, for the Satisfaction of any Judgments, shall be and are hereby confirmed.

Provided nevertheless, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, whose *Lands* have been taken in Execution, and sold as aforesaid,