

Limitation of actions upon such recognizances.

VII. *Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted.* That when any register shall die, or surrender his office, and that within the space of one year from and after such death or surrender, no misbehaviour appear to have been committed by such register in the execution of his said office, then and in such case, at the end of the said one year after his death or surrender, the recognizance so entered into by him, shall become void and of no effect to all intents and purposes whatever.

Office hours for the dispatch of business in every register office.

VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every such register or his sufficient deputy shall give due attendance at his office every day in the year, (except Sundays and the first week in June and the last week in December, as also the week of the Holy passion yearly and every year) between the hours of nine in the forenoon and one in the afternoon, for the dispatch of all business belonging to the said office, and that every such register or his deputy as often as required shall make searches concerning all memorials that are registered as aforesaid, and give certificates concerning the same under his hand if required by any person.

Searches.

Fees.

IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every such register shall be allowed for the entry of every such memorial as is by this act directed, the sum of two shillings and six pence and no more, in case the same doth not exceed one hundred words, but if such memorial shall exceed one hundred words, then after the rate and proportion of one shilling for every hundred words contained in such memorial over and above the first hundred words and the like fees for the like number of words contained in every certificate or copy given out of the said office, and no more, and for every search in the said office one shilling and six pence and no more.

Penalties for neglect of duty or fraudulent practices of registers or their deputies.

X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any such register or his deputy shall neglect to perform his or their duty in the execution of the said office, according to the rules and directions in this act mentioned, or commit or suffer to be committed any undue or fraudulent practice in the execution of the said office and be thereof lawfully convicted, that then such register shall forfeit his said office and pay treble damages, with full costs of suit to every person or persons that shall be injured thereby; to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information in any of his majesty's courts of record, wherein no essoin, protection, privilege, or wager of law shall be allowed, nor any more than one imparlance.

Provision relative to leases.

XI. *Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That this act shall not extend to any leases at a rack rent, or to any lease, not exceeding twenty-one years, where the actual possession and occupation goeth along with the lease, any thing in this act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Several writings, relating to one fact may be comprised in one memorial and registry.

XII. *Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That where there are more writings than one for making and perfecting any conveyance or security which do name, mention or any wise affect or concern the same lands, tenements and hereditaments it shall be a sufficient memorial and register thereof if all the said lands tenements and hereditaments, and the parishes and townships where the same lie be only once named or mentioned in the memorial register and certificate of any one of the deeds or writings made for the perfecting of such conveyance or security; and that the dates of the rest of the said deeds or writings, relating to the said conveyance or security with the names and additions of the parties and witnesses and the places of their abodes be only set down in the memorials, registers and certificates of the same, with a reference to the deed or writing whereof the memorial is so registered that contains or expresses the parcels mentioned in all the deeds, and directions how to find the registering the same.

A memorial may be registered of deeds, conveyances and wills, executed out of the county wherein the

XIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That a memorial of any such deeds, conveyances and wills, as shall be made and executed or published in any other place within the said province, not being within the county or counties, riding or ridings, wherein such lands tenements or hereditaments lie, shall be entered or registered by the aforesaid register or his deputy, in case an affidavit sworn before one of the judges of the court of kings bench, or