

C A P. III.

An ACT in amendment of an act intituled "An Act for more effectually securing the TITLE of Purchasers of REAL Estates against CLAIMS of DOWER." and also to enable FEMES COVERT more easily to convey any REAL Estate they may hold in their OWN Right.

WHEREAS in and by an act made and passed in Preamble. the twenty-seventh year of His MAJESTY's reign intituled "*An Act for more effectually securing the Title of Purchasers of Real Estates against Claims of Dower*" IT IS ENACTED, that no deed of bargain and sale or other conveyance of any lands, tenements or hereditaments in which any *Feme Covert* is or may be intituled to a right of Dower, shall be valid and sufficient to bar such right of dower or the recovery thereof after the decease of her husband, unless such *Feme Covert* or married woman shall sign, seal, and deliver such deed; and shall also appear before some one of His MAJESTY's Council, Judge of the Supreme Court, or one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the several counties of this province, and being examined separte and apart from her said husband, shall declare that she executed the same freely and voluntarily without any threat, fear or compulsion from him: AND WHEREAS it is expedient that some provision should be made to secure such purchasers against the claims of dower of *Femes Covert* residing out of the province who cannot conveniently appear to make the acknowledgment required by the said recited act: AND WHEREAS it is also expedient that some further provision should be made to enable *Femes Covert* or married women to convey any estate of freehold or inheritance which may be vested in them in their own right:

I. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, If Femes Covert whose right of dower is to be barred by any conveyance, live out of the province, the acknowledgment of such convey-
by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That if any *Feme Covert*, whose right of dower is to be barred by any deed of bargain and sale or other conveyance of any lands, tenements or hereditaments in this province, shall live in parts beyond the
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