

B I L L .

An Act to enable Married Women resident in Foreign Countries to convey Real Estate of which they are seized in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS no provision has been made by Law to enable Married Women resident out of the Province of Canada, and who are residents of states or countries not owning allegiance to the Crown of Great Britain, or who may be temporarily absent from the said Province of Canada and for the time being residents of such states or countries as aforesaid, to convey any real estate being within the said Province, and of which such Married Women may be seized, possessed of or otherwise entitled to; and whereas it often happens that such Married Women so resident as aforesaid, or absent from the said Province, are willing and desirous to convey and dispose of such their real estate and all their interest and estate therein to purchasers and others desirous of obtaining the title thereto, and it is right that such Married Women should be enabled to convey such their real estate without its being required that such Married Women or husbands should come into this Province for the purpose of enabling them to make a valid conveyance of such their real estate, their estate and interest therein: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Married Woman being above the age of *twenty-one years*, resident out of this Province, and being a resident of any state or country not owning allegiance to the Crown of Great Britain, or being temporarily absent from this Province and for the time being a resident of such state or country as aforesaid, and being seized, possessed of or otherwise entitled to real estate within this Province, to alien and convey such real estate or any interest therein she may be entitled to by deed, to be executed in such state or country as aforesaid, by her jointly with her husband, to such use and uses as to her and her husband shall seem meet: Provided always nevertheless, that such deed shall not be valid or have any effect, unless such Married Woman shall execute the same in the presence of the Governor or other chief executive officer of such state or country aforesaid, or in the presence of the British Consul resident in such state or country if there be a British Consul there resident, or in the presence of a Judge of a Court of Record of such state or country, or a Notary Public of such state

Preamble.

Married Women resident in a foreign State may convey estate in U. C

Proviso: Deed to be executed before the Governor, British Consul, &c.