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XII. *And be it further enacted;* That if the grantor or grantors, bargainor or bargainors, in any deed or deeds, and conveyance of lands hereafter executed, shall live in parts beyond the sea, or out of the limits of this province, or shall happen to die before acknowledgment of such deed or deeds in the manner aforesaid, acknowledgment, certificate and proof of the execution thereof may be made as follows, that is to say, if such grantor or bargainor live within the kingdoms of *Great-Britain* or *Ireland*, the acknowledgment of such deed may be had and taken by and before any judge of any of the courts of king's bench, or common pleas, or baron of the exchequer, or any master in chancery, or any judge or lord of the session in *Scotland*; and if 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 wherein such grantor or bargainor shall reside, and certified on the said deed or conveyance by and under the hand of such judge or other person so taking the acknowledgment thereof as aforesaid, such certificate being also authenticated, if in the *British* plantations, under the hand and seal of the governor, lieutenant governor or commander in chief of the province where the same shall be made, and if in *Great-Britain* or *Ireland*, the public seal of some corporation, there certifying that all faith and credit ought to be given to the attestation of the person so taking the acknowledgment thereof as aforesaid; and if the grantor or bargainor shall die before the acknowledgment of such deed as aforesaid, proof of the execution thereof may be made by the oath of one or more of the subscribing witnesses thereto, before his Majesty's supreme court of judicature, or any inferior court of common pleas in this province, or before any of the courts of king's bench, or common pleas, or exchequer, in *England* or *Ireland*, or the court of session in *Scotland*, or before the supreme or superior court of judicature, in such other *British* colony as aforesaid. And all such deeds and conveyances, so acknowledged or proved, may be registred, as by this act is provided, and shall have all the force and effect to pass the lands and estate, and possession therein granted or intended to be granted, of deeds and conveyances executed and acknowledged according to the provisions of any other and former clauses and parts of this act, and all such deeds and conveyances, and the registries and copies thereof, certified as in this clause is provided, shall be received to be as good and sufficient evidence as any other deeds, conveyances, registries, or copies in this act mentioned.

Registry fees.

XIII. *And be it further enacted,* That every such register shall be allowed, for the entering and registering of all deeds, conveyances, wills, and writings as aforesaid, the sum of two shillings and no more, in case the same do not exceed two hundred words, but if such writing shall exceed two hundred words, then after the rate and proportion of six-pence an hundred for all the words contained therein, over and above the first two hundred words;