

C A P. V.

An ACT in AMENDMENT of an Act
intituled "An Act for more effectu-
ally securing the TITLE of pur-
chasers of REAL ESTATE
against CLAIMS of DOWER.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, in and by an act made and passed in 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 entitled to a right of dower shall be valid and sufficient to bar such right 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 *separately* and apart from her husband, shall declare that she executed the same freely and voluntarily without any threat, fear or compulsion from him. AND WHEREAS great inconveniencies have been experienced for want of a greater number of persons authorized to take such acknowledgment of *Femes Coverts*.

I. BE IT ENACTED, *by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That, from and after the passing of this act any such acknowledgment of any *Feme Covert* or married woman, of any deed in which the consideration money shall not exceed *two hundred pounds*, shall be valid and sufficient to bar her right of dower and the recovery thereof, if made before any one of His MAJESTY's Justices of the Peace in this Province or Register of Deeds in the county in which the premises to be conveyed lie, in the same manner and as fully to all intents and purposes as if such acknowledgment should be made before any of the persons mentioned and described in and by the said herein before recited act.

The acknowledgment of deeds by Femes Covert in which the consideration does not exceed 200l. sufficient to bar their right of dower if made before a Justice of the Peace or Register of Deeds.