

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1787. Saint John, NB: J. Ryan, 1787.

27 George III – Chapter 9

An Act for more Effectually securing the Title of purchasers of Real Estates against Claims for Dower.

Whereas some doubts have arisen concerning the conveyance of Dower by the wife, in her husband's life-time in the manner and form now in practice: In order therefore to prevent any difficulty that may hereafter arise touching the same.

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, 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 separate and apart from her said husband, shall declare that she executed the same freely and voluntarily without any threat, fear or compulsion from him, which acknowledgment and declaration shall be entered on such deed, and registered with the same, and shall be an effectual bar to her recovery of dower in and to the premises.