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Deeds by  
*feme-covert*,

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all deeds heretofore made by any *feme-covert* for conveying property as aforesaid, and all acknowledgments of release or relinquishment of a right of dower, shall be good and effectual to pass the estate, or bar the said right of dower therein limited or expressed, provided it shall appear by the acknowledgment thereof, that she made the same voluntarily, and out of the presence and hearing of her husband, and that the said deeds shall be, in all other respects, executed, acknowledged and recorded, agreeably to the provisions of the law.

And deeds by  
attornies, to be  
good, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all deeds for the conveyance of property as aforesaid, which may be hereafter acknowledged by any attorney in fact, in his own name, shall be as good and valid in law as if acknowledged by him in the name of his principal; provided, that in all other respects the said deeds shall be executed, acknowledged and recorded, agreeably to law.

Not to affect  
certain cases.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained shall affect, or be construed to extend to, any case where a recovery has been actually had in opposition to any defective deed or deeds in any court of justice in this state, or when any person or persons are in the possession of the property in virtue of a compromise with the persons executing such defective deed, or those claiming under him, her or them.

C H A P. LIII.

Passed 20th of  
January, 1808.

An ACT for founding a medical college in the city or precincts of Baltimore for the instruction of students in the different branches of medicine.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly that many benefits would accrue, not only to the state of Maryland, but to many other parts of the United States, from the establishment of a seminary for the promotion of medical knowledge in the city of Baltimore; therefore,

A college to be  
established, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a college for the promotion of medical knowledge, by the name of The College of Medicine of Maryland, be established in the city or precincts of Baltimore, upon the following fundamental principles, to wit: The said college shall be founded and maintained for ever upon a most liberal plan, for the benefit of students of every country and every religious denomination, who shall be freely admitted to equal privileges and advantages of education, and to all the honours of the college, according to their merit, without requiring or enforcing any religious or civil test, or urging their attendance upon any particular plan of religious worship or service; nor shall any preference be given in the choice of a president, professor, lecturer, or other officer of the said college, on account of his particular religious profession, but regard shall be solely paid to his moral character, and other necessary qualifications to fill the place for which he shall be chosen.

Members, &c.  
incorporated,  
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the members of the board of medical examiners for this state for the time being, together with the president and the professors of the said college, and their successors, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, one community, corporation and body politic, to have continuance for ever, by the name of The Regents of the College of Medicine of Maryland.

Regents may  
enjoy lands,  
&c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said regents, and their successors, by the same name, shall be able and capable to enjoy them, and their successors, in fee, or for any less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, annuities, pensions or other hereditaments, within this state, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release, confirmation or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and such lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions or other hereditaments, or any less estates, rights or interests, of or in the same, at their pleasure to grant, alien, sell and transfer, in such manner and form as they shall think meet and convenient for the furtherance of the said college; and also that they may take and receive any sum or sums of money, and every kind, manner or portion of goods and chattels, that shall be sold or given to them, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make a gift or sale thereof, and employ the same towards maintaining the said college, in such manner as they shall judge most necessary and convenient for the instruction of students in medicine, and the sciences connected with it.

And may sue,  
&c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said regents, and their successors, shall be able in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court or courts, before any judge, judges or justices, within this state and elsewhere, in all and all manner of suits, pleas, causes, matters and demands, of whatsoever kind, nature or form they be, and to do all and every other matter and thing hereby