shall be intended to pass allow or change the same be made by writing indented & sealed & the same to be Acknowledged in the Provincial Court or before our Justices thereof in the County Court or before two Justices of the same where such mannor lands Tenements or Hereditaments do lye & enrolled within six months after the date of such writing indented as aforesd & for the taking of such Acknowledgment there shall be paid to the party or partys taking the same one shilling & no more & the clerk shall imediately upon the receipt of such Deed endorse the time of his receiving the same on the back thereof & shall well & truly enroll such Deed or conveyance in a good sufficient book in folio to be regularly alphabetted in the names of both parties & to remain in the custody of the Clerk of the same Court for the time being among the Records of the same Court & that the same clerk shall on the back of every such Deed in fair legible hand make an endorsement of such enrollment & also of the folio of the book in which the same shall be enrolled & shall to such endorsement set his hand, Provided always & be it further enacted by the authority aforesd that when the Grantor or Grantors, bargainor or bargainors of such lands Tenements or Hereditaments shall live remote from either the Provincial Court or County Court where the land lyeth it shall & may be lawful for such Grantor or bargainor to Acknowledge the same in the County where such bargainor live & a certificate of such Acknowledgment under the hand of the County Clerk & under the seal of the same County of such Acknowledgment shall be taken deemed reputed & be as good & valid as if the same had been Acknowledged either in the Provincial or County Court where such land lyeth & be a sufficient warrant for such County Clerk where the land lyeth to enroll the same, And if any such Grantor or bargainor of any lands or Tenements as aforesd shall happen to be out of this Province within any of his Majestys Dominions at the time of the ensealing such writing or writings indented so as the same cannot be Acknowledged as is before directed or enrolled within the time for that purpose hereinbefore limitted that in every such case such lands or Tenements as aforesd shall be Acknowledged by a Letter of Attorney well & sufficiently proved either in the provincial or County Court where such lands or Tenements lie or before one Justice of the Provincial Court or two Justices of the County Court as aforesd & be enrolled as aforesd any thing hereinbefore contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesd that every such writing indented to be Acknowledged & enrolled as aforesd shall have relation as to the passing & conveying of the premises & the estate & estates thereby passed or intended to be passed & conveyed by & from the day of the enrollment of the same & not from the day of the date thereof & shall at all times be construed & taken more favourably & beneficially for the benefitt & advantage of the Grantee or Grantees & more strongly for the barring the Grantor therein to be named & according to such intents as by the words thereof shall appear to have been the true intent of the partys thereunto altho the same be not so firmly drawn as is used in England where the advice of Council learned in the law may be easily had; Provided always that if any feme covert be named as a Grantor in any such writing indented the same shall not be in force to —

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debar her or her heirs except upon her Acknowledgment of the same & the person or persons taking such her Acknowledgment shall examine her privately out of the hearing of her Husband whether she doth make her Acknowledgment of the same willingly & freely & without being induced thereto by fear or threats of ill usage by her Husband or fear of his displeasure & that the person or persons so examining her shall in a note or certificate of the taking of the said Acknowledgment certifie her examination & Acknowledgment thereupon & that such certificate be likewise enrolled upon Record in which case & by such Acknowledgments & certificates Feme Coverts shall be barred & not otherwise & shall also be barred of their dower by such like Acknowledgment where they have only a right of Dower in the estate conveyed altho not named in the Deed thereof any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided always & be it further Enacted by the authority aforesd by & with the advice & consent aforesd that where any Acknowledgment or Acknowledgments of any Deed or Deeds, conveyance or conveyances by them that right had to grant bargain & sell any mannor lands Tenements or Hereditaments within this Province have been made during the continuance of any of famer recited Acts of Assembly before one Justice of the Prov.l Court or before one or two of the Council & enrolled according to the direction of the famer Acts shall be good & effectual in the law to all intents constructions & purposes whatsoever any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. —

May 25th 1715. Read and assented to, by his Majestys Hon.ble Council & signed p order, —
W. Bladen Cl Council.

June 3d 1715. on the behalf of his most sacred Majesty King George of Great Britain &c. —
I will this be a law.
Jo: Hart (seal)

May 25th 1715. Read and assented to, by the House of Delegates & signed p order, —
Thos. Macnemara Clk H.D.

An Act declaring all Laws heretofore made which have been re-enacted this Session of Assembly to be repealed, —

Whereas sundry Laws of this Province have been re-enacted this present session many whereof are not particularly repealed by the Laws re-enacting them Therefore for the better ascertaining what Laws are in force it is hereby declared & enacted And be it enacted by the Kings most excellent Majesty by & with the advice & consent of his majestys Governor Council & Assembly of this Province & the authority of the same that all such Laws or Acts of Assembly heretofore made which have been considered & re-enacted this present session be & are hereby declared to be repealed — abrogated null & void to all intents & purposes whatsoever, Provided always that nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend to the prejudice of any Action or suit already commenced in any of the Courts of this Province but that the same shall & may be Adjudged & determined in such manner as if this Act had not passed —

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