

## CHAPTER XXIV.

## AN ACT ABOUT RECORDING OF DEEDS.

To prevent any damage that may arise for not recording of deeds, gifts, grants and charters, enjoined by the late laws of this government:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That such writings, though they were never recorded nor enrolled according to law, yet the same are hereby indemnified and declared as good and authentic as if they had been duly entered and enrolled. And it is the true meaning of this act that no deeds or other writings shall be required to be recorded, but that such deeds or writings as shall be enrolled or registered in the rolls office, the explication of the records of the same, in all courts of judicature shall be allowed and judged as valid as the originals.

Passed November 27, 1700; repealed by the Queen in Council, February 7, 1705-6. See Appendix I, Section II, and the Act of Assembly passed January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 136.

## CHAPTER XXV.

## AN ACT FOR THE PREVENTING OF CLANDESTINE MARRIAGES.

For the preventing of clandestine, loose and unseemly proceedings in this province and counties annexed:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That all marriages not forbidden by the law of God shall be encouraged, but the parents or guardians shall, if conveniently [they] can, be first consulted with, and the parties'