CONSTABLES—CONVEYANCES.

Constables.

An act relative to the election of constables in incorporated cities and towns. Approved April 6, 1876, P. L. 1876, p. 82.

1. That at the annual charter elections in each of the incorporated cities and towns of this state, which are or may be divided into wards, the voters of each ward may elect one constable therein; provided, that this act shall not apply to any incorporated city or town in which the number of constables in each ward is fixed by the charter thereof.

Conveyances.(1)

1. Clerks of counties authorized to record deeds of trust of personal property.
2. Who authorized to take acknowledgments, &c., of deeds.
3. Record and transcript of evidence.
4. Fees of clerks.
5. Before whom acknowledgments, &c., if out of state, may be taken.
6. Repealer.
7. Acknowledgments taken by commissioners whose term had expired, validated.


WHEREAS, gifts of personal property of great value are from time to time made by deed to literary, benevolent, religious and charitable institutions, upon particular trusts therein specified; and whereas, the public has an interest in many of such gifts, and it is desirable that the trusts wherein the same may be given should be matter of public record; therefore,

1. That the clerks of the courts of common pleas of the several counties of this state be, and they are hereby authorized to record in suitable books to be provided for that purpose, any deed of personal property made or to be made to any literary, benevolent, religious or charitable institution, the same having thereon such certificate of the acknowledgment or proof of the execution thereof, as is or may be by law required for recording of deeds of real estate, which certificate shall be recorded therewith, and such deed shall be recorded in the county where such institution is situated.

2. That all persons authorized by law to take the acknowledgment or proof of execution of deeds of real estate, are hereby authorized to take the acknowledgment or proof of execution required by the first section of this act, and to make the like charge therefor, as in case of deeds of real estate.

3. That all deeds recorded by virtue of this act shall be recorded in like manner as deeds of real estate, and shall be properly indexed, and the record of any such deed and a transcript of such record duly certified by the clerk in whose office the record is kept, shall be received in evidence in any court of this state, in the same manner and to the same effect as the record or the transcript of the record of deeds of real estate is now received.

4. That the clerks shall be entitled for all services to be performed by them, virtue of this act, to the same fees as for like services in the case of deeds of real estate.

(1) See act to authorize records of deeds in Bergen county to be transcribed into the records of Hudson county in certain cases, approved March 26, 1873, (P. L. 1873, p. 81). Also an act for the transcribing of certain deeds, &c., relating to lands now in the county of Passaic, approved February 27, 1873, (P. L. 1873, p. 257), and supplement approved April 6, 1873, (P. L. 1873, p. 632). Also act to authorize the transcription of certain deeds, &c., in the county of Union, approved March 27, 1874, (P. L. 1874, p. 729).
A further supplement to the act entitled "An act respecting conveyances," approved March twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Approved April 4, 1876.

5. Sec. 1. That every acknowledgment or proof of any deed or conveyance of lands, tenements or hereditaments, lying and being in this state, heretofore or hereafter made by any grantor or witness thereto, before or by any officer in some other state in the Union or territory thereof, authorized at the time of such proof or acknowledgment, by the laws of the state or territory wherein such proof or acknowledgment shall be or shall have been made or taken, to take the proofs and acknowledgments of deeds or conveyances of lands, tenements or hereditaments lying and being in such state or territory shall be as good, valid and effectual in law, and the record thereof as admissible in evidence, fully and completely, as if such proof or acknowledgment had been made or taken by or before an officer authorized by the laws of the state to take the same; provided, that such acknowledgment or proof and the certificate thereof shall in all other respects conform to the laws of this state, and that each certificate thereof shall be accompanied by a certificate under the great seal of the state or territory, or under the seal of some court of record of the county in which it was or shall be made, that the officer before whom such proof or acknowledgment was or shall be made, was, at the time of the taking of such proof or acknowledgment, authorized by the laws of such state or territory to take the acknowledgments and proofs of deeds or conveyances for lands, tenements or hereditaments in such state or territory, which said last named certificate shall have been or be recorded with such deed or conveyance.

6. Sec. 2. That the act entitled "A supplement to the act entitled 'An act respecting conveyances,'" approved March twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, which supplement was approved March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, be and the same is hereby repealed. (See ante, p. 163, Sec. 59).

Supplement.

Approved March 9, 1877.

Whereas, commissioners of deeds in and for this state, in some instances, have through inadvertence or mistake, continued to take acknowledgments and proofs of deeds, mortgages and other writings, after their terms of office had expired, and innocent persons may be subject to loss or injury thereby; therefore,

7. Sec. 1. That all acknowledgments and proofs of deeds, mortgages and other writings, and certificates thereof, heretofore taken or made before or by a commissioner of deeds in and for this state, whose term of office had expired at the time of taking such acknowledgment or proof and making the certificate thereof, and the records of such deeds, mortgages and other writings, are hereby confirmed and made valid, and legal and effectual to the extent that the same would have been valid, legal and effectual if the term of office of the commissioner taking such acknowledgment or proof had not expired.

Coroners.

1. Coroner when to be elected. Term of office.
2. Date of commission, expiration of term.
3. Fee for viewing body in certain cases.
4. Fee for holding inquisition.
5. Fee for taking depositions.

A further supplement to the act entitled "An act respecting coroners," approved March twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, (revision).

Approved March 7, 1876.

1. That the coroners for the several counties of this state shall be elected by the qualified voters of each county at the time of electing