

## FIFTH REVISION.

## THE

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OF THE

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CHAPTER 112.

COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEEDS AND OTHER CONTRACTS, AND DEPOSITIONS IN OTHER STATES.

Appointment of commissioners; their power to authenticate deeds. R. S., c.110,§1. 72 Me., 548.

Legal effect of their official acts. R. S., c. 110, §2.

May administer oaths and take depositions. R. S., c.110,§3.

Qualification and seal. R. S., c.110,§4. SEC. I. The governor may appoint one or more commissioners in any other of the United States, and in any foreign country, who shall continue in office during his pleasure; and have authority to take the acknowledgment and proof of the execution of any deed, other conveyance or lease of lands lying in this state; and of any contract, letter of attorney, or any other writing, under seal or not, to be used or recorded in this state.

SEC. 2. Such acknowledgment or proof, taken according to the laws of this state, and certified by any such commissioner under his seal of office, annexed to or indorsed on such instrument, shall have the same force and effect, as if done by an officer authorized to perform such acts within this state.

SEC. 3. Every commissioner thus appointed may administer any oath, lawfully required in this state, to any person willing to take it; and take and duly certify all depositions, to be used in any of the courts in this state, in conformity to the laws thereof, on interrogatories proposed under commission from a court of this state, by consent of parties, or on legal notice given to the opposite party; and all such acts shall be as valid as if done and certified, according to law, by a magistrate in this state.

SEC. 4. Every such commissioner, before performing any duty or exercising any power by virtue of his appointment, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, before a judge or clerk of one of the superior courts of the state or country in which he resides, well and faithfully to execute and perform all his official duties under the laws of Maine; which oath, and a description of his seal of office, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of this state.