

DEEDS PROOF OF EMPOWER MAYOR AND RECORDER OF PHILADELPHIA

Act of Jan. 9, 1817, P.L. 16, No. 13

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AN ACT

To empower the Mayor and Recorder of the city of Philadelphia,
to take the proof of deeds and for other purposes.

Section 1. Probate of deeds, etc; may be taken by the mayor
and recorder of Philadelphia

The mayor and recorder of the City of Philadelphia shall have
power and authority to take the proof of all deeds, conveyances,
mortgages, or other instruments of writing, touching or
concerning any lands, tenements or hereditaments, situate,
lying, and being in any part of the Commonwealth, and may take
and receive the same fees as by law they are now severally
entitled to receive for taking the acknowledgments of the same,
which probates shall have the like force and effects as if the
same were proved before a Judge of the Supreme Court, or any
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas within this Commonwealth.
1817, Jan. 9, P.L. 16, 6 sm.l. 395, Sec. 1.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the authority
aforesaid, That the recorder of the city of Philadelphia shall
have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, and to give relief
thereon in the manner and as fully as the president or any
associate judge of a court of common pleas in this commonwealth
at present may or can do by virtue of act of assembly entitled
"An act for the better securing personal liberty and preventing
unlawful imprisonment," and under the like restrictions and
penalties.

Section 3. And be it further enacted by the authority
aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the recorder, or
any alderman of the city of Philadelphia, to administer the oath
or affirmation prescribed by law to the mayor elect, previous to
his entering upon the duties of the said office.