

SECRETARY OF THE LAND OFFICE EXEMPLIFY LETTERS OF ATTORNEY
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AN ACT

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To authorise the Secretary of the Land Office to exemplify letters of attorney.

Whereas many titles to lands in Pennsylvania have from time to time been transferred by letters of attorney, which from the lapse of time as well as by death or removal of the attornies in fact, are lost or cannot be obtained. And whereas it was the general practice from the year one thousand seven hundred and nine, until the abolition of the office of master of the rolls in the year one thousand eight hundred and nine, to record such letters of attorney in sundry books kept for that purpose by the recorder of Philadelphia, or by the officer some time known by the name of the master of the rolls in the city of Philadelphia, all of which were afterwards removed to Lancaster and are now deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Land office, and no authority is supposed to exist for the due exemplification of such letters of attorney so as to make the same evidence, which is inconvenient to the citizens of this commonwealth.

Therefore,

Section 1. Exemplification of letters of attorney

The secretary of the Land Office is hereby authorized, for the usual fees to be paid therefor to the use of the Commonwealth, to give exemplifications of letters of attorney contained in any of the books in his office in which letters of attorney are recorded, at the request of any person or persons desiring the same, under his hand and the seal of his office; which letters of attorney so exemplified, having been duly proved according to law, shall be evidence in all Courts of Justice and elsewhere in this Commonwealth, notwithstanding such letters of attorney, when relating to lands or real estate, shall not have been recorded in the proper county where such lands or real estate may have been or now are situated. 1818, March 10, P.L. 172, 7 sm.l. 77, Sec. 1.