

## CHAPTER 49.

## FOREIGN DEEDS.

AN ACT concerning acknowledgments of deeds in foreign countries; and also, to amend section 1218 of the Code, relating to acknowledgments of deeds executed out of the State.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That any deed or other conveyance of lands within this State, which is executed without the United States, may be acknowledged or proven before any State, Republic, Kingdom or Province having a seal, or before any officer authorized by the laws of such foreign country to take acknowledgments of conveyances of real estate, if he have any official seal, the certificate of acknowledgment to be attested by the official seal of such court or officer, and in case said acknowledgment is taken before other than a court of record, or mayor, or other officer of a town having such seal, proof under the official seal of the proper authority, that such officer taking such acknowledgment was duly authorized by the laws of such country to do so, and that his signature thereto is genuine, shall accompany such certificate of such acknowledgment. Acknowledgment out of U. S.  
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tion.

§ 2. *And be it further enacted,* That section 1218 of the Code be amended so as to read as follows: Any deed conveyance or other instrument in writing, by which real estate in this State shall be conveyed or encumbered, when made or acknowledged out of the State, but within the United States, shall be acknowledged before some court of record or officer holding the seal thereof; or before some commissioner to take the acknowledgment of deeds, appointed by the Governor of this State, or before some Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace; and when made by a Justice of the Peace, a certificate under the official seal of the proper authority of the official character of said Justice, and of his authority to take such acknowledgments, and of the genuineness of his signature, shall accompany said certificate of acknowledgment. In the U. S.  
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ment.

**Deeds record- ed.** § 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all deeds, mortgages and other instruments of writing, whereby real estate situated in this State, have been or may hereafter be conveyed, or otherwise encumbered, which have been or may hereafter be recorded in the Recorder's office in the proper county, shall be deemed hence forth notice to all persons interested of what they purport to be.

**Notice.**

**Take effect.**

§ 4. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa Capital Reporter and Iowa Republican.

APPROVED January 22d, 1855.

I certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa Capital Reporter and Iowa Republican, on the 21st day of Jan. 1855.

GEO. W. McCLEARY, Sec'y of State.

## CHAPTER 50.

### MUSCATINE.

AN ACT amendatory to the Act incorporating the City of Muscatine.

**Council to have power.**

**To alter streets and alleys.**

**Injuries.**

**Apply to board**

**Notice.**

**Meeting.**

**Com'rs to view and assess.**

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the city council of the city of Muscatine, shall have power whenever they deem it expedient for the public interest of said city, to alter the width, course or grade of any of the streets or alleys of said city.

§ 2. That if any property holder in said city shall be injured by any such alteration, such person may make application to the board of Commissioners for the assessment of damages, (to be appointed as hereinafter provided) who, upon such application, shall give ten days notice in the newspapers published in said city, in case the claimant be a resident of said city, or twenty days in case the claimant be a non-resident, stating the time and place of meeting and object of the same, and at the time specified in said notice, said Commissioners shall proceed to view and assess the damages done by reason of such alteration, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages