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- 1. General provisions.—Any and all acts passed before a notary public and two witnesses in the District of Columbia or any State of the United States other than Louisiana, or in foreign countries before any commissioned officer of the Army or Navy of the United States of America serving therein, shall be authentic acts and shall have the same force and effect as if passed before a notary public in Louisiana.

 Louisiana, Acts 1918, No. 192, p. 363.
- 2. General provisions.—Affidavits and commissions to take depositions of any person without this Commonwealth, engaged in the military service of the United States, may be executed before any officer in said service above the rank of lieutenant, and of any person in naval service before an officer above the rank of ensign. Deeds of such persons may be taken before similar officers. All such instruments shall be received in evidence or for any other purpose as if taken before a commissioner of this Commonwealth.

Massachusetts, Gen. Acts 1917, ch. 342, sccs. 13, 14.

3. General provisions.—Any person enlisted or employed in the military or naval service of the United States, and being outside the State, may acknowledge instruments affecting property in this State before any officer of the United States Army or Navy, which officer shall certify thereto under his official signature and further certify that the person so acknowledging was at the time employed in such military or naval service, either as an enlisted man or in some other capacity therein named.

Minnesota, Gen. Stat. 1913, sec. 5749.

4. General provisions.—Acknowledgments and proofs of deeds, if within the States comprising the Empire of Germany or within the Kingdom of Italy, may be made before a judge of a court of record under the seal of such court, or before a notary public under the seal of his office, and the seal of the city or town in which such notary resides.

New York, Laws 1915, ch. 28.

5. General provisions.—If the party or parties executing conveyance of real estate shall be certified by the officer taking the acknowledgment or proof to be enlisted or commissioned in the military or naval forces of the United States of America, either within or without the United States, the same may be acknowledged or proved before: An officer of the United States Regular Army, or volunteer service. or National Army, or National Guard, or Marine Corps, of the rank of captain or higher, or officers of the United States Navy or Navy Aviation Corps of the rank of lieutenant or higher. Such officer shall state his rank, the name of the city, or other political division or country, or place where taken, and that the party or parties executing such conveyance are enlisted or commissioned and engaged in military or naval duties. The fact that the officer before whom such acknowledgment was taken was duly commissioned and acting as such at the time shall be certified by the Secretary of War or Navy of the United States or the officer in such department having charge of the record of commissions of officers.

New York, Laws 1918, ch. 116.

6. General provisions. -Acknowledgment of any instrument may be made within or without the limits of this State by any person in the military or naval service of the United States before any colonel, licutenant colonel, or major in the Army, or before any officer in the Navy not below the grade of licutenant commander.

Rhode Island, Gen. Laws 1909, ch. 253, sec. 8 (4), p. 876

7. Notaries public to be stationed at camps.—The governor shall appoint notaries public to reside at the different military posts in this State, who shall be vested with the same powers conferred on such by law.

New Mexico, Stat. 1915, sec. 3925.

8. Validity of certificates without official seals.—All certificates of acknowledgments to deeds and other writings made and certified before officials in foreign countries, whereon they failed to affix their official seals, shall be held valid, because it is impossible to have said certificates corrected by said officials while a state of war exists in said countries.

Virginia, Acts 1918, ch. 54, p. 108.

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9. Limitation of action.—When a person is an alien subject or citizen of a country at war with the United States, the time of the continuance of the war shall not be a part of the period limited for the commencement of an action.

Alaska, Carter's Ann. Codes 1900, pt. 4, ch. 2, sec. 18; Laws 1900 Ann., ch. 2, sec. 18.