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Frederick July 24. 1818

Sir

My continued absence from home for the last two months has delayed the answer to your letter of Jan'y 24th –

A deed for land in Maryland may be executed by a person resident in Ohio in the following manner –

The deed must be signed sealed and delivered by the grantor in the presence of one or more witnesses who should attest the same as witnesses. One of the subscribing witnesses must then prove the execution of the deed before a judge of the county court in which the grantor resides – and the judge must endorse on the deed his certificate of such proof & the clerk certify under the seal of the court that the person taking such proof is judge. The deed should contain a power of attorney to some one in Maryland

to acknowledge the deed before any judge or justice who is authorized to take the acknowledgment. - The Power of Attorney may be annexed to the deed, but it must be proved in the same manner with the deed - and it is therefore advisable that it should be contained in, and form a part of the deed as one probate & certificate will then do for both the deed & power of attorney. - The Attorney can then acknowledge the deed before a judge of the county court or before any two justices of the peace for the county in which the land lies, and on such acknowledgment the deed will be admitted to record and the conveyance is complete.

If there is a right of dower in the land, the wife may acknowledge on private examination before a judge of the county courts in which the resides, and the certificate of the clerk

of the court under seal must be added certifying that he is Judge. — If a feme covert is one of the grantors she must execute the deed — that is — sign seal and deliver it — and then acknowledge as in the case of Dower I have it certified in like manner.

There are other modes by which non residents may convey land in this State. I give you the one most easy and convenient —

I am Yr. Obedt. Sr.

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R. B. Taney