

**Property sold for taxes.** SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That whenever property in the City of Baltimore has been sold for taxes, pursuant to law, by one City Collector, and such sale has been reported by the City Collector who made the same, but the deed for such property has been executed and delivered by the successor in office of the City Collector who made such sale and report as aforesaid, such conveyance shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as it would have been if made by the City Collector who made and reported the sale.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1904.

#### CHAPTER 282.

AN ACT to provide for the better security of public records.

**Providing for the better security of public records.** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That the Governor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, three citizens of the State, who shall constitute a public records' commission, and who shall serve for two years. They shall serve without pay, save that they may receive their necessary expenses out of the fund hereby appropriated. They shall examine into the condition and completeness of the public records, and report thereon to the General Assembly with such recommendations as they may deem expedient for the better custody and arrangement and preservation of the same.

**Appropriations for same.** SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the sum of one thousand dollars annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the next two years, be appropriated for the use of said commission by the State Treasurer.

**Meaning of the words public records.** SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the words public records shall be held to mean any written or printed book, paper, map or drawing which is required by law to be preserved, filed or recorded in any office of the State, or of any county or municipality, or of any officer or employee of the State, or of any county or municipality.

**Describing paper to be used.** SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the paper in all books of record in which are preserved manuscript entries required to be made by any officer of State, county or municipality shall be made of linen rags and new cotton clippings well sized with animal sizing and well finished, and that the ink and typewriter