

of the condition of the burnt records of Baltimore county, if any of the lost deeds or instruments of writing have been presented to my office, or discovered since the last commission ceased, and if, in my judgment they can be restored, and what legislation if any is necessary to complete the same.”

I have the honor to report that the number of deeds, originals not in this office and record destroyed, is 256
 Number of mortgages, ditto, 839

1,095

Number of deeds to be interlineated, 529
 Number of mortgages, ditto, 184

713

Chattel record H. M. F., No. 1, partially burned :
 Number of papers, originals not in this office, and record destroyed, 200
 In chattels No. 1, number to be re-copied 40

240

Index to mortgages H. M. F., No. 1, partially destroyed and to be re-made out, indices, 2,614

Cases to be certified to by the Judge, in the judicial records of equity cases according to Act of 1865, chapter 146, 20

The undersigned further reports that since the expiration of the Act of 1865, chapter 146, there have been a number of instruments of writing presented to this office for re-record, but the parties presenting them have been informed that there is now in existence no law under which they can be properly re-recorded, although they would be received as new papers when paid for by the party presenting them.

In the judgment of the undersigned, they cannot be restored without further legislation.

The undersigned would respectfully recommend that the General Assembly, pass an Act authorizing the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county, to receive and record in their proper places, all instruments, the record of which has been destroyed by fire, presented for record at the usual cost of recording, and to examine, endorse and order to be re-recorded, all confirmatory instruments intended to supply the place of those destroyed by fire, and to order the binding of