

such books as were injured by fire and are not yet re-bound, and to purchase such new Indexes and Record Books, as may be necessary to index and record such instruments, all such indexing, recording and binding to be paid for by the county.

And that the Act provide that the Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county, be authorized and directed to take such testimony as he may think necessary to restore the record in any case on the Law of Equity side of said court, and order the same to be restored, at the expense of the county, but in no case shall the charges exceed one dollar for each paper, whenever any person interested in any such case shall make application to him, and that any person thinking himself or herself aggrieved by the action of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in reference to any record, may have a right to appeal to the said Judge, and such case shall be docketed on the docket of Appeals from Justices of the Peace with the party thinking himself aggrieved, as appellant and the said clerk as appellee, and the said judge shall decide the same on its merits, and the party against whom judgment shall be given shall pay the costs of the proceeding.

The undersigned would further state that he does not consider any special levy to cover the expenses of this mode of finishing the restoration of the burnt records as necessary.

The cost to the county would be very light and probably extend through some years. The undersigned does not now know of more than two new record books, which would be required to be purchased, and one or two to be rebound.

The impracticability and impossibility of getting all parties interested to obey printed notices, or circulars has been fully proven in the opinion of the undersigned, and persons holding the originals of burnt records, are generally unknown and will not come forward until the necessity arises to them to have their titles perfected. In some cases this arises from ignorance and in others from carelessness.

All of which is respectfully submitted by,
JNO. H. LONGNECKER,

Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county.

On motion of Mr. Gore,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to enquire, of the Officers of the Annapolis Gas Company, at what price per thousand feet the Gas is now furnished the State, and to ascertain what reduction in the price ought to be made, in view of the decline in the price of coal from which the Gas is manufactured.

Mr. Aydelott, (the rules being suspended,) presented the petition of 52 citizens of Worcester county, relating to the