

RECORDS, DEEDS AND WILLS BURNT.

AN ACT for the benefit and relief of Saint Mary's County, and all persons concerned in the Records thereof, lately burned.—1831, ch. 175.

WHEREAS, in the recent destruction of the court-house of Saint Mary's county, by fire, nearly all the records of said county were burnt, and it is apprehended, that from the unfortunate occurrence, serious and extensive evil may ensue, unless prevented by timely legislation; therefore,

Preamble.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any person or persons, having any original deed or deeds, for land lying and being in Saint Mary's county, or other instrument of writing relating to lands in said county, which shall appear to have been recorded in said county, and the record thereof has been destroyed, may be authorized to have the said deed or deeds, or other instruments of writing recorded again, and the clerk of Saint Mary's county is hereby required upon application of the party or parties interested, to have the same deed or deeds, or other instrument of writing recorded, together with the endorsement of the former enrolment, endorsed on said deed or deeds, or other instrument of writing, in a well bound book, in folio, for that purpose, and to be regularly alphabeted, in the name of all the parties, and in the name of the lands, and quantity of acres, and the said clerk shall, on the back of the said deed or deeds, or instrument of writing, make an endorsement of such second enrolment, and also, the folio of the book in which the same shall be enrolled, and shall put his name thereto, which enrolment shall be made at the expense and cost of the person or persons requiring the same.

Authority to again record deeds, &c.

Record books.

Alphabeted.

Endorsement.

Compensation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any person or persons interested in any lands in the county aforesaid, and the original deed or deeds thereof, and the record thereof, have both been burnt or destroyed, upon application to the clerk of the court of appeals, for an extract or extracts of the said deed or deeds, so as aforesaid destroyed, the clerk is hereby requested to furnish to the party or parties applying for such extract or extracts, a copy or copies of the same, under the seal of his office, at the cost and expense of the person or persons so applying for the same as aforesaid, and the said person or persons, may have the same extract or extracts recorded in Saint Mary's county, and the clerk of Saint Mary's county upon application is hereby required to have the extract or extracts aforesaid, recorded in the record books aforesaid; and that the same be alphabeted in the same manner that the deeds and other instruments of writing are alphabeted, which said enrolment shall be made at the expense and costs of the party or parties requiring the same.

Abstracts from the records of the court of appeals.

May be recorded.