

RECORDS, BURNT.

AN ACT for the benefit and relief of the Citizens of Worcester County, and all persons concerned in the Records thereof, which may have been destroyed by the burning of the Court-house of the said County.—1835, ch. 279.

WHEREAS, in the destruction of the court-house of Worcester county, by fire, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-four, many of the records of the said county were burned, and it is apprehended that from the unfortunate occurrence extensive evil may ensue unless prevented by 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 Worcester 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 Worcester 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 instrument endorsed on the 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 enrollment, and also the folio of the book in which the same shall be enrolled, and shall put his name thereto, which enrollment shall be made at the expense and cost of the person or persons requiring the same, and the deed or deeds or other instruments of writing, when so as aforesaid enrolled, shall have the same effect and operation in law, to all intents and purposes as if the records aforesaid, in which the said deed or deeds or other instruments of writing were heretofore enrolled, had never been destroyed.

Deed may be recorded

Clerk required to record.

Cost.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any person or persons having possession of any bill of sale, mortgage or other instruments of writing, relating to personal property, that appears to have been heretofore recorded in Worcester county, and the record thereof has been destroyed, may have the same enrolled again, and the clerk of Worcester county court is hereby required to record the same, together with the endorsement thereon, of the former enrollment, in the record book aforesaid, at the cost and expense of the party or parties requiring the same, and the same when so recorded shall have the same effect and

Conveyances.