

accordance with the requirements of the duties imposed upon us, discloses the fact that the papers in a considerable number of equity cases are unrecorded, though such records should have been completed several years ago; a portion of these papers are in a damaged condition by the fire which took place in that office on the night of August 23d, 1861. They should be recorded at once in order that the titles to a very large portion of property should be preserved; it is not a question affecting a few persons; large landed estates which have been sold by Trustees under proceedings in equity, have been subdivided and sold, until the titles of very many persons are jeopardized, by being held subject to proceedings which being unrecorded may be lost, mislaid, or destroyed at any time.

A portion of the extracts of law records of some eight years or more ago, embracing a period of perhaps two or three years, have not been made and lodged with the Clerk of the Court of Appeals as required by law.

The Indices of the Land records require a revision, and a system of indexing which will expedite the examination of titles in Baltimore county is absolutely required for the convenience and security of all persons having business with the office.

We respectfully call your attention to these matters, and ask at your hands such legislation as may be needed in the premises.

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Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Mr. Spates, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom the leave was granted, reported a bill entitled an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad Company, passed at the January session, 1866, chapter 52.

Which was read the first time.

Also,

The bill entitled an Act to extend the charter of the Powhatan Steamboat Company of Baltimore.

Which was read the first time.

Also,

The bill entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Equitable Gas Light Company of Baltimore, passed at the January session, 1867, chapter 132.

Which was read the first time.

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