

CHAP. 279.

Conveyances.

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 operation in law to all intents and purposes, as if the records aforesaid, in which the said papers were heretofore recorded, had never been destroyed.

Of personal property

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any person or persons claiming any right to any personal property, by virtue of any instrument of writing, which had been recorded in the county aforesaid, and which with the records thereof has been destroyed shall and may, upon application to any two justices of the peace, of the State of Maryland, in and for Worcester county aforesaid, proceed to take testimony as the nature of the case will admit of, to establish the existence and validity of any instrument of writing so as aforesaid recorded and destroyed, and the right of property therein mentioned, and the said justices, before they proceed to take testimony in the cases, shall give at least twenty days notice by advertisement, inserted once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper published in Worcester county aforesaid, and also to be set up at the court house door of the county aforesaid, of the time and place of their intention to take the testimony on the application aforesaid, and shall also give notice to any person or persons that may appear to be interested in the issue of the subject matter before them, and the said justices shall make return of their proceedings to the clerk of Worcester county court, who shall record the same in the record book aforesaid, at the expense and cost of the party requiring the same, and the same when so recorded shall be binding and have the same

Take testimony before justices

Notice

Justice to return

Clerk to record