An. Code, sec. 57. 1904, sec. 56. 1888, sec. 52. 1833, ch. 88, sec. 1.

61. They shall make a full and complete general alphabetical index (unless the same shall have already been done) in a book or books, well bound for that purpose, of all deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, and other conveyances of record in their respective offices, which index shall be both in the names of each and all the grantors, bargainors, donors or mortgagors, and each and all the grantees, bargainees, donees or mortgagees, and shall refer to the book and page of the record of the several conveyances designating the same.

See sec. 59 and notes.

An. Code, sec. 58. 1904, sec. 57. 1888, sec. 53. 1833, ch. 88, sec. 3.

62. They shall continue and keep up the alphabetical indexes required by the preceding section, by noting at the time of recording any deed, mortgage, bill of sale or other conveyance, the names of parties, and the character of the conveyance in such alphabetical index, in the manner prescribed in the preceding section.

See sec. 59 and notes.

An. Code, sec. 59. 1904, sec. 58. 1888, sec. 54. 1785, ch. 9, sec. 7. 1806, ch. 90, sec. 7. 1900, ch. 427.

Every clerk, after he records any deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate shall, before delivering the original, carefully and with accuracy enter the substance of such deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate—that is to say, the date of the deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate, the christian names and surnames of the parties, with their additions, if any; the name of the land or estate, if any, in such deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate mentioned to be conveyed; the courses, metes and bounds thereof, if expressed in the deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate; and the number of acres, if therein stated, and such other description of the land conveyed as may be contained in such deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate, and the place where the same may lie; the consideration for making the deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate, and the estate conveyed by such deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate, in the very expressions thereof; and also state and certify, immediately after and following such entry, the day such deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate was recorded, and shall sign his name thereto.

This section does not change the requirements necessary to entitle a deed to be recorded, or authorize a clerk to refuse to record a mortgage taken by a firm in the firm name instead of the individual names. Bernstein v. Hobelman, 70 Md. 41.

An. Code, sec 60. 1904, sec. 59. 1888, sec. 55. 1826, ch. 226, sec. 3. 1874, ch. 66. 1900, ch. 427.

64. They shall make the entry, aforesaid, on good royal writing paper, such as is commonly used in record books, each sheet measuring in length nineteen inches, and in breadth twelve inches, with a margin in blank of about half an inch at the sides, top and bottom of each page, and shall transmit the same, on or before the first day in June in each year, to the