- An. Code, sec. 40. 1904, sec. 38. 1888, sec. 38. 1856, ch. 154, sec. 122.
- Every release executed in either of the above modes shall be construed and deemed sufficient to release said mortgage, as fully and effectually as any instrument of writing whatever could do.
  - An. Code, sec. 41. 1904, sec. 39. 1888, sec. 39. 1833, ch. 181. 1839, ch. 26.
- A release or assignment may be made by an executor or assignee in the same manner and form and with like effect as by the mortgagee; this section to apply to every assignee, whether he claims by direct assignment from the mortgagee or his executor, or under a series of assignments.
  - An. Code, sec. 42. 1904, sec. 40. 1890, ch. 14. 1890, ch. 373, sec. 39A. 1924, ch. 415.
- Whenever any assignment or release of a mortgage, or any release or assignment of an interest in any deed of trust is made by a separate deed, or in any other mode than that prescribed in Sections 35, 37, 38 and 39 of this article, and whenever any proceedings to foreclose a mortgage is had, or a sale under any deed of trust is made, it shall be the duty of the clerks of the Circuit Courts of the Counties and the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore to enter in the margin of the record of the original paper a memorandum of the place where such deed of assignment or release, or proceeding of foreclosure, or report of sale, as the case may be, is recorded; and the clerk making such entry shall charge therefor the sum of twentyfive cents, to be taxed as part of the fee for recording such assignment or release, or as part of the costs of the case where there has been a foreclosure of mortgage or sale under a deed of trust

## Bills of Sale.

An. Code, sec. 43. 1904, sec. 41. 1888, sec. 40. 1729, ch. 8, secs. 5, 6. 1856, ch. 154, sec. 123.

44. No personal property, of any description whatever, whereof the vendor, mortgagor or donor shall remain in possession, shall pass, alter or change, or any property therein be transferred to any purchaser, mortgagee or donee, unless by bill of sale or mortgage acknowledged and recorded as herein provided; but nothing herein shall be construed to extend to any sale or gift, where the same is accompanied by delivery, nor to invalidate such transfer as between the parties thereto.

## Creditors and purchasers. Parties.

An agreement held to be ineffectual as a bill of sale or chattel mortgage as against third parties, because this section was not complied with. In such case, an equitable lien is created. Effect thereof. Distribution of fund. Textor v. Orr, 86 Md. 397. Cf. Alexander v. Ghiselin, 5 Gill, 180.

A mortgagee will not be permitted to withhold a mortgage from record, and then, by taking a renewal and recording it, prejudice the rights of those who have trusted the mortgager on the strength of his possession of the property mortgaged. When mortgages will be regarded as renewals. Gill v. Griffith, 2 Md. Ch. 282. And see In re Noel, 137 Fed. 694. Cf. Alexander v. Ghiselin, 5 Gill, 180.

A defectively executed and unrecorded mortgage is invalid as against a second mortgage duly recorded. Ober & Sons Co. v. Keating, 77 Md. 103.

If a creditor has notice of an unrecorded bill of sale or mortgage, he is bound by it. Hudson v. Warner, 2 H. & G. 430. (And see notes to sec. 13.)

This section has no application unless the mortgagor remains in possession of the property, and even then, a compliance with it is not essential as between the parties. Rights of subsequent purchaser. Biemiller v. Schneider, 62 Md. 559.