

stroyed by fire at the burning of the Court House in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, the docket entries in the chancery docket of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, shall be received in evidence in all cases by the said court, and by any other court of this State, with the same conclusive force and effect as if any or all of the original papers in any such chancery case or cases were in existence and actually produced; and the docket entries in the chancery docket of the said Circuit Court for Worcester County, certified to, under the seal of the said court, by the clerk thereof, shall be received and admitted for all purposes as conclusive evidence of the regularity of the proceedings therein, before any of the judges of this State, in the absence of the said chancery docket.

1894, ch. 453. 1920 Code, sec. 319.

238. In all chancery cases in the said Circuit Court for Worcester County, in which the papers were destroyed by said fire, and in which the title to real estate is involved, and no deed has been executed and delivered to any purchaser or purchasers thereof, by any trustee or trustees appointed by the said court, the said court, sitting in equity, is hereby authorized and empowered, upon examination of the docket entries in such case or cases, and being satisfied that any such purchaser or purchasers aforesaid have paid or secured the purchase money, and are entitled to a deed for such real estate, shall pass an order directing the trustee or trustees in such case or cases, to execute and deliver a deed to such purchaser or purchasers, conveying the title to such real estate, which said real estate shall be described in the said order; thereupon such trustee or trustees shall execute and deliver a deed as directed, and the said deed, or a duly certified copy thereof, together with the said order of the court, shall be evidence of the title of such purchaser or purchasers, with the same legal force and effect as if the original papers in such case or cases had not been destroyed by fire, and were offered in evidence.

1894, ch. 453. 1920 Code, sec. 320.

239. In all cases aforesaid, in which the auditor's reports were destroyed by said fire, the Circuit Court aforesaid is hereby authorized to refer the said case or cases to the auditor of said court, who shall make a duplicate or duplicates of said audit or audits, as near as may be, from all the evidence he can obtain, which duplicate or duplicates, when finally ratified by the said court, shall be conclusive upon all the parties interested therein.

1894, ch. 453. 1920 Code, sec. 321.

240. All such orders of court, reports of sales, auditor's reports and other papers, in such case or cases, shall be filed and recorded, the same as if such papers were original papers.

1894, ch. 453. 1920 Code, sec. 322.

241. The preceding sections shall not apply to any contested case