

its territories shall be conclusive evidence in any case or controversy in the courts of this State of any fact, matter or thing therein contained, stated or expressed, except of the acts or doings of such foreign judge, court, board, council or tribunal; provided, that nothing herein contained shall impair or destroy the legal effects of any such foreign sentence, judgment or decree on the property affected or intended to be affected thereby.

The sentence of condemnation of a foreign prize court is evidence of the facts which it purports to decide in an action on a policy of insurance on thing condemned, and prior to this section was conclusive evidence thereof. The proof upon which such sentence may have been predicated, is not *per se* admissible in such collateral action. *Maryland Insurance Co. v. Bathurst*, 5 G. & J. 220. And see *Taylor v. Phelps*, 1 H. & G. 492.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 45. 1912, sec. 42. 1904, sec. 42. 1888, sec. 38. 1785, ch. 46, sec. 2.

50. The copy of the record or register of any deed or other instrument of writing which the laws of the State or country where the same may be executed require to be recorded or registered and which has been recorded agreeably to such laws, under the hand of the keeper of such record or register and the seal of the court or office in which such record or register has been made, or a copy of any deed or other instrument of writing lodged for safe keeping in any office or court agreeably to the laws of the State or country as aforesaid and certified as aforesaid shall be good and sufficient evidence in any court of this State to prove such deed or instrument of writing.

Copy not certified in accordance with this section properly excluded from evidence. *Motor Car Co. v. First Natl. Bank*, 154 Md. 79.

Before an assignment for benefit of creditors executed in Ohio and not in conformity with our law, is admissible in evidence here, it should be proved that the assignment was executed and delivered, and required to be recorded in the court which certified it. *De Riesthal v. Walton*, 66 Md. 473.

A certified copy from the navy department under the hand of the secretary and the seal of the department, is admissible in evidence under this section. *Maurice v. Worden*, 54 Md. 259.

When the record itself can be produced, either such record, or a certified copy of the deed, is evidence. *Preston v. Evans*, 56 Md. 495.

As to admissibility in evidence of certified copies of foreign wills, and as to wills not required (by foreign law) to be recorded, see art. 93, sec. 366, *et seq.*

An. Code, 1924, sec. 46. 1912, sec. 43. 1904, sec. 43. 1898, ch. 478, sec. 38A.

51. The copy of the record or register of any corporation, which the laws of any foreign country where the same may be incorporated require to be recorded or registered and which has been recorded agreeably to such laws and which is certified under the hand of the keeper of such record or register and the seal of the court or office in which said record or register is kept, and which is also certified to be in due form and by the proper officer making reference to the act under which corporations are formed under the laws of such foreign country, shall be good and sufficient evidence in any court of this State to prove such incorporation.

As to proof of incorporation of domestic corporations, see art. 23, sec. 6.

As to foreign corporations, see art. 23, sec. 117, *et seq.*

An. Code, 1924, sec. 47. 1912, sec. 44. 1904, sec. 44. 1888, sec. 39. 1785, ch. 46, sec. 3. 1888, ch. 545.

52. Where any deed, bond, bill, note or other instrument of writing hath been executed in any other of the United States or in any foreign country and to give validity to which recording or registering is not made necessary, proof of the execution of such deed, bond, bill, note, or other instrument of writing by the oath of the subscribing witnesses to the same, or any