

Courts of the several counties of the State, to issue and compel process for the attendance of witnesses, as well as parties who appear upon the records, papers, docketts and indexes, or other instruments of writing to be interested in property lying in said county, or who may have been connected with any deed, suit, bond, bill of sale, mortgage or other instrument of writing, or cause depending in said Circuit Court for Baltimore county, the record of which has been either wholly or partially destroyed by the fire, which occurred in the office of the clerk of the said Circuit Court for Baltimore county, to serve such process, for which service he shall be entitled to receive the same fees as are now allowed by law for like services, to be paid either by the parties interested or by the county, as the said commissioner may prescribe.

8. After the commissioner shall have notified, by circular or otherwise, all persons having original deeds or other instruments of writing or papers which have been recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, as well as those who appear in anywise connected with the records, docketts, papers, indexes, or other instruments of writing or causes of action, the record of which has been wholly or partially destroyed by fire, to file said originals with the clerk of the said Circuit Court after having prescribed the time and place of the sitting of the commissioner, which shall be at the court house, in said Baltimore county, and after having issued summons to those interested in any manner according to the records, docketts, papers, indexes, or other instruments of writing, in the office of the said clerk, when the summons process issued to the sheriff of said county shall be by him returned summoned, and the party so returned summoned shall fail to appear or give such excuse for his failure to appear, as shall seem reasonable in the discretion of the said commissioner, that then the said commissioner is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to impose a fine upon each and every person notified and summoned, from five to fifty dollars, in the discretion of the commissioner, including all costs.