

evidence, it shall be his duty, if the party or parties grantor shall supply a new instrument corresponding to the one destroyed by fire, and confirmatory of the same, to accept such instrument, and to order and direct the same to be recorded, with an endorsement thereon of said order, which record and endorsement shall secure to the party or parties concerned, all the rights, title and interest, which was designed and intended to be vested by the original paper or instrument of writing, as fully as if the record thereof had not been destroyed by fire; but if for any reason, the grantor or grantors should not supply a new or confirmatory deed or other instrument of writing, as the case may be, corresponding with the one destroyed by fire, then the said commissioner shall execute and deliver in his capacity of commissioner, a new and confirmatory deed or instrument of writing, under his hand and seal, properly acknowledged, to take the place of the record destroyed by fire, and shall order and direct the same to be recorded, after endorsement, which shall secure to the party or parties interested, the same rights, title and interest, which was designed and intended to be vested, by the original paper or instrument of writing and record thereof, as fully and effectually as if the record had not been destroyed by fire.

12. In all cases where the records have been only partially destroyed or injured by fire, so that they may be restored by their own intrinsic evidence, or by the aid of other evidence accessible to the said commissioner, it shall be the duty of the said commissioner to cause the said records to be restored to their original condition, and to be recorded anew, and for the purpose of preserving the said records as continuously together as they were before being burnt, the said commissioner is hereby authorized, if he see fit, to cause the binding of any of the record books to be removed, so that the folios may be separated, the burnt portions detached, and the new record thereof and corresponding thereto, be substituted in the place of said burnt part, and to have the said record book thus restored to its original condition, re-bound, and a certificate to that effect recorded therein.