

be vested by the original record, deed, paper or instrument of writing as fully and effectually as if the record or the original had not been destroyed by fire.

146. In all cases where any of 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 for the purpose of preserving the said records as continuous 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 correspondent thereto be substituted in the place of said burnt part, and to have the said record book thus restored rebound and a certificate to that effect recorded therein, and in all cases where any record book or part of a record book has been recorded anew, and any deed, mortgage, bill of sale or other paper or instrument of writing in said record book has not been perfected or fully restored, it shall be the duty of the said commissioner to cause the same to be perfected and restored; *provided*, that in the opinion of the said commissioner it can be so perfected and restored either by its own intrinsic evidence or by the aid of any other evidence accessible to the said commissioner, and the said commissioner is hereby authorized to add to any record book which has been wholly or partially destroyed or injured by fire, and which has been made up or wholly or partially re-recorded anew from either a partially burnt record, from original papers or instruments of writing, or from any properly authenticated copies thereof as the case may be, any additional matter or instrument of writing which in the opinion

Ibid s. 7  
Partially destroyed records.

Proviso.