

1868, c. 468, makes valid official acts of certain constables appointed by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, elected under the present constitution.

See s. 16, of act 1874, c. 490, under article —, "Registration."

ARTICLE XXIV.

Conveyancing.

1867, c. 58, repeals sec. 19, and re-enacts the same with amendments. Sup. 1861, '67, p. 52.

1865, c. 47, adds a sec. numbered 28, to take place after sec. 27. Sup. 1861, '67, p. 52.

Note.—1865, c. 47, is identical with 1831, c. 205, s. 3. In *U. S. Insurance Co. vs. Shriver, et. al.* 3 Md. Ch. Dec. 381, it is held that the latter act does not touch conveyances of the title either legal or equitable; but simply authorizes registration of contracts to convey.

1864, c. 252, adds sects. numbered 72 to 80, both inclusive. Sup. 1861, '67, p. 53.

MORTGAGES.

1868, c. 373, amends sec. 31, relating to assignment of mortgages. Sup. 1868, p. 29.

The act of 1870, c. 394, abolishing tax on mortgages may be found under article 81, "Revenue and Taxes."

See pub. local laws, article 4, "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Mortgages," sec. 782, and following sects.

1867, c. 160, makes valid deeds executed and acknowledged since Nov. 1, 1864, before a justice of the peace in any county in this state where the grantors resided, or where lands are situated.

1870, c. 346, enacts: That all deeds of conveyance of property in this state which may have been recorded without any certificate of the clerk of any of the courts of this state, accompanying the acknowledgment thereof, in cases in which such certificates are necessary and proper, certifying to the official character and signature of the justice of the peace taking the same, be and the same are hereby declared to be valid to all intents and purposes, as if such defect and omission did not exist; *provided*, that the execution and acknowledgment of such deeds in all other respects conform to the laws of this state, in such cases made and pro-