

occupied by the said crop or crops, with right of necessary ingress or egress; and provided further, that these sections 26, 27 and 28 shall not apply to existing mortgages, deeds or instruments as aforesaid.

1900, ch. 856.

29. All mortgages and assignments of mortgages defectively sworn to and recorded in this State since the 14th day of March, in the year 1898, before any officer authorized by the laws of this State to administer oaths or to take affidavits, shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if the said mortgages or assignments of mortgages had been sworn to in conformity with law.

ARTICLE LXIX.

OFFICERS.

12. Persons appointed to public office to be residents of this State.

1900, ch 856.

12. No person shall be appointed to any public office in the State of Maryland who has not been an actual bona fide resident of this State for at least twelve months prior to the day of his appointment, and no person shall be appointed by any State or county officials unless such person so appointed shall have been an actual bona fide resident of the State of Maryland for at least twelve months, and of the county wherein he is appointed for at least six months prior to the day of his appointment. This section shall not affect appointments of officers requiring special knowledge or training, or the appointment to offices requiring expert knowledge or training.