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| 53. Statutes of United States, State or Territory or Great Britain and Ireland may be read in evidence from the authorized printed publications thereof. | 60. Copy of books, proceedings, etc., of treasurer.                                                            |
| 54. Ordinances and resolutions of mayor and city council of Baltimore.                                                                                   | 61. Copy of books, proceedings, etc., of comptroller.                                                          |
| 55. Proceedings of conventions and general assembly.                                                                                                     | 62. Copy of entries of inspector of tobacco.                                                                   |
| 56. Lost deeds.                                                                                                                                          | 63. Copy of books and papers in custody of keeper of records of court of chancery                              |
| 57. Patents or other entries in books of land office.                                                                                                    | 64. Copy of record in custody of clerk of court; short copies                                                  |
| 58. Copy of original certificate in land office.                                                                                                         | 65. Copy of judicial proceedings not required to be recorded                                                   |
| 59. Copy of books, etc., in custody of secretary of State.                                                                                               | 66. Where transcript of record might be offered in evidence it shall be sufficient to produce original papers. |

#### Competency of Witnesses.

1888, art. 35, sec. 1. 1860, art. 57, sec. 1. 1864, ch. 109, sec. 1.

1. No person offered as a witness shall hereafter be excluded, by reason of incapacity from crime or interest, from giving evidence, either in person or by deposition, according to the practice of the courts, in the trial of any issue joined or hereafter to be joined, or of any matter or question, or on any inquiry arising in any suit, action or proceeding, civil or criminal, in any court, or before any judge, jury, justice of the peace or other person having, by law or by consent of parties, authority to hear, receive and examine evidence; but every person so offered may and shall be admitted to give evidence, notwithstanding that such person may or shall have an interest in the matter in question, or, in the event of the trial of any issue, matter, question or inquiry, or of the suit, action or proceeding in which he is offered as a witness, and notwithstanding that such person offered as a witness may have been previously convicted of any crime or offense; but no person who has been convicted of the crime of perjury shall be admitted to testify in any case or proceeding whatever; and the parties litigant and all persons in whose behalf any suit, action or other proceeding may be brought or defended, themselves, and their wives and husbands shall be competent and compellable to give evidence in the same manner as other witnesses, except as hereinafter excepted.

Cunningham v. Dwyer, 23 Md. 219. Neidig v. Whiteford, 29 Md. 178. Cooke v. Cooke, 29 Md. 538. Ward v. Leitch, 30 Md. 326. Gambrill v. Par-