

original or certified copies thereof among the land record books of said county, where the lands or other property in whole or in part are situated, shall have the same effect and operation in law and be as valid to all intents and for all purposes for which the original record, if it had not been destroyed by fire, would have been available in evidence.

Secure to parties all rights and title.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all deeds, mortgages and other instruments of writing, the recording of which is made necessary by law, which had been recorded, and the records destroyed by fire, and which have been recorded anew from the original or certified copies thereof since the third day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, shall secure to the party or parties concerned all the right, title and interest which were designed and intended to be vested by the original record, deed, paper or instrument of writing, as fully as if the records had not been destroyed by fire.

Effective.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 31, 1884.

Chapter 118.

AN ACT to refund to C. C. Strong, late collector of taxes for the fifth election district of Kent county, a sum of money overpaid by him into the state treasury.

Refund overpaid amount.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant upon the treasurer to pay C. C. Strong, late collector of taxes for the fifth election district of Kent county, the sum of fifty-six dollars and forty-two cents, being the amount overpaid by him into the state treasury, and recommended to be refunded by the said officers of the treasury department.

Effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved March 31, 1884.