

Effective.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6th, 1894.

CHAPTER 453.

AN ACT to complete the proceedings in all chancery cases that were destroyed by the burning of the court house in Worcester County, Maryland, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

Docket entries to be evidence where original papers were burnt.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in all cases where any of the papers, including bills of complaint, answers, demurrers, pleas, replications, joinder of issue, evidence taken by examiners, trustee's bonds, trustee's report of sales, auditor's reports, and all other papers filed in the proceedings in chancery cases, have been destroyed by fire, the docket entries in the chancery docket of the Circuit Court for Worcester county, shall be received in evidence in all cases by the said court, and by any other court of this State, with the same conclusive force and effect as if any or all of the original papers in any such chancery case or cases were in existence and actually produced; and the docket entries in the chancery docket of the said Circuit Court for Worcester county, certified to, under the seal of the said court, by the clerk thereof, shall be received and admitted for all purposes as conclusive evidence of the regularity of the proceedings therein, before any of the judges of this State, in the absence of the said chancery docket.

Where title to real estate is involved.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in all chancery cases in the said Circuit Court for Worcester County, in which the papers have been destroyed by fire, and in which the title to real estate is involved, and no deed has been executed and delivered to any purchaser or purchasers thereof, by any trustee or trustees appointed by the said court, the said court, sitting in equity, is hereby authorized and empowered, upon examination of the docket entries in such case or cases, and being satisfied that any such purchaser or purchasers aforesaid have paid or secured the purchase money, and are entitled to a deed for such real estate, shall pass an order directing the