

fied by such evidence, it shall be their duty, if the party or parties grantor shall supply a new instrument correspondent to the one destroyed by fire, and confirmatory of the same, to accept such instrument, and to order and direct the same to be recorded, with an endorsement thereon of said order, which record and endorsement shall secure to the party or parties concerned, all the rights, title and interest, which was designed and intended to be vested by the original paper or instrument of writing, as fully as if the record thereof had not been destroyed by fire; but if for any reason, the grantor or grantors should not supply a new or confirmatory deed or other instrument of writing, as the case may be, correspondent to the one destroyed by fire, then the said Commissioners shall execute and deliver in their capacity of Commissioners, a new and confirmatory deed or instrument of writing, under their hands and seals, to take the place of the record destroyed by fire, and shall order and direct the same to be so endorsed and recorded, and such endorsement and record shall secure to the party or parties interested, the same rights, title and interest, which was designed and intended to be vested by the original paper or instrument of writing, and record thereof, as fully and effectually as if the record had not been destroyed by fire.

Duty of Commissioners respecting the records partially destroyed.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases where the records have been only partially destroyed or injured by fire so that they may be restored by their own intrinsic evidence, or by the aid of other evidence accessible to the said Commissioners, it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to cause the said records to be restored to their original condition, and to be recorded anew by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said county, accompanied by a certificate to that effect, and for the purpose of preserving the said records as continuously together as they were before burnt, the said Commissioners are hereby authorized, if they see fit, to cause the binding of any of the record books to be renewed so that the folios may be separated, the burnt portions detached, and the new record thereof and correspondent thereto, be substituted in the place of said burnt part, and to have the said record book, thus restored to its original con-