

CHAP. 67.—An act to provide for the erection of a public building in the City of Kansas in the State of Missouri.

April 29, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to purchase a site for, and cause to be erected a suitable building, with fire-proof vault extending to each story for the accommodation of the post-office, custom house, bonded warehouse, internal revenue offices and other government offices at the city of Kansas in the State of Missouri. The site, and building thereon when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury shall not exceed the cost of two hundred thousand dollars: *Provided* that no money to be appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the site of said building shall be vested in the United States, and until the State of Missouri shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State, and the service of any civil processes therein.

Public building at Kansas City, Mo.

Limit of costs.

Conditions of appropriation.

SEC. 2. That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be used and expended toward the construction of said building.

Appropriation.

Approved, April 29, 1878.

CHAP. 68.—An act to prevent the sale of policy or lottery tickets in the District of Columbia.

April 29, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any person shall, within the District of Columbia, keep, set up, or promote, or be concerned as owner, agent, clerk, or in any other manner, in managing any policy-lottery or policy-shop, or shall sell or transfer any ticket, certificate, bill, token, or other device purporting or intended to guarantee or assure to any person, or entitle him to a chance of drawing or obtaining a prize, or share of, or interest in, any prize to be drawn in any lottery, or in the game or device commonly known as policy-lottery or policy; or shall, for himself or another person, sell or transfer, or have in his possession, for the purpose of sale or transfer, or shall aid in selling, exchanging, negotiating, or transferring a chance or ticket in, or share of a ticket in, any policy-lottery, or any such bill, certificate, token, or other device, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the District jail not less than two months or more than one year or both in the discretion of the court.

Policy-lottery or policy-shop in District of Columbia.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. That if any person shall knowingly permit in any house under his control, in the District of Columbia, the sale of any chance or ticket in, or share of a ticket in, any lottery or policy-lottery, or shall knowingly permit any lottery or policy-lottery or policy-shop in such house, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars or more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the District jail not less than two months or more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Permitting house to be used for policy-lottery.

Penalty.

Approved, April 29, 1878.

CHAP. 69.—An act providing for the recording of deeds, mortgages, and other conveyances affecting real estate in the District of Columbia.

April 29, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections four hundred and forty-six and four hundred and forty-seven of the Revised Statutes re-

R. S. D. C. 446, 447, p. 52, repealed.

lating to the District of Columbia, passed at the first session of the Forty-third Congress, eighteen hundred and seventy-three and eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be, and the same hereby are, repealed, and there is enacted in lieu thereof the following :

Deeds, etc., to take effect on delivery to recorder, as against creditors, etc.

All deeds, deeds of trust, mortgages, conveyances, covenants, agreements, or any instrument of writing which by law is entitled to be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds, shall take effect and be valid, as to creditors and as to subsequent purchasers for valuable consideration without notice, from the time when such deed, deed of trust, mortgage, conveyance, covenant, agreement, or instrument in writing shall, after having been acknowledged, proved, or certified, as the case may be, be delivered to the recorder of deeds for record, and from that time only; and the recorder of deeds shall note on each deed or other instrument of writing required by law to be recorded, the day and hour of delivery of the same to him to be recorded.

Act applied.

SEC. 2. That this act shall not be so construed as to affect any deed or other instrument of writing heretofore recorded.

Approved, April 29, 1878.

April 30, 1878.

CHAP. 72.—An act for the relief of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia.

Public schools of District of Columbia, \$75,000 to be retained for maintenance of, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, directed to retain, and use, for the maintenance of the Public Schools, of said District for the remainder of the current school year the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys due to the United States from said District of Columbia, under the provisions of the seventeenth section of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven: *Provided,* That the sum herein named, shall not be considered as in addition to the proportion of the expenses of the District of Columbia, hereafter to be assumed by the United States, but shall be a part thereof.

Proviso.

Approved, April 30, 1878.

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CHAP. 73.—An act to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for the public printing and binding for the current fiscal year.

Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for public printing and binding for the current fiscal year.

Public printing.

Approved, April 30, 1878.

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CHAP. 74.—An act authorizing the issue of passports free to colored citizens going to Brazil.

Passports for colored citizens going to Brazil.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, directed to issue passports, free of charges and fees therefor, to any colored citizens of the United States who may wish to go to Brazil to engage in work upon the Madera and Mamore Railway, and to that extent the provisions of section four thousand and seventy-five of the Revised Statutes are suspended.

R. S. 4075, p. 790.

Approved, April 30, 1878.