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CHAP. 41.—An act relating to sales for taxes in the District of Columbia.

Real estate, Dis-
trict of Columbia.
Purchasers of, at
tax sales to have
valid title after
two years.
Deed to issue.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter sales of real estate, after advertisement as required by law, by the collector of taxes for the District of Columbia, for taxes or assessments that have been or may be levied by the Commissioners of said District, or by other lawful authority, shall entitle the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, if the property be not redeemed within two years from the date of such sale, to a deed from the Commissioners of the District, which deed shall vest in the grantee a good and valid title, and shall be presumptive evidence in all controversies in relation thereto that the property so conveyed was subject to the taxes for which the property was sold, that such taxes were not paid, and that the property was not redeemed before the execution of the deed, and that the manner of levy, notice, sale, and all the other prerequisites of law were complied with necessary and proper to make such deed and title valid.

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CHAP. 42.—An act for the relief of Francis Denmead.

Francis Den-
mead.
Title of United
States to lands in
District of Colum-
bia released to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States of America hereby quitclaims and releases to Francis Denmead, his heirs and assigns, any title or interest which the United States have, by reason of any escheat or supposed escheat, in and to the following-described real estate situate, being, and lying in the city of Washington and District of Columbia, known and designated on the public plat or plan of said city as lots numbered one, two, eighteen, nineteen, and twenty, in square numbered nine hundred and twenty-four

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CHAP. 43.—An act to exempt from taxation all property held by the trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and for other purposes.

Corcoran Art
Gallery.
Property held as
endowment fund
for, in Washington
to be released from
taxes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all property held as endowment fund by the trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, for the purpose of revenue to support said institution, shall be, and the same is hereby, declared exempt from all taxation and assessments by the municipal authorities or by the United States so long as the same shall be so held; and all taxes and assessments made or imposed upon any of the property of said trustees subsequent to the tenth day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, whether real, personal, or mixed, be, and the same are hereby, released: *Provided,* That real estate heretofore purchased by said trustees in the management of the endowment fund shall be exempt from taxation only while so held, and not to exceed five years from the passage of this act.

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CHAP. 44.—An act to exempt the property of the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington, District of Columbia, from taxation.

Young Men's
Christian Associ-
ation, Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the property known as lot three, square two hundred and twenty-two, being house numbered fourteen hundred and nine New York avenue, in Washington City, District