

may, when execution is returned "No personal property found whereon to levy," file in the clerk's office of the supreme court of the District of Columbia a certified copy of such judgment, and which shall be docketed in the docket of law causes in said office, in the same manner as appeals from justices are docketed there; and when so docketed, the force and effect of the judgment shall be the same, as to lien and execution, as if it had been a judgment of said court.

of the peace to be a lien when, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of preserving the evidence of marriages in the District of Columbia, every minister of the gospel, appointed or ordained according to the rites and ceremonies of his church, whether his residence be in the District of Columbia or elsewhere in the United States or its Territories, may be licensed to celebrate marriages in the said District; and the license shall be issued by the clerk of the supreme court of said District in the following form:

Certain ministers of the gospel may be licensed to celebrate marriages in the District of Columbia.

"To any minister of the gospel authorized to celebrate marriages in the District of Columbia, greeting:

Form of license.

"You are hereby licensed to solemnize the rites of marriage between _____, of _____, and _____, of _____, if you find no lawful impediment thereto; and having so done you are commanded to appear in the clerk's office of the supreme court of said District, and certify the same.

"Witness my hand and the seal of said court:

"_____ , Clerk."

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That said clerk shall provide a record-book of his office, consisting of licenses in the above form, printed in blank, one of which he shall fill up with the names of the parties for whose union any license has been issued, and beneath it shall be printed a certificate to be made by the minister who solemnized the marriage, in the following form:

Record of licenses.

Certificate of minister.

"I, _____, minister of _____ church in _____, hereby certify that, by authority of a license of the same tenor as the foregoing, I solemnized the marriage of the parties aforesaid, on the _____ day of _____, eighteen _____, at _____, in the District of Columbia.

"_____."

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That a copy of any license and certificate, recorded in said book, certified by said clerk, under his hand and the seal of the court, shall be competent evidence of said marriage.

Copy of license and certificate, &c. to be competent evidence of the marriage.

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CHAP. CXVI. — *An Act concerning Divorces in the District of Columbia.*

June 1, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to the causes for which the supreme court of the District of Columbia may now grant divorces from the bond of marriage, such divorce may be granted for — First. Habitual drunkenness for a period of three years on the part of the party complained against. Second. Cruelty of treatment endangering the life or health of the party complaining. Third. Wilful desertion and abandonment by the party complained against of the party complaining for the full uninterrupted space of two years.

Additional causes for divorce in the District of Columbia.

Habitual drunkenness. Cruelty, &c. Wilful desertion.

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