

Feb. 4, 1879.

CHAP. 47.—An act for the relief of the Domestic and Indian Missions and Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

Appropriation.

Education of
Pottawatomie In-
dians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two thousand five hundred and forty-six dollars and eighty-seven cents is appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment, to the Domestic and Indian Missions and Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the sum due under contract with the United States for clothing and tuition furnished to the pupils in the Pottawatomie mission-school in Kansas, for the quarters ending September thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty, and December thirty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty.

Approved, February 4, 1879.

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CHAP. 48.—An act to create an additional land-district in the Territory of IdahoIdaho.
Oneida land-dis-
trict.

Proviso.

Register and re-
ceiver.Unfinished busi-
ness.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of the Territory of Idaho described and bounded as follows, namely: Commencing at the southeastern corner of said Territory: thence running west on the line between said Territory and the Territory of Utah to the line between ranges numbered twenty-three and twenty-four east, Boise meridian; thence north to the southern boundary of Lemhi County; thence west to the western line of said Lemhi County; thence north on said western line of said county to the line between the Territories of Idaho and Montana; thence easterly on said Territorial line to the eastern boundary of the Territory of Idaho; thence south on the line of the eastern boundary of Idaho Territory to the place of beginning, shall constitute a separate land district, to be called Oneida land-district, the office of which shall be located at Oxford, in Oneida County: *Provided,* The President of the United States may change the location of said land-office, from time to time, as the public interests may require.

SEC. 2. That the President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or during the recess thereof, a register and a receiver of public moneys for said district; and said officers shall reside in the place where said land-office is located, and shall have the same powers and responsibilities; and shall receive the same fees and emoluments as like officers now receive in other land-offices in said Territory.

SEC. 3. That all persons in said district who, prior to the opening of said Oneida land-office, shall have filed their declaratory statements, or application for pre-emption, homestead, or other land rights, in any land-office, in said Territory of Idaho, shall hereafter make proofs and entries at said Oneida land-office; and all unfinished business in any other land-office relating exclusively to lands in said Oneida land-district shall be transferred to said Oneida land-office when notified by the officers of the opening thereof.

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Feb. 6, 1879.

CHAP. 49.—An act declaratory of the law relating to descents and inheritance in the District of Columbia in certain cases.District of Co-
lumbia.Law of inheri-
tance and descent
as to colored per-
sons.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the issue of any marriage of colored persons, contracted and entered into according to any custom prevailing at the time in any of the States wherein the same occurred, shall, for all purposes of descent and inheritance and the transmission of both real and personal property within the District of Columbia, be deemed and held to be legitimate, and capable of inheriting and transmitting inheritance, and taking as next of kin and distributee according to law, from and to their parents, or either of them, and from and to

those from whom such parents, or either of them, may inherit or transmit inheritance, anything in the laws of such State to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed as implying that any such marriage is not valid, or such issue legitimate for all other purposes.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 6, 1879.

CHAP. 50.—An act relating to tax-sales and taxes in the District of Columbia

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the collector of taxes for the District of Columbia to prepare and keep in his office, for public inspection, a list of lots and squares, arranged in numerical order, of all real estate in the city of Washington heretofore sold, or which may hereafter be sold, for the non-payment of any general or special tax or assessment levied or assessed upon the same, said list to show the date of sale and for what taxes sold; in whose name assessed at the time of sale; the amount for which the same was sold; when and to whom conveyed if deeded, or, if redeemed from said sale, the date of redemption. And it shall be the duty of said collector, whenever called upon, to furnish, in addition to the regular tax-bills, a certified statement, over his hand and official seal, of all taxes and assessments general and special, that may be due and unpaid at the time of making said certificate, and which may in any manner be a lien upon any real estate located in said District; and for each and every certificate so furnished by said collector, the party requesting the same, shall pay into the treasury of said District a fee of fifty cents; and said certificate when furnished as aforesaid, shall be a bar to the collection and recovery, from any subsequent purchaser, of any tax or assessment omitted from and which may be a lien upon the real estate mentioned in said certificate, and said lien shall be discharged as to such subsequent purchaser but shall not affect the liability of the person who owned the property at the time such tax was assessed to pay the same. And it is hereby declared that all public records which have any reference, or in any way relate, to real or personal property in said District, shall be open to the public for inspection free of charge.

District of Columbia.
List of tax-sales.

Certificate of taxes due.

Fee.

Effect of certificate.

Public records.

Approved, February 6, 1879.

CHAP. 65.—An act authorizing the Windham National Bank to change its location.

Feb. 10, 1879.

Whereas the stockholders of the Windham National Bank, now located at Windham Centre, in the town and county of Windham and State of Connecticut, representing more than three-fourths of the capital of said bank, at a meeting specially called for that purpose in the month of December, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, did vote to change its location from Windham Centre to the village of Willimantic, in the town and county of Windham and State aforesaid: Therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Windham National Bank now located at Windham Centre, in the town and county of Windham and State of Connecticut, is hereby authorized to change its location to the village of Willimantic, in said town of Windham and State aforesaid. Before changing its location as aforesaid, the president and cashier of said bank shall execute a certificate, under the corporate seal of the bank, specifying the action already taken by the stockholders of said bank and their determination as to such change of location, and shall cause the same to be recorded in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency. And thereupon such change of location shall be effected,

Windham National Bank.

Change of location.

Certificate of fact.