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1870, ch. 296, 16 Stat., 362.

Indians, under an act of July fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy, to be expended for their benefit, to aid them in agriculture; for their care and support, and in extending improvements already begun on their reservation, and in any other manner to promote their civilization and improvement.

Approved, January 12, 1877.

Jan. 13, 1877.

CHAP. 21.—An act to change the name of the steamship "Whirl-wind" to that of "Arcadia"

Name of steamship Whirl-wind changed.

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to allow the owners of the steamship "Whirl-wind," a vessel of American ownership and register, to change her name, and be hereafter known as the "Arcadia."

Approved, January 13, 1877.

Jan. 16, 1877.

CHAP. 22.—An act to amend section ten hundred and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes relating to the District of Columbia.

R. S. D. C., 1036, p. 121, amended.

Constables to take oath and give bond.

When bond to be approved.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section ten hundred and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes relating to the District of Columbia be amended to read as follows: "Each constable shall, before performing any of the duties of his office, take the oath prescribed for civil officers in the District, and shall enter into a bond to the United States in the sum of five thousand dollars, with security, to be approved by the clerk of the supreme court of the District, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for the punctual payment of all moneys coming into his hands to the persons entitled to receive the same. And the clerk of said supreme court shall approve of no bond of any constable until at least three bondsmen shall sign said constable's bond, and each of said bondsmen shall file with said constable's bond an affidavit that he is the owner in fee-simple of unincumbered real estate, situated in the District of Columbia, of the cash value of at least five thousand dollars."

Approved, January 16, 1877.

Jan. 16, 1877.

CHAP. 23.—An act authorizing the recorder of the District of Columbia to appoint an assistant with certain powers.

Recorder of deeds in District of Columbia may appoint deputy.

Powers and duties.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia is authorized to appoint a deputy recorder; and all deeds of conveyance, leases, powers of attorney, and other written instruments required to be filed and recorded, and all copies of instruments and records, and certificates authorized by law, filed, recorded, made, and certified by the deputy recorder, shall have the same legality, force, and effect as if performed by the recorder. In case of a vacancy in the office of recorder by death, resignation, or other cause, the deputy recorder shall act until a recorder shall be duly appointed and qualified: *Provided*, That no additional expense shall be incurred by the District for said deputy, and no other fees shall be allowed than are now provided by law.

Approved, January 16, 1877.