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now surveyed under existing laws; and upon the approval of said survey by the Commissioner of the General Land Office a patent shall issue to said claimants in the usual form. Patent.

Approved, June 19, 1878.

CHAP. 321.—An act regulating exemptions in the District of Columbia. June 19, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the earnings, not to exceed one hundred dollars each month of all actual residents of the District of Columbia, and who are married persons, or who have to provide for the support of a family in said District, for two months next preceding the issuing of any writ or process from any court or justice of the peace, or other officer of and in said District, against them, shall be exempt from attachment, levy, seizure, or sale upon such process; and the same shall not be seized, levied on, taken, reached, or sold by attachment, execution, or any other process, or proceedings of any court, judge, justice of the peace, or other officer of and in said District: *Provided*, That this act and nothing herein contained shall apply, or in any manner affect any existing debt, contract, note, or judgment. District of Columbia. Earnings exempt from execution in. *Proviso.*

SEC. 2. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and they are hereby, repealed. Repeals.

Approved, June 19, 1878.

CHAP. 322.—An act to provide for the holding of terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States at city of Charlotte, North Carolina June 19, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That additional terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the western district of North Carolina shall hereafter be held in the city of Charlotte, in said State, and that said terms shall commence respectively on the second Monday of June and the second Monday of December in each and every year and shall continue until the business is disposed of. North Carolina. Terms of courts in western district of.

That this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, June 19, 1878.

CHAP. 323.—An act to create a revenue in the District of Columbia by levying a tax upon all dogs therein, to make such dogs personal property, and for other purposes. June 19, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be levied a tax of two dollars each per annum upon all dogs owned or kept in the District of Columbia; said tax to be collected as other taxes in said District are or may be collected. District of Columbia. Dog-tax in.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the collector of taxes, upon receipt of said tax, to give to the person paying the same, for each dog so paid for, a suitable metallic tag, stamped with the year, showing that said tax has been duly paid; and he shall keep a record of all such payments, with the date thereof, and the name, color, and sex of such dog, and the name of the person claiming any dog so paid for; and a copy of such record, certified under the hand and official seal of the said collector, which shall be given to any person demanding the same, upon payment of twenty-five cents therefor, shall be prima-facie evidence of such payment in any court of the District of Columbia. Tax-tags. Record. Evidence of payment.

SEC. 3. The poundmaster of the District of Columbia shall, during the entire year, seize all dogs found running at large without the tax- Dogs without tags.