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CHAP. 37.—An act relating to the National Road in the State of Maryland, and to give consent of the United States to a certain act of the general assembly of Maryland in relation to said road. Jan. 30, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the United States shall be, and is hereby, given to an act of the general assembly of the State of Maryland, passed at the January session, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, chapter one hundred and fifty-eight, entitled "An act to transfer to the counties of Allegany and Garrett the control of the National Turnpike or United States Road through said counties, and to provide for the maintenance thereof": *Provided*, That this consent shall have no effect in respect of creating or recognizing any duty or liability whatever on the part of the United States. National Road in Maryland. *Proviso.*

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved, January 30, 1879.

CHAP. 38.—An act to amend section nine hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States for the District of Columbia, so as to make the twenty-second day of February a holiday within said District. Jan. 31, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section nine hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding to the days therein declared to be holidays within the District the twenty-second day of February; and such day shall be a holiday for all the purposes mentioned in said section: *Provided*, That this act shall not apply to the twenty-second day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine. R. S. D. C. 993. District of Columbia. Washington's birthday a legal holiday.

Approved, January 31, 1879.

CHAP. 39.—An act to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the records and files of district and circuit courts of the United States lost or destroyed. Jan. 31, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section nine hundred and two of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended so as to read as follows: R. S. 902.

In any proceedings in conformity with law to restore the records of any court of the United States which have been or may be hereafter lost or destroyed, the notice required may be served on any non-resident of the district in which such court is held anywhere within the jurisdiction of the United States or in any foreign country; the proof of service of such notice, if made in a foreign country, to be certified by a minister or consul of the United States in such country, under his official seal. Restoration of court records.

SEC. 2. That section nine hundred and three of said Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows: R. S. 903.

A certified copy of the official return, or any other official paper of the United States attorney, marshal, or clerk, or other certifying or recording officer of any court of the United States, made in pursuance of law, and on file in any department of the government, relating to any cause or matter to which the United States was a party in any such court, the record of which has been or may be lost or destroyed, may be filed in the court to which it appertains, and shall have the same force and effect as if it were an original report, return, paper, or other document made to or filed in such court; and in any case in which the names of the parties and the date and amount of judgment or decree shall appear from such return, paper, or document, it shall be lawful for the court in which they are filed to issue the proper process to enforce such decree or judg- Same subject.