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lating to the District of Columbia, passed at the first session of the Forty-third Congress, eighteen hundred and seventy-three and eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be, and the same hereby are, repealed, and there is enacted in lieu thereof the following:

Deeds, etc., to take effect on delivery to recorder, as against creditors, etc.

All deeds, deeds of trust, mortgages, conveyances, covenants, agreements, or any instrument of writing which by law is entitled to be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds, shall take effect and be valid, as to creditors and as to subsequent purchasers for valuable consideration without notice, from the time when such deed, deed of trust, mortgage, conveyance, covenant, agreement, or instrument in writing shall, after having been acknowledged, proved, or certified, as the case may be, be delivered to the recorder of deeds for record, and from that time only; and the recorder of deeds shall note on each deed or other instrument of writing required by law to be recorded, the day and hour of delivery of the same to him to be recorded.

Act applied.

SEC. 2. That this act shall not be so construed as to affect any deed or other instrument of writing heretofore recorded.

Approved, April 29, 1878.

April 30, 1878.

CHAP. 72.—An act for the relief of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia.

Public schools of District of Columbia, $75,000 to be retained for maintenance of, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, directed to retain, and use, for the maintenance of the Public Schools, of said District for the remainder of the current school year the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys due to the United States from said District of Columbia, under the provisions of the seventeenth section of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven: *Provided*, That the sum herein named, shall not be considered as in addition to the proportion of the expenses of the District of Columbia, hereafter to be assumed by the United States, but shall be a part thereof.

Proviso.

Approved, April 30, 1878.

April 30, 1878.

CHAP. 73.—An act to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for the public printing and binding for the current fiscal year.

Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for public printing and binding for the current fiscal year.

Public printing.

Approved, April 30, 1878.

April 30, 1878.

CHAP. 74.—An act authorizing the issue of passports free to colored citizens going to Brazil.

Passports for colored citizens going to Brazil.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, directed to issue passports, free of charges and fees therefor, to any colored citizens of the United States who may wish to go to Brazil to engage in work upon the Madera and Mamore Railway, and to that extent the provisions of section four thousand and seventy-five of the Revised Statutes are suspended.

R. S. 4075, p. 790.

Approved, April 30, 1878.