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accordance with the provisions of section one of this act; and the total amount of such lost or invalid money-orders and invalid postal notes more than seven years old paid during each year by duplicate shall be deducted from the aggregate amount of unpaid money-orders and postal notes to be deposited at the close thereof in the Treasury as hereinbefore provided

SEC. 6. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall be void in so far as they may apply to cases which may arise under this act: *Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall be put into operation by the Postmaster-General within six months after the date of its approval by the President. *Proviso.*

Approved, March 3, 1883.

CHAP. 124.—An act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes relating to the District of Columbia. Mar. 3, 1883.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: Religious societies, District of Columbia. R. S. D. C., 534, 65. Amended.

"SEC. 534. Such society or congregation may assume a name, and any number of trustees, not exceeding ten, who shall be styled trustees of such society or congregation by the name so assumed, may be elected or appointed according to the rules or discipline governing the church or denomination to which said society or congregation may belong."

That section five hundred and thirty-six be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 536. The trustees shall hold office during the period stated in their certificates, and vacancies in the office of trustee may be filled by election or appointment as provided in section five hundred and thirty-four; and rules and regulations may be adopted in relation to the management of the estate and the duties of trustees, or for their removal from office, in accordance with the rules or discipline governing the church or denomination to which such society or congregation may belong, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States and the laws in force in the District." R. S. D. C., 536, 65. Amended.

That section five hundred and thirty-seven be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 537. At the expiration of the term of service of any of the trustees, one or more successors may be elected or appointed, as provided in section five hundred and thirty-four, and a certificate of their appointment or election shall be made, verified, filed, and recorded as provided in section five hundred and thirty-five." R. S. D. C., 537, 65. Amended.

That section five hundred and forty-one be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 541. The trustees shall have power, under the direction of the society or congregation or the authority by whom they were elected or appointed, to sell and execute deeds and conveyances of the property authorized to be held by the society or congregation; and such deeds or conveyances shall have the same effect as like deeds or conveyances made by natural persons; but no deed or conveyance shall be made so as to defeat or destroy the interest or effect of any grant, donation, or bequest, and all grants, donations and bequests shall be appropriated and used as directed by the person making the same." R. S. D. C., 541, 65. Amended.

That section five hundred and forty-two be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 542. The trustees shall have power, under the direction of the society or congregation or the authority by whom they were elected or appointed, to execute mortgages, or deeds of trust in the nature of mortgages, upon the estate and property which any society or congre- R. S. D. C., 542, 65. Amended.

gation are authorized to hold or to lease the same for a term not exceeding ten years. And such mortgages, deeds, and conveyances shall have the same effect and be enforced by the same remedies and proceedings as like mortgages, deeds, leases, and conveyances made by natural persons."

Approved, March 3, 1883.

Mar. 3, 1883.

CHAP. 125.—An act to punish larceny from the person in the District of Columbia.

Larceny from the person of another a felony.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whoever, in the District of Columbia, commits larceny from the person of another shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment not more than six years, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalty.

Attempt to commit larceny, etc.

SEC. 2. That whoever, in the District of Columbia, attempts to commit larceny from the person of another by any overt act, done with the intent to commit a larceny, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be punished in the police court of the District of Columbia by imprisonment in the District jail not more than one year, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalty.

Approved, March 3, 1883.

Mar. 3, 1883.

CHAP. 126.—An act to confer upon the senior associate justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, in the absence or inability of the chief justice of said court, the powers and duties now conferred upon said chief justice, relative to the extradition of fugitives from justice.

Powers and duties of chief justice of supreme court of District of Columbia authorized to devolve on senior associate justice, etc.

R. S. D. C., 843, 99.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the powers conferred upon and the duties prescribed for the chief justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, in relation to fugitives from justice, by section eight hundred and forty-three of an act entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the statutes of the United States, general and permanent in their nature, relative to the District of Columbia, in force on the first day of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-three," approved June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall, in case of his absence or disability, devolve upon and be discharged by the senior associate justice of said court who may be present in said District and able to act.

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

Approved, March 3, 1883.

Mar. 3, 1883.

CHAP. 127.—An act for the relief of Edward Bellows.

Preamble.

Edward Bellows. Relief of.

Whereas, Edward Bellows, upon the eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty six, was, by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, duly appointed and commissioned a paymaster in the Navy of the United States from the twentieth day of February, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-six; and

Whereas, on the twenty eighth day of January, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, the Secretary of the Navy issued an order declaring that said Bellows was dismissed the Naval service, declared in such order of dismissal to be "in consequence of the facts appearing