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to law. But shall have no effect whatever upon the validity or invalidity of the deed or paper so recorded, and shall be no evidence of constructive notice to any persons not actually knowing the contents.

Validity of deed, etc., not affected.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is hereby empowered and directed to continue to make and keep a record of every deed executed by any Indian, his heirs, representatives, or assigns, which may require the approval of the President of the United States or of the Secretary of the Interior, whenever such approval shall have been given, and the deed so approved returned to said office.

Records of all deeds by Indians to be kept.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall cause a seal to be made and provided for the said office, with such device as the President of the United States shall approve, and copies of any public documents, records, books, maps, or papers belonging to or on the files of said office, authenticated by the seal and certified by the Commissioner thereof, or by such officer as may, for the time being, be acting as or for such Commissioner, shall be evidence equally with the originals thereof.

Seal to be made.

Certifications.

SEC. 4. That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall have the custody of said seal, and shall furnish certified copies of any such records, books, maps, or papers belonging to or on the files of said office, to any person applying therefor who shall comply with the requirements of said office, upon the payment by such parties at the rate of ten cents per hundred words, and one dollar for copies of maps or plats, and the additional sum of twenty-five cents for the Commissioner's certificate of verification, with the seal of said office; and one of the employés of said office shall be designated by the Commissioner as the receiving clerk, who shall give bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, and the amounts so received shall, under the direction of the Commissioner, be paid into the Treasury of the United States; but fees shall not be demanded for such authenticated copies as may be required by the officers of any branch of the Government or by any Indian who shall satisfy the Commissioner by satisfactory legal evidence that he or she is not able, by reason of poverty, to pay such fees, nor for such unverified copies as the Commissioner in his discretion may deem proper to furnish.

Approved, July 26, 1892.

Furnishing certified copies of records.

Fees.

Receiving clerk.

No fees for copies for official use, etc.

CHAP. 257.—An act authorizing the payment of a certificate of indebtedness of the District of Columbia, numbered forty-nine hundred and eighty seven.

July 26, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and seven dollars is hereby appropriated, one-half out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated and the other half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, for the redemption, with interest, of a certificate of indebtedness numbered four thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, issued by authority of section seven of the legislative assembly of the District of Columbia, approved June twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, dated July first, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

District of Columbia.
Appropriation to pay a certificate of indebtedness.

Approved, July 26, 1892.

CHAP. 264.—An act to extend the privileges of the transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement to the port of Dunkirk, New York.

July 27, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges of the seventh section of the act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the port of Dunkirk, in the State of New York.

Dunkirk, N. Y.
Immediate transportation privileges to.
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