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Marriage settlements, etc.

SEC. 6. That nothing in this Act contained shall invalidate any marriage settlement or contract.

Antenuptial debts.

SEC. 7. That the husband shall not be liable for the payment of the wife's antinuptial debts, but she shall be liable to all remedies for the recovery of such debts, to be enforced against her and her separate property as if she were unmarried.

Father and mother to be guardians of children.

SEC. 8. That the father and mother shall be the natural guardians of the person of their minor children. If either dies or is incapable of acting, the natural guardianship of the person shall devolve upon the other: *Provided, however*, That in case of the death of either parent from whom the said children may inherit, or take by devise or bequest, the said parent may, by deed or last will and testament, appoint a guardian of the property of the children, subject to the approval of the proper court of the District of Columbia.

Proviso.
Guardian of property permitted.

Appointment of guardian.

SEC. 9. That the survivor may by last will appoint a guardian of the person and property of any of the children, whether born at the time of making the will or afterwards, to continue during the minority of the child, or for a less time, subject at all times to removal for cause and appointment of another by the proper court.

Dower in equitable and legal estates.

SEC. 10. That dower shall hereafter be assigned to a widow entitled to the same in the equitable as well as the legal estate of her deceased husband.

Repeals.

SEC. 11. That sections seven hundred and twenty-seven, seven hundred and twenty-nine, and seven hundred and thirty of the Revised Statutes of the United States for the District of Columbia, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 1, 1896.

June 1, 1896.

CHAP. 304.—An Act To incorporate the National University.

National University incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Arthur McArthur, Richard H. Alvey, Charles C. Cole, William B. Webb, Eugene Carusi, H. O. Claughton, Thomas Wilson, Matthew G. Emery, John Goode, Charles Lyman, John T. Winter, Howard H. Barker, and William C. Whittemore, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the National University, with

Powers.

power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to have perpetual succession; to acquire, take by devise, bequest, or otherwise, hold, purchase, encumber, and convey such real and personal estate as shall be required for the purpose of its incorporation; to make and use a common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure.

Board of trustees.

SEC. 2. That the aforesaid incorporators shall be and constitute a board of trustees for the said university, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum to do business, and which board shall be, and are authorized to fill any vacancies in their number, to appoint such officers and agents as the business of the corporation shall require, and to make by-laws for the accomplishment of its purposes, for the management of its property, and for the regulation of its affairs. Said corporation is hereby empowered to establish and maintain within the District of Columbia a university for the promotion of education. The said corporation shall have

Granting diplomas, etc.

power to grant and confer diplomas and the usual college and university degrees, and honorary degrees, and also such other powers as may be necessary fully to carry out and execute the general purposes of the said corporation as herein appearing.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 3. That this Act may be amended or repealed at any time by the Congress at its pleasure.

Approved, June 1, 1896.