

person, appointed the committee of a lunatic, or the guardian of a minor or lunatic, by the proper authority in any state or territory of the United States, to institute and prosecute to final judgment any suit or action in the courts of the District of Columbia, as he might have done if his authority as such guardian or committee had been derived from the proper tribunals of said district; and such committee or guardian may in the same manner collect and receive any sum of money due to such lunatic or minor, and may by deed, duly executed, release and convey to any party entitled to the same, whether by purchase or otherwise, any lands or estates situated in the District of Columbia, the property of such lunatic or minor, or to or upon which such lunatic or minor may have a claim or mortgage, in the same manner as he might have done if his authority had been derived from the tribunals of said district: *Provided*, That such committee or guardian, before making any conveyance of real estate or release of claim, or mortgage thereon, shall file in the orphans' court of said district the official certificate of the judge of the court from which such committee or guardian derived his appointment, that he has given a sufficient bond to account to the minor or lunatic for all sums of money received by virtue of the authority conferred by this act.

Guardians, &c. of lunatics may act within the District of Columbia.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all payments heretofore made within the District of Columbia to the committee or guardian of a lunatic or the guardian of a minor duly appointed at the domicile of the lunatic or minor out of the District of Columbia, in the United States, shall be good and sufficient: *Provided*, That said guardian or committee shall file in the orphans' court in said district, the official certificate of the judge of the court from which such committee or guardian derived his appointment, that he has given sufficient bond to account to the minor or lunatic for all payments so made: *And provided further*, That in all cases the evidence of the appointment and authority of such committee or guardian shall be first recorded in the office of the orphans' court of said district.

Former payments to such guardians declared sufficient.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 8, 1864.

CHAP. XXIII. — *An Act to apportion the Expenses of the Levy Court of the County of Washington upon the Basis of Population.*

March 8, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the passage of this act the corporate authorities of the city of Washington, the corporate authorities of the city of Georgetown, and the county authorities of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, shall contribute to the expenses of the levy court of the county of Washington, incurred on account of the orphans' court, the office of coroner, and the jail of said county, whenever hereafter imposed by law, in the following proportions, to wit: the city of Washington twelve fifteenths, the city of Georgetown two fifteenths, and the county of Washington one fifteenth of said expenses.

Expenses of Levy Court, how apportioned.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and they are hereby, repealed.

Repeal of inconsistent laws.

APPROVED, March 8, 1864.

CHAP. XXIV. — *An Act to authorize the Enrolment and License of the Steam-tugs B. F. Davidson and W. K. Muir.*

March 8, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant the enrolment and license of the steam-tugs B. F. Davidson and W. K. Muir, now owned by William Porter and William Lurkins, of Milwaukie, in the State of Wisconsin, upon such terms, not inconsistent with law, as to him shall seem just and proper.

Steam-tugs B. F. Davidson and W. K. Muir to be enrolled and licensed.

APPROVED, March 8, 1864.