those from whom such parents, or either of them, may inherit or transmit inheritance, anything in the laws of such State to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed as implying that any such marriage is not valid, or such issue legitimate for all other purposes.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 6, 1879.

CHAP. 50.—An act relating to tax-sales and taxes in the District of Columbia

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the collector of taxes for the District of Columbia to prepare and keep in his office, for public inspection, a list of lots and squares, arranged in numerical order, of all real estate in the city of Washington heretofore sold, or which may hereafter be sold, for the non-payment of any general or special tax or assessment levied or assessed upon the same, said list to show the date of sale and for what taxes sold; in whose name assessed at the time of sale; the amount for which the same was sold; when and to whom conveyed if deeded, or, if redeemed from said sale, the date of redemption. And it shall be the duty of said collector, whenever called upon, to furnish, in addition to the regular tax-bills, a certified statement, over his hand and official seal, of all taxes and assessments general and special, that may be due and unpaid at the time of making said certificate, and which may in any manner be a lien upon any real estate located in said District; and for each and every certificate so furnished by said collector, the party requesting the same, shall pay into the treasury of said District a fee of fifty cents; and said certificate when furnished as aforesaid, shall be a bar to the collection and recovery, from any subsequent purchaser, of any tax or assessment omitted from and which may be a lien upon the real estate mentioned in said certificate, and said lien shall be discharged as to such subsequent purchaser but shall not affect the liability of the person who owned the property at the time such tax was assessed to pay the same. And it is hereby declared that all public records which have any reference, or in any way relate, to real or personal property in said District, shall be open to the public for inspection free of charge.

Approved, February 6, 1879.

CHAP. 65.—An act authorizing the Windham National Bank to change its location.

Whereas the stockholders of the Windham National Bank, now located at Windham Centre, in the town and county of Windham and State of Connecticut, representing more than three-fourths of the capital of said bank, at a meeting specially called for that purpose in the month of December, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, did vote to change its location from Windham Centre to the village of Willimantic, in the town and county of Windham and State aforesaid: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Windham National Bank now located at Windham Centre, in the town and county of Windham and State of Connecticut, is hereby authorized to change its location to the village of Willimantic, in said town of Windham and State aforesaid. Before changing its location as aforesaid, the president and cashier of said bank shall execute a certificate, under the corporate seal of the bank, specifying the action already taken by the stockholders of said bank and their determination as to such change of location, and shall cause the same to be recorded in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency. And thereupon such change of location shall be effected,