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At a Stated Meeting of the Permanent Board of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends held the 11th day of Eleventh Month 1904

Twenty Members were present

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee in regard to Friends Marriages in the District of Columbia made the following satisfactory report, and the Clerk was directed to insert, with the Minutes of this Board, and next following the report of the Committee, the printed copy of the Bill referred to: The Report is as follows:

To the Permanent Board:

The Committee appointed to obtain an Amendment to the Code of the District of Columbia relative to the Marriage of Friends within the District reports. That it conferred with a Committee of Friends of the other body as directed, and with their co-operation has procured the passage of a bill, which has received the approval of the Corporation Council of the District, and which we trust will be satisfactory to the Board.

A copy of the Bill is submitted herewith
For the Committee (signed) }
Lindley D. Clark
James Conary Jr.
S. E. Nicholson

6 mo 4. 1904

Printed Copy of Bill No 154. to Amend the Code of the District of Columbia relative to Marriage

[PUBLIC—No. 154.]

An Act To amend sections twelve hundred and eighty-eight, twelve hundred and ninety-three, and twelve hundred and ninety-four of the Code of the District of Columbia, relating to marriage, so as to authorize marriages according to the custom of the Society of Friends or Quakers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twelve hundred and eighty-eight of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia," approved March third, nineteen hundred and one, be amended by adding thereto the following:

"Provided, however, That marriages of members of any church or religious society which does not by its custom require the intervention of a minister for the celebration of marriages may be solemnized in the manner prescribed and practiced in any such society, the license in such case to be issued to, and returns to be made by, a person appointed by such church or religious society for that purpose."

SEC. 2. That section twelve hundred and ninety-three of said Act as amended by an Act of June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two, be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1293. FORM OF LICENSE.—Licenses to perform the marriage ceremony shall be addressed to some particular minister, magistrate, or other person authorized by section twelve hundred and eighty-eight hereof to perform or witness the marriage ceremony and shall be in the following form:

"Number ———.

"To ———, authorized to celebrate (or witness) marriages in the District of Columbia, greeting:

"You are hereby authorized to celebrate (or witness) the rites of marriage between ———, of ———, and ———, of ———, and having done so, you are commanded to make return of the same to the clerk's office of the supreme court of said District within ten days under a penalty of fifty dollars for default therein.

"Witness my hand and seal of said court this ——— day of ———, anno Domini ———.

"———, Clerk.

"By ———, Assistant Clerk."

Said return shall be made in person or by mail on a coupon issued with said license and bearing a corresponding number therewith within ten days from the time of said marriage, and shall be in the following form:

"Number ———.

"I, ———, who have been duly authorized to celebrate (or witness) the rites of marriage in the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that, by authority of a license of corresponding number herewith, I solemnized (or witnessed) the marriage of ——— and ———, named therein, on the ——— day of ———, at ———, in said District."

The Committee was released.