

more City, and be preserved with the register of marriage licenses in the office of the said clerk.

Where slaves ratified their marriage after they became free, their marriage is valid. *Jones v. Jones*, 36 Md. 456.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 16. 1912, sec. 16. 1914, ch. 745.

18. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court in Baltimore City and in the several Counties of the State of Maryland to transmit to the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health, upon forms to be supplied by the said Bureau, a report of each marriage which has been reported to them under the provisions of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland.

The report shall be made monthly and on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month next succeeding.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court in Baltimore City and in the several Counties of the State of Maryland to transmit to the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health, a report of the names and residences of the parties to suits for divorce entered in said Court and to either of whom decree for divorce has been granted by said Court.

The report shall be made monthly and on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month next succeeding.

For transmitting the said reports to said Bureau the Clerks of the Court shall receive no compensation other than that prescribed in Section 12 of this Article.

Any Clerk who shall fail, within the time prescribed by this section, to transmit the proper report to the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health, shall upon conviction be subject to a fine of ten dollars (\$10) for each offense.

As to the bureau of vital statistics, see art. 43, sec. 14, *et seq.*

An. Code, 1924, sec. 17. 1912, sec. 17. 1912, ch. 69.

19. The clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City and the clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties having charge of the issuing of marriage licenses and the recording of marriages in this State, as prescribed by existing law, shall record in a separate book, to be kept for the purpose and entitled "Foreign Marriage Record Book," all certificates of marriage issued by clergymen or by officials solemnizing such marriages and all official certified copies of marriage records where one or both of the parties contracting the same were or are citizens of this State and where the marriage was contracted in some other state, territory, District of Columbia or foreign country wherever the same are presented to said clerks for record.

And said clerks shall issue when requested so to do, certificates of such records under the seal of the court where so recorded, as is now customary in the case of marriages contracted in this State, and shall have power to charge the usual fee for and recording such certificates and for furnishing certified copies of such records.