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DURING THE SESSION 1871—1872.

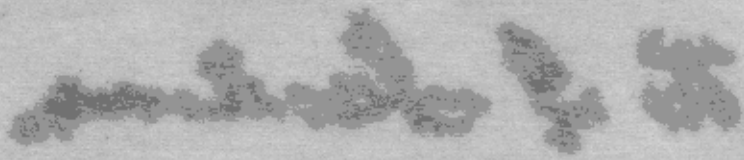
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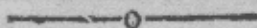
ACTS.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE SOVEREIGN PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, IN DEPOSING EDWARD JAMES ROYE, FIFTH PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN THE MANIFESTO OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND CONFIRMING ALL OF THEIR ACTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID MANIFESTO

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

That all of the acts and proceedings of the Sovereign People of the Republic of Liberia, in deposing Edward James Roye, fifth President of the Republic as aforesaid, on the twenty sixth day of October, A. D., 1871, for his numerous unconstitutional acts, and the establishment of the Provisional Government with its Manifesto, until the arrival of the proper constitutional officer at the capital, are hereby approved, confirmed and declared legal.

Approved December 19. 1871.



A N ACT FOR TEMPORARILY LENGTHENING THE TIME OF THE DECEMBER TERM OF THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS AND COMMON PLEAS FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY, AND ESPECIALLY EXTENDING THE SITTING OF THE SAME.

Whereas the present state of affairs of this Nation, brought on by the many late unlawful acts of those charged with the faithful performance of public duties, justly demands a thorough, equitable and legal investigation of many cases at law now pending before the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas for the County of Montserrado; and whereas the present legal prescribed time, two weeks, for the sitting of the aforesaid Court is actually too short for giving attention to those cases; and whereas it is a fundamental principle of our Constitution that every person accused, shall have a speedy and impartial trial;—Therefore,

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas for the County of Montserrado to continue the sitting of the aforesaid Court until all cases now before said Court arising upon presentment or indictment, and all cases which may come before said Court are, so far as to such Court appertains, disposed of.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that the provisions of this Act shall be strictly construed, and that this extension of the time of the aforesaid Court shall be only for the one term expressly named, and for the distinct purpose of affording relief to the cases growing out of the present crisis, and for no other.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, that the Judge of said Court be, and he is hereby enjoined and directed to use all due speed and diligence in expediting the business of this specially extended term of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas for Montserrado County.

Sec. 4. The President of the Republic be, and he is hereby directed to have this Act immediately proclaimed and enforced.

Sec. 5. Any law to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Approved December 23. 1871.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO SECURE THE SERVICE OF A GOOD AND EFFICIENT PHYSICIAN, AND DIRECT HIM TO PROCEED AT ONCE TO MARYLAND COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE PHYSICIAN OF MARYLAND COUNTY IN ARRESTING THE SMALL-POX, NOW RAPIDLY SPREADING IN SAID COUNTY.

Whereas it has been reported to the Legislature that the small-pox is now raging in Maryland County, thereby causing many deaths and much suffering; and whereas the present physician of Maryland County, D. R. Fletcher, M. D., is not capable of extending the necessary medical attention, on account of the great number of people affected by this malignant disease;— therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That immediately after the passage of this Resolution, His Excellency, the acting President of the Republic of Liberia be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to secure the

service of a good and efficient Physician for the purpose of assisting the Physician of Maryland County in arresting the small-pox, now raging in said County.

Sec. 2. Resolved, that for the effectual carrying out of the aforesaid Resolution, an agreement be made by the Secretary of the Treasury with the Physician to pay him, the said Physician, the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars per month, for a period of one or two months, as the case may demand, and furnish him with a servant at the expense of the Government; provided, nevertheless, that if the services of the Physician be not needed on arrival at Palmas, he shall be paid for one month in the same manner as if he had served. And the President is hereby directed to draw for the amount out of any money in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 27, 1871.

H. J. Starbuck

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LANDING AND SAFE-KEEPING OF THE CARGO OF THE SHIP "TOWN," UNTIL OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

Whereas information has reached the Government of Liberia, but not sufficient to guarantee the acceptance of the Loan said to be concluded by E. J. Roye, acting President, and the Commissioners appointed by him, viz: Hons. W. S. Anderson, H. W. Johnson, and D. Chinery, Charge d' Affaires of the Republic of Liberia, on the part of the Republic of Liberia, and the Bond-holders;—Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

That for the security of all parties concerned in the Loan, the following named parties are hereby nominated and appointed, viz:—H. W. Dennis, Esq., and Messrs. Sherman and Dimery, Commission Merchants of the city of Monrovia, who shall give suitable Bond to be approved by the Legislature, and who shall be required to take charge of, land in the city of Monrovia, and hold intact the entire cargo, as per bill of lading filed in the Secretary of Treasury's Department, of the ship "Town," and any other goods or merchandise consigned to any person or persons in the Republic of Liberia, so soon as she shall arrive in any one of the ports of entry of the Republic of Liberia, until otherwise ordered by the Legislature.

Approved December 27, 1871.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FOR THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF REV. S. J. MILLS.

Whereas the Legislature is informed of the arrival in Liberia of a Monument, provided by Rev. Ebenezer Burgess and other friends, to the memory of Rev. S. J. Mills, who, in company with Rev. Mr. Burgess visited Africa in the year 1818, under the auspices of the American Colonization Society, to select a suitable place for a Colony proposed to be established on this coast by said American Colonization Society; and whereas the Revds. Mills and Burgess, at great sacrifice, contributed largely to founding the little Colony of which this Republic is the result; and whereas a small token of our heartfelt appreciation of the christian services of those gentlemen should appear;

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

That said monument be erected at the public expense, and with suitable public ceremonies; and it is resolved that a committee of two from each House be appointed to select a suitable site for said monument, and to make such arrangements in regard to an Oration and other ceremonies, as in their judgment shall be deemed suitable and proper for the occasion.

Approved January 16. 1872.



R RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE GOVERNMENT VESSEL "LIBERIA."

Whereas the Revenue Vessel "Liberia" in her present condition is likely to be altogether useless to the Government, if left in her present state, and may prove a total loss to the nation; and whereas the said vessel, being public property, cannot be legally disposed of without a warrant of the Legislature;—Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to have offered and sold at public auction the Revenue vessel "Liberia;" for which purpose he may procure the services of some auctioneer.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved, that the Secretary of the Treasury may instruct the auctioneer to take in payment for said vessel, currency, checks or debentures, which said auctioneer shall immediately pay into the Treasury, and present certificate of the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, and upon the sale five per cent. shall be paid to the auctioneer.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19. 1872.

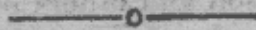
It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the matrimonial or civil contract of marriage between Reginald A. Sherman and Sarah L. Sherman, his wife, and H. R. W. Johnson and Sarah V. Johnson, his wife, shall be completely annulled, set aside, and dissolved, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes, as if no such contract had heretofore been made and entered into between them.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that the said Reginald A. Sherman and Sarah L. Sherman, and H. R. W. Johnson and Sarah V. Johnson, in future, shall be deemed and considered as distinct and separate persons, altogether unconnected by any mystical union or civil contract whatever, at any other time made or entered into between them.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed into a law by limitation, January 26. 1872.



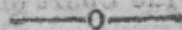
AN ACT RESTORING GEORGE KIMMINGS OF HARRISBURG, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, AND BENJAMIN N. BOND OF GRAND BASSA COUNTY TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF CITIZENSHIP.

Whereas George Kimmings of Harrisburg, Montserrado County, and Benjamin N. Bond, of Grand Bassa County, have been by an act of law deprived of all the rights and privileges granted all good citizens of the Republic of Liberia, and whereas the aforesaid George Kimmings and Benjamin N. Bond have duly repented of the crime committed ;—Therefore

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, George Kimmings and Benjamin N. Bond be, and they are hereby severally and individually restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic,

Approved January 26. 1872.



Whereas the Legislature, at its session in 1869 and 1870, passed an Act authorizing the President of the Republic to negotiate a loan of gold and silver coin of not less than three hundred thousand, nor more than five hundred thousand dollars ; and whereas the proposed loan was a measure that

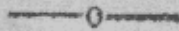
had never been discussed or entertained by the people of Liberia, a large majority of whom were opposed to effecting such a loan in the then existing state of affairs of this Republic;—and whereas the Government of Liberia has been informed that Ex-President Edward James Roye by the aid of his Commissioners, H. W. Johnson and W. S. Anderson, selected and appointed by him, and D. Chinery of London, the Charge'd' Affaires of Liberia, has obtained the aforesaid Loan not in accordance with the provisions of the loan Act, but has so complicated the whole matter, and misappropriated and squandered a large portion of the funds of said loan as to compromise the honor, the credit and good faith of this Republic;—and whereas one tenth of the loan has been invested in merchandise and shipped to this Government without any authority of the Legislature of this Republic, for which act the Government has no security nor means of indemnification for loss except in the individual responsibilities of the contracting parties; and whereas the Legislature, believing that capitalists invested their money in said loan in good faith, it would be a breach of the same to repudiate said loan;—Therefore,

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia, in accepting, as it hereby does, the loan contracted in London by Messrs. Chinery, Anderson, Johnson and others under the direction of President Edward James Roye, for and in behalf of this Republic, does not thereby intend to absolve any party or parties concerned in contracting said loan from their responsibility for any departure from the spirit, intent and purpose of the Act entitled “An Act authorizing the negotiation of a loan,” approved January 26. 1870.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that this Act shall never be so construed as in any way to interfere with any proceedings or processes which the Government of the Republic of Liberia may already have taken against any person or persons connected with the above referred to Loan.

Approved January 29, 1872.



Whereas, in consequence of the confused state of the Republic of Liberia, for the last four or five months, resulting from revolts and rebellion in the County of Montserrado, the expenses of the Government have been greatly increased, and urgent and very pressing demands are being daily made upon the Government for amounts of money due to loyal and active citizens of the aforesaid Republic, which demands must be met; and whereas the expenses of the December Term of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Montserrado County, A. D. 1871, specially extended by law, as well as the legitimate expenses of the Police Guard and Provisional Government must also be met;—Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized, under the direction of the President, to obtain a loan of Six Thousand dollars in Liberian Currency, from any citizen or citizens of this Republic, for the settlement of the most important demands on the Government, and to refund the same out of the appropriations that shall be made by the Legislature for the fiscal year 1872.

Approved January 29, 1872.

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A RESOLUTION RESTORING JAMES S. PAYNE, JR., FORMERLY CAPTAIN OF THE COMPANY CALLED THE "MONTSERRADO REGULARS," TO MILITARY FRANCHISE.

Whereas James S. Payne, junior, formerly Captain of the company called "Montserrado Regulars," was cashiered at a Court Martial held at Robertsport, during the North Western Military Expedition, for unofficerlike conduct; and whereas the said James S. Payne, junior, was denied the privilege of an appeal from the Court Martial above referred to, to the General Court Martial, and the said James S. Payne, junior, has petitioned the Legislature, praying them under a spirit of true penitence, and with a number of respectable signers, both in the military and civil departments of State, for the restoring of him the said James S. Payne, junior, to military franchise;—Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the said James S. Payne, junior, be, and he is hereby restored to military franchise.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1872.

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Whereas information has reached this Government, that a considerable portion of the National Loan is now unlawfully held by citizens of Liberia, now residing in the Republic; and whereas the Loan Commissioners selected and appointed by Ex-President Edward James Roye, and other officials, have drawn from the funds of the loan, sums of money not authorized by law;—Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled.

Sec. 1. That immediately after the passage of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President, be, and

he is hereby authorized to give public notice, offering a reward of Five hundred dollars in cash to any person or persons who will furnish any information to the Government that will enable the Government to obtain the Twenty four thousand dollars or more specie, which was transferred since the 26th of October, 1871, by Ex-President Edward James Roye to certain of his friends, for safe keeping.

Sec. 2. That any person or persons who shall give such information as shall lead to the recovery by Government of any part of the said \$ 24,000.00 or more shall receive a sum of said reward in proportion to the amount obtained by Government.

Sec. 3. That the parties holding the aforesaid moneys of this loan shall be regarded as informants, if he, she, or they refund the same, and he, she, or they shall be rewarded as provided in Section 1st and 2nd of this Act: otherwise, if the said money or any part shall be found in his, her, or their possession, they shall be regarded as felons in law and proceeded against as such by any Court having jurisdiction of the same.

Sec. 4. That the Attorney General of the Republic be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, with the aid of the District Attorney of this County, immediately to institute such proceedings in any of the Courts of this Republic having jurisdiction of the same, as shall compel the loan Commissioners appointed and selected by Ex-President E. J. Roye, and all officials of Government or other agents, to refund any and all amounts of money which they have drawn, accepted or received from the funds of the National Loan which had not been appropriated by law; provided said Commissioners shall be allowed the sum of three dollars and thirty three and a third cents per day, from the date of leaving to returning to the Republic of Liberia, except the time occupied in visiting the United States.

All laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31. 1872.

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A N ACT TO OPEN A PUBLIC ROAD FROM CAREYSBURG TO THE CITY OF MONROVIA.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

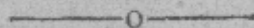
Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to have surveyed and constructed, a Public Road twenty feet wide, leading down to Hines' farm, near the city of Monrovia; said Road to commence at the south end of said settlement, and to run in a south

west direction down to Hines' farm, near the city of Monrovia. Said work is to be given out as provided for by law regulating public work.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that should it be necessary for the Road to run through lands owned by private individuals, then in that case, the President is directed to contract with said individuals for a sufficiency of their land for the Road, and to give in exchange acre for acre of private land so used. And the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Public Treasury for the sum of Five hundred dollars to survey and construct said Road.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 2. 1872.



Whereas, H. M. Schieffelin, Esq., President, and Rev. J. B. Pinney, Corresponding Secretary of the New York State Colonization Society, have made known to the Legislature of Liberia, through their Agent, Honorable Daniel B. Warner, of Monrovia, that it is the desire and purpose of said Society (being aided for the purpose by Robert Arthington, Esq., of Leeds, England,) to found a Manual Labor Institute, at or near the settlement called Arthington, on the Saint Paul's River; and whereas the Legislature hail with delight such an interesting movement for the good of Africa, the elevation of her race, and the advancement of the Arts and Sciences in Liberia;—Therefore,

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Secretary of State is authorized to issue instructions to the Land Commissioner of Montserrado County, to grant an order to H. M. Schieffelin, Esq., President of the New York State Colonization Society, or his proper representative in Liberia, for the survey of Two hundred acres of land, at or near the settlement of Arthington, on the Saint Paul's River, from any public land not otherwise allotted, on which the said Society desire to erect and establish a Manual Labor Institute.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that the said Two hundred acres of land is hereby granted to H. M. Schieffelin, Esq., President of the New York State Colonization Society, and to his successors in office, and so long as said land is used for the purpose herein contemplated, and the object for which it is granted. It is further enacted, that this grant shall in all respects be sufficient to H. M. Schieffelin, Esq., President as aforesaid, and his successors in office, without any other conveyance: the said Society paying all expenses of the survey, according to the laws of this Republic, and no more.

Passed into law by limitation, February 2. 1872.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING COMMISSIONERS OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Whereas the object for which the Act creating Commissioners of Internal Revenue was enacted, is not met, and at present it only remains a needless expense upon this Government;—Therefore,

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Act entitled An Act creating Commissioners of Internal Revenue be, and the same is hereby repealed.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 17. 1872.

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JOINT RESOLUTION TENDERING THE THANKS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF LIBERIA TO MESSRS. R. A. SHERMAN, CHARLES B. DUNBAR AND AMOS HERRING, AND ALL THE GOOD CITIZENS OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY, WHO PERFORMED SERVICE UNDER THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby requested to tender to Reginald Augustus Sherman, Charles Benjamin Dunbar and Amos Herring, the thanks of the Legislature, for the patriotic aid and support they gave to the preservation of the liberties of all the people of Liberia, and the efficient manner in which they conducted the Provisional Government after the deposition of President E. J. Roye; and also to express the thanks of the nation to all those who performed guard service or have in any way given aid to the maintenance and support of our liberties from the attempted usurpation of the late President E. J. Roye, and other conspirators.

Approved February 17. 1872.

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A RESOLUTION REGULATING AND AUTHORIZING GOVERNMENT PRINTING.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this resolution, or as

soon after the adjournment of the present session of the Legislature as possible, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, under the direction of the President, to cause the public printing to be put out under contract; provided, always, that such contract secure to government an adequate and speedy manner of having executed all printing that may from time to time become necessary. The Printing specially contemplated to be executed for the present, is the Journal of both branches of the present session of the Legislature entire; the acts and proceedings of the Government from the time and date of the deposition of President E. J. Roye, to the Inauguration of J. J. Roberts, January 1872, and the most important of the records of the December term of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, Montserrado County, which opened its session on the eighth day of December, 1871.

Sec. 2. The Contractor for Public Printing shall be required to deliver from manuscript given him all work in as neat and decent style as possible, he shall do all of the proof reading, binding, and any and all things that may be required to complete any work undertaken.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to let or hire out the Government press in the city of Monrovia. And to carry out the provisions of this Resolution, the President be, and he is hereby authorized to expend the sum of Two thousand dollars out of any money belonging to Government, not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 17. 1872.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO COMMISSIONERS IN EACH OF THE COUNTIES OF THE REPUBLIC, TO EXAMINE AND ADJUST THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the President be, and he is hereby authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint in each of the Counties of this Republic, two discreet and competent persons to be commissioned and qualified as any other officer of the Government, whose duty it shall be, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury, to examine all papers purporting to bind Government to the payment of any sum or sums of money, adjust and make full reports of the same to the Secretary of the Treasury. The report of said

Commissioners is to be made up in such a manner as to show the entire indebtedness of Government in each of the Counties, for what purpose the various claims held against Government were credited, the authority for creating the same, the justice of rejecting said claims and leaving the holder or holders of the same to a common law remedy, and such other information as may appear to the said Commissioners important for the Secretary of the Treasury to know.

Sec. 2. That in the adjustment of said claims, the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to summon before them, and place upon oath, all persons interested in and holding said claims, and procure such other evidence as may be found necessary for the legal and final settlement of the same. And in cases where disputes arise between the said Commissioners, while in the performance of the duties herein mentioned, as to the legality and justice of rejecting or ordering to be paid such claims as are submitted to them, the same shall be submitted, in the County of Montserrado, to the Secretary of the Treasury, and in the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinou and Maryland, to the respective Superintendents of said Counties, whose decision, if agreeing with one of said Commissioners, shall be conclusive, agreeable to the provisions of Section first of this Act.

Sec. 3. That all claims held by Government against any person or persons shall be examined in like manner as is provided in the second section of this Resolution for the examination and adjustment of claims held against the Government; and a statement of the same presented by the Commissioners to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall adopt such legal steps as may be found necessary for collecting such claims.

Sec. 4. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby requested to give immediately public notice to all persons holding claims against the Republic, to present the same forthwith, or within six months from the first of January, 1872, for adjustment and registration by the Commissioners authorized to examine and adjust the same; and all such claims as shall not be presented or submitted within the said time, shall be by such neglect regarded as doubtful claims, and will not be paid except by judicial decision. That for carrying out the provisions of this Resolution, there is hereby appropriated the following sums:—for Montserrado County, Four hundred dollars (\$400.00,), Grand Bassa and Sinou Counties, respectively, Two hundred dollars (\$200.00,), and for Maryland County, One hundred and fifty dollars, (\$150.00.)

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 17. 1872.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE CONSIGNMENT OF MERCHANDISE TO THE GOVERNMENT PER BRIG "TOWN OF LIVERPOOL."

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

1st. Reservation to the Government:—Specifications: Two Safes for the Archives; 2nd. The entire silver set for the use of the Mansion; 3rd. One half of the stationery for the use of Government, to be apportioned to the several Counties, subject to the order of the Superintendent; 4th. The Bomb-shells shall be retained for Government use; 5th. One fourth of the remainder of the original Invoice to be set apart for the use of the general Government, including Legislative pay in common with others; 6th. That the sum of twelve thousand dollars be deducted from the original Invoice for the County of Montserrado, and the same to be sold at public auction, agreeably to the provisions hereinafter stated; 7th. That after making the above deductions, for the purposes herein named, the remainder of the said original Invoice be equally divided and apportioned to the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinou and Maryland, and the same to be sold at public auction agreeably to the provisions of this Act, for approved checks, currency, demand notes, or gold or silver coin.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby required to proceed forthwith, to make the divisions herein directed to be made, and forward to each County, the parts respectively to the consignment of a discreet and responsible person, who shall give bond and security equal to the amount of the Invoice of merchandise sent him. Said Bonds to be given to the Superintendents, who shall forward the same to the Secretary of the Treasury to be deposited according to the law regulating the same.

Sec. 3. Said Consignee shall, according to this Act, after due notice is given, cause to be sold at public auction, all such merchandise consigned to him, for all species of approved government checks or scripts, demand notes, and gold and silver coin. He shall keep and render to the Secretary of the Treasury, a correct and full account of sales, verified by the oath of the auctioneer, transmitting therewith, all and every species of paper, script or checks, and three fifths of the currency or demand notes bought at the sale of said merchandise: the remaining two-fifths, he shall deposit in the Sub-Treasury, taking receipt for the same; which receipt he shall forward to the Secretary of the Treasury in transmitting his accounts. This amount of currency so deposited shall be used for County purposes under the appropriation of the Legislature.

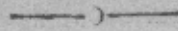
Sec. 4. At the sales of this merchandise, it is expressly required that it be sold in lots or parcels, by the piece or dozen, instead of the case or bale; to the end that all classes of citizens may be benefited.

Sec. 5. The Secretary of the Treasury is further required, in making up the Invoices for the several Counties, to add sixty per cent. to the costs and charges of said merchandise, and direct each consignee to hold the Invoice price as Government bid, and allow nothing to sell for less. Each Consignee shall receive as compensation for his services and storage five per cent.; and each auctioneer three per cent. And that the sum of six hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the conveyance and delivery of the aforesaid merchandise to the several Counties of this Republic.

Sec. 5. The Secretary of the Treasury shall lay before the Legislature at its next session, a clear and full account of the disposition of this merchandise.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 17. 1872.



JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, UPON THE SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE PRESIDENT, ON THE STATE OF AFFAIRS AMONG THE NATIVES, MORE OR LESS UNDER THE DOMINION AND RULE OF FARQUAQUA IN MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That the Act passed by the Legislature during the session of 1870, entitled an "Act to maintain peace and enforce order on the highway to the Interior," and its supplement passed A. D. 1860, inclusive, are sufficient law to warrant the President of Liberia to proceed immediately by force of arms to enforce order and maintain peace in the section of country already referred to.

Sec. 2. That in case the first appropriation of eight thousand dollars (\$8000.00) appropriated in the above cited Act, page 54, section 6, be not sufficient to carry out the provisions of said Acts, in bringing Farquaqua and his forces to law and order, the additional sum of six thousand dollars (\$6000.00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated, and the President is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any public moneys not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

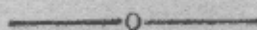
Approved February 17. 1872.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to expend the sum of Six hundred and fifty dollars, the better to enable him to carry into effect the provisions of the Act regulating and authorizing Government Printing, to appoint a competent and discreet person, provided, however, the Secretary of the Senate, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Clerk of Court of Quarter Sessions shall have preference, whose duty it shall be to transcribe, verbatim, the Journals of the present session of the Legislature only, and the most important portion (including the trials and cases of treason and felony only) of the records of the December Term of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, Montserrado County; provided, always, the same shall first pass the scrutiny and inspection of the Secretary of State, who shall forward the same to the Contractor for Government Printing, for publication, agreeably to the provisions of the above recited Act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 27. 1872.



A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FURNISHING OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT WITH STAMPS.

Whereas the herein named departments of Government are required by the laws of this Republic to authenticate their doings under seals of their several departments, and as many of them never have had a seal or stamp, and have not one even now with which to authenticate their doings officially; Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to procure as soon as convenient, from England or from the United States of America, stamps for the following named departments of Government,—viz: for the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, Monthly and Probate Court, Notary Public, Register's Department, and Collector of Custom's Office, for the County of Montserrado, Grand Bassa, Sinou and Maryland, which shall be furnished with one stamp each; Attorney General's office, one stamp; the Supreme Court, one stamp.

Sec. 2. And it is further resolved, that for carrying into effect this Resolution, there is hereby appropriated the sum of One hundred dollars, to be drawn for under warrant of the President, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 27. 1872.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS TO JOSEPH H. HARMON OF MARYLAND COUNTY.

Whereas it appears that Joseph H. Harmon, of Maryland County, by appointment under the Superintendent of said County, did serve three months as Native African Commissioner, in the year 1870; and whereas no payment has been made for the services rendered as such;—Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the sum of Seventy five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Resolution; and that the President be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw the same out of any moneys in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 27. 1872.

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RESOLUTION SHOWING THE FRONT BOUNDARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF CROZERVILLE.

Whereas the citizens of Crozerville have petitioned the Legislature of this Republic to grant them the old Careysburg Road as a front boundary of the lands of said settlement;— Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the lands of Crozerville settlement remain as they are; and that the old road leading from A. Washington's to Careysburg be the front boundary of the lands of said settlement.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 27. 1872.

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A RESOLUTION RESTORING GEORGE ELIAS TITLER AND ELIAS COOPER TO CITIZENSHIP.

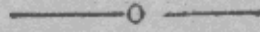
It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That George Elias Titler of Montserrado County, and as Cooper of Maryland County, be, and they are hereby restored

to all the rights, privileges and immunities of all other good citizens of this Republic.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 27. 1872.



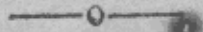
A RESOLUTION REPEALING THE SECOND AND FIFTH SECTIONS OF AN ACT, ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE COUNTY SEAT OF MONTERRADO COUNTY TO THE TOWNSHIP OF CLAY-ASHLAND, SAINT PAUL'S RIVER.

Whereas the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia, upon mature consideration and deliberation of the Act above referred to, find from the perplexed and embarrassed condition of the County, that it is not practicable, and almost impossible for said Act to be fully carried into effect;—Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the second and fifth sections of the Act, entitled an Act to remove the County seat to the township of Clay-Ashland, Saint Paul's River, approved February 9th. 1870, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved February 27. 1872.



Whereas the delegation of the Representation of the County of Sinoe and the Secretary of the Senate, from the perplexed condition of the country in the month of November, 1871, were driven to the necessity of leaving their homes for the capital at an earlier date than usual; that is to say, one month or more, and thereby occasioning the expense of board &c., a month longer than would have been the case under other circumstances; Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the said delegation of the Representation from Sinoe County and the Secretary of the Senate be, and they are hereby allowed five extra days for the inconvenience and expenses they were put to in coming to the National Legislature.

Sec. 2. And it is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to pay the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 27. 1872.

A RESOLUTION FIXING A DAY FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That this session of the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *sine die*, on Friday the 1st of March ensuing, and that the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to make suitable arrangements for the members, their servants and baggage, to reach their respective homes immediately after adjournment.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved—except what relates to the Secretary of the Treasury.
February 27. 1872.

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A N ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BETTER REGULATION OF THE COLLECTION OF THE PUBLIC REVENUE.

Whereas it is evident, that very much of the present deplorable, deranged condition of the monetary affairs of this country, and the depreciation of the National Currency are attributable to the irregular and indiscreet use of many species of paper-script by which the revenue of the country has become embarrassed; and whereas nothing but a speedy return by Government to a just use of the Currency will restore said Currency to an easy and available circulation;—Therefore,

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, all existing orders, regulations and laws requiring any of the receiving officers of this Republic to receive or cause to be received any part of the Revenue in any other species of money than the Currency or Demand Notes of Liberia, or in Gold or Silver coin, or in such other manner as may be hereinafter mentioned, or provided for, be, and they are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted, that all persons who may now hold any species of such paper or script referred to which are made payable at the Custom House of this Republic, are required, immediately after they shall have been approved by the Commissioners appointed to adjust the same, to deposit all and every such papers or species of scripts into the Custom House, where such amounts shall be held to the credit of the depositor or depositors under a credit note to be granted by the Collector; and all such amounts to the credit of any person or persons shall be good in future for payment of any Custom dues. The Collectors of Customs shall keep a correct account and number of all credit notes issued by

them under the provisions of this Act, and number each Note when issued. And further, all bills or script, or any species of paper showing Government indebtedness, which are not presented six months from the first day of January of the present year, 1872, will by this Act be barred and declared invalid.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that it shall be, and it is hereby declared the duty of the Collectors of Customs within the Republic of Liberia, immediately after the deposit of such papers or script into the Custom House, to transmit the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, with an exact account comprising a verbatim copy of said papers as they are deposited. A failure on the part of any officer strictly to obey the commands of this Law, shall subject him to dismissal from office with a fine of three hundred dollars, (\$ 300.) recoverable before any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; and on failure to pay said fine, shall be imprisoned for a term not less than three months, nor more than one year.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted, that the Secretary of the Treasury shall keep a correct account of all such papers or script transmitted to him, properly classified and arranged, so as to show for what account, in whose favor, and by what officer said obligations were issued. Nevertheless, nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to cause damage to any person who may be absent from Liberia, or who may, from some other unavoidable cause, neglect to make deposits according to the provisions of this law: the Secretary of the Treasury being hereby fully authorized to act in all such cases according to equity and justice.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted, that it shall be unlawful for any officer of this Republic, who shall be charged with collecting or disbursing public money, to receive at the Custom House any species of paper-script, otherwise than under the provisions of this law. It shall be deemed misdemeanor in any officer who may violate this law, in any of its provisions, either by receiving at the Custom House in payment for duties any species of paper-script not approved by the Commissioners, or re-issuing from any department of this Government any species of paper showing Government indebtedness, except the old paper Currency or Demand Notes; for which offence, every offender shall forfeit and pay a fine of Five hundred dollars (\$ 500.00), recoverable before any Court of competent jurisdiction within the Republic, or suffer imprisonment for not less than three nor more than eight months, or both; such fine and imprisonment to be in the discretion of the Court according to the aggravation of the case.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 29. 1872.

A N ACT FOR THE BETTER CARRYING INTO EFFECT THE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF THIS REPUBLIC.
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It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That the corporate powers of the several Townships of this Republic, special corporations excepted, shall be exercised by the Commissioners to be appointed in each Township and Village, on the first Tuesday in October, every two years, by the citizens thereof; said Commissioners to be styled Town Commissioners, and shall have the care of all public property in their respective townships, and shall have full power whenever complaints or representations are made to them, or either of them according to the laws on the 124th and 125th page, and section 1st, 2nd and 3rd, entitled article fifth, for regulating towns and villages, to enforce and carry out the provisions of said law by giving notice accordingly, except being compelled to publish in any news-paper whatever.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that the first appointment of said Commissioners shall take place in each of the townships on the first Tuesday in October next, 1872, by the citizens at their usual town meetings, to be held according to law, under the direction of the Magistrates, and all other appointments to be made in the same way and manner on the first Tuesday in October, every two years.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that said Commissioners, shall notify all persons to pay any taxes levied upon their property by the citizens of the towns and villages according to the town regulations on page 125th; section 4th, Liberian statutes, and to enforce the collection of the same.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted, that in all cases where any person or persons live in another settlement or county, the Commissioners or any of them shall send notices to the authorities thereof, to be put up in the most public places of the same, for the person or persons to pay said tax or taxes within six months after said notices reach the settlement or county where said person or persons live.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted, that in case the person or persons do not comply with the notices first sent, by forwarding the amount to the Commissioners of the township or village where said tax or taxes was levied, notices shall be again sent and put up in the same manner; and if not complied with in ninety days after the second notice has been given, then the Commissioners, or either of them, shall have power to proceed to sell said property, or enough to satisfy the tax and cost; and said sale shall be valid in law.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved March 1. 1872.

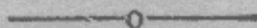
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO GRANT THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY A WARRANT TO ISSUE OR DRAW DRAFTS ON THE REMAINING AMOUNT OF MONEY ON DEPOSIT IN ENGLAND TO THE CREDIT OF LIBERIA FROM THE LOAN.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars of any amount of money from the Loan, and is now on deposit in any Bank or Banks in England to the credit of this Government, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of Government.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved, that the President is hereby authorized to issue a warrant, under which the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw drafts for amounts as the exigencies of Government require. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved March 1. 1872.



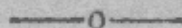
RESOLUTION TO REPAIR THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE IN THE CITY OF MONROVIA, KNOWN AS THE REPRESENTATIVE HALL, AND TO BUILD ANY SUITABLE HOUSES REQUIRED IN THE GOVERNMENT SQUARE.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw out of the public Treasury any moneys not otherwise appropriated, to the amount of Two thousand dollars, to repair the Government House, and to build any suitable houses in the City of Monrovia.

Any laws or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved March 2. 1872.



RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA ON THE LIBERIAN COAST.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the sum of Two thousand dollars is appropriated for the traveling expenses of the President of the Republic of Liberia, on the Liberian coast, and that the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any moneys in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved March 4. 1872.

