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Resolution providing for the sale of the Government Steam-Tug and all appurtenances to the same.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled:—

That from and after the passage of this Resolution the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to dispose of the Government Steam-Tug and all appurtenances to the same, at public auction to the highest bidder.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th; 1875.

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Resolution providing for the erection of a Public Building in Grand Bassa County.

Whereas it is of the highest importance to the County aforesaid to have a good and substantial Public Building, for a Court House and Jail, and other Government purposes,—and whereas the interest of the County demands such building as may be adapted to its wants; Therefore,—

It is resolved 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 Resolution, the President be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to have a Court House built in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, of sufficient size to answer every practical purpose for which it may be intended.

Sec. 2. The said building shall be put out in the usual way of putting out public work, to the lowest bidder, and the usual contract entered into after the said building has been sold at auction.

Sec. 3. And the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$ 5000.00) is hereby appropriated for the carrying out the provisions of this Resolution, and the President is hereby authorized to draw out of the Public Treasury any moneys not otherwise appropriated. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16, 1875.

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An Act appropriating Fifteen hundred dollars for the erection of a Court House and Jail in Robertsport, Montserrado County.

Whereas the Legislature at its last session made an appropriation of Fifteen Hundred dollars (\$ 1500.00) for the erection of a Court House and Jail in the settlement of Robertsport;—and whereas the Government has refused to commence operations in that direction for the reason alleged that the disbursement of such an amount for the purposes above specified required the passage of a special Act of the Legislature; and whereas the growing condition of Robertsport demands the speedy erection of the said buildings :—

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

Sec. 1. That the sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars (\$ 1500.00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to erect a Court House and Jail in the Town of Robertsport, in the County of Montserrado ;—and that the President be, and he is hereby directed to draw for said amount out of any money or moneys in the County or Sub-Treasury set apart by law for County purposes.

Sec. 2. Any law or parts of law conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 16, 1875.

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An Act providing for the support of the general Government.

Whereas the first section of an Act entitled “ An Act amendatory and supplementary to an Act defining the payment of Duties ”—approved January 23rd., 1869—has been construed as abrogating and annulling the law which provides that

three-fifths of the Revenue shall be for the support of the general Government; and whereas, in consequence of said construction, some of the counties have refused to contribute any support to the general Treasury; and whereas it is impossible for any nation to exist without support; and further, it is a manifest injustice for one or two counties to be burdened with the entire support of the nation; 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 one half of the Revenue arising from Imports and Exports in each of the Counties of this Republic be, and the same is hereby set apart for the support of the general Government, and the other half shall be used for County purposes in carrying out the requirements of the Appropriation Bill.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that it shall be the imperative duty of the several Sub-Treasurers in the Republic to faithfully and promptly remit to the Secretary of the Treasury, under the warrant of the President, any and all moneys set apart by this Act for the use of the general Government.

And should any Sub-Treasurer be found guilty of neglect in carrying out the requirements of this Act, he or they shall pay a fine of not less than two thousand dollars, nor more than ten thousand dollars, to be recovered before any Court of competent jurisdiction, and shall also be dismissed from office. But on failure of payment of said sum he or they shall be imprisoned for twelve calendar months and shall, during all of said time, perform public work, and may also be hired out to private persons under such regulations as are now provided by law.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted that any law or part of laws conflicting in any way with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

Approved January 18th., 1875.

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An Act to incorporate "The Liberian Saint Paul's River Steamboat and Tramway Company," for the convenience and facility of the citizens travelling and for the interior trade.

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 J. W. Good, G. W. Gibson, M. R. Richards, Moses Ricks, R. C.

Cooper, J. W. Blacklidge, W. D. Coleman, G. W. Walker, E. T. Holder, Francis King, S. D. Richards, I. J. Ash, T. C. Lomax, R. R. Johnson, I. C. Capehart, Stephen Bond, S. C. Fuller, Sol. Fuller, Joseph Ash, E. C. Clack, T. C. Mitchell, all of the County of Montserrado; and S. H. Crayton and W. E. Harris, both of the County of Sinoe, together with such others as now are, or may hereafter become members of the company called "The Liberian Saint Paul's River Steamboat and Tramway Company" be and they are hereby declared a body corporate and public under the name and style of "The Liberian Saint Paul's River Steamboat and Tramway Company," and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy Real and Personal Estate to the amount of Two Million Dollars, and not less than One Hundred Dollars, for the use and benefit of said Company, and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members, and may have and use a common seal, and under the name and style aforesaid, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any court of law or equity in the Republic having requisite jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted, that the said company shall be capable in law of receiving by bequest or donation whether in money or other things for the benefit of said company, by whatever name or style the same may be made, and in their name and style aforesaid may, when the interest of the company and its prosperity seem to require, sell, lease, or exchange any estate by them acquired whether by purchase, bequest or donation; and the said company is authorized to issue Company Bonds to the amount of Two Million Dollars.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that "The Liberian St Paul's River Steamboat and Tramway Company" is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for their own government as they may deem expedient—provided such By-Laws, Rules and Regulations be not repugnant to the laws or Constitution of this Republic.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted, that for the purpose of carrying fully into effect the designs of the aforesaid company, there shall be twelve or more Directors, whose duty it shall be (as expressed in the Constitution) to look after the business of the Company, viz. to superintend all building of boats, houses, depots, stations, and all other business pertaining to the interest of the Company. And it is further enacted, that the Government grant unto the aforesaid company, to be under the immediate control of the Directors, the right of way thirty three feet wide for the distance of three hundred miles extending interiorwards from the St Paul's River for a Tramway—provided

however, should such right of way come in contact with any private property said Company shall remunerate said citizen or citizens who have legal right to said private property; also the necessary timber and stone are granted and whatever else may be necessary for their building purposes in the County of Montserrado; and at every ten miles on the aforesaid road, on each side, a sufficiency of public land is hereby granted to the Company for their building purposes. And in consideration of the above grant, the Company shall allow the Government of the Republic of Liberia one-fourth per centum out of the profits arising from the working of the road after all expenses are paid.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted, that the place of business of the Company shall be at Clay Ashland on the St Paul's River. The Board of Directors shall meet on the third Wednesday of every month, and shall have power to appoint two or more traveling agents.

Sec. 6. It is further enacted, that to foster, encourage and further enable "The Liberian Saint Paul's River Steamboat and Tramway Company," for the convenience and facility of the citizens traveling, and for the interior trade, without failure to accomplish their laudable designs, the Government do hereby grant unto the said Company ten acres of land on the North-Western point of the St. Paul's River bar-mouth fronting the sea—but should there not be ten acres of public land at said point, the Government do hereby grant to the Company such quantity as there is, and said bar mouth is hereby declared a Port of Delivery only.

Sec. 7. And it is further enacted, that should the Company aforesaid fail to utilize the privileges and grant of land herein specified within five years from the passage of this Act of incorporation, the Company shall be dissolved and the lands revert to Government.

Approved January 18, 1875.

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An Act providing for the appointment of Auditors of Public Accounts in the several Leeward Counties, and defining the duties of the same.

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, there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, one Auditor in Grand Bassa County, one in Sinoe County and one in Maryland County, whose several duties it shall be to audit all bills presented

against Government in their several Counties, and keep a book with date of auditing; the person in whose favor said bill is drawn, the number, and on what account, and shall make a quarterly report of their doings to the Secretary of the Treasury; and an annual report to the Legislature the first week of each session. Said book shall be furnished by the Government, and having been filled out, shall be forwarded to the Comptroller and by him deposited in the Department of State.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that whenever a bill is presented, and audited according to the provisions of the first section, the Auditor shall write across the bill, (if shown to be genuine) "Approved," and sign it with his official signature; and should any such bill or bills be found to be audited without law and warrant specially authorizing the same, said Auditor shall be made to refund to the Government the amount so audited for, and be also prosecuted for official misconduct before any Court of competent jurisdiction.

The salary of the Auditors shall each be Three hundred dollars [\$ 300.00] per annum.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that each of the Auditors before entering upon the duties of their office, shall give a bond in the sum of One Thousand dollars [\$ 1.000.00] to be approved of by the Superintendent of the several Counties of this Republic.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted, that from and immediately after the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any of the Superintendents of the leeward Counties to interfere with the finance of the County, except the drawing of checks or orders in favor of individuals after the bill or claims having been first properly authenticated by the Auditor with his official signature. Said Superintendent's duties shall be otherwise strictly of an Executive character, including the settling of Native difficulties; the supervision of the Public Schools, and the appointment of competent School Teachers; and to make quarterly reports to the President of the educational condition of the schools, giving the names and number of teachers employed by the Government, and the intellectual capabilities of said teachers, to be laid before the Legislature the first week at each annual session.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th., 1875.

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Resolution Providing for the distribution of the Specie in the Treasury.

Whereas the masses of the people of Liberia have scarcely

inherited any benefit from the Loan of 1870 and 71, and especially the Six Thousand pounds (£ 6.000.) Specie brought to this Country by His Excellency J. J. Roberts, Special Commissioner to England; and whereas it is important that some of the objects contemplated by the Act authorizing the Loan might be effected:— Therefore,

It is enacted 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, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to dispose of the Specie in the Treasury in the following manner: That the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$ 4.500) be and the same is hereby appropriated and set apart for carrying out the object contemplated by the Government and people of Liberia in accepting the invitation of the United States Government to participate in the Centennial Exhibition of 1876 as follows: That the sum of Two Thousand dollars [\$ 2.000] be spent among the Agriculturist and Artisan of the Country in purchasing articles for the Exhibition of 1876 to be holden in the United States of America: and further the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars [\$ 2.500] be for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said Commissioners.

Sec. 2. That the sum of Two Thousand dollars [2.000] be and the same is hereby set apart to be divided equally in each of the four [4] Counties in this Republic. Five hundred dollars [\$ 500] to each County, one third $\frac{1}{3}$ of said sum of Five hundred dollars [\$ 500] to be paid to the salaried officers; and the other two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] to be used in payment of Jurors Bailiffs and other officers of the present term of the Quarterly Court, Montserrado County, and the other Counties at the ensuing term of the Quarterly Courts.

Sec. 3. That the sum of Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and ten dollars [\$ 2.910.] be, and the same is hereby set apart to be paid the officers and members of the present Legislature as follows: each member of the Legislature shall receive the sum of one hundred and ten dollars (\$ 110.00), the President of the Senate one hundred and ten dollars (\$ 110.00,) the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall receive the sum of Sixty five dollars (\$ 65.00) each; the Engrossing and Enrolling Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive the sum of Thirty five dollars [\$ 35.00] each, the Runners of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive the sum of Twenty dollars [\$ 20.00] each, the Chaplain and Sergeant at

arms of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive the sum of Thirty five dollars \$ 35.00 each.

Sec. 4th. That the sum of Two hundred dollars \$ 200.00 be, and the same is hereby set apart for the use of the Honorable Supreme Court.

Sec. 5th. That any and all persons who may receive said Gold or Specie coin as above appropriated, shall pay a premium of Twelve per cent. 12.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

[*Passed by two third vote notwithstanding the veto of the President.*]

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Resolution amendatory to a Resolution passed during the present session of the Legislature, respecting the distribution of the Specie in the Treasury.

Resolved 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 Resolution the President be, and he is fully authorized and directed to issue a warrant for the same, according to the provisions of the Resolution above referred to; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to negotiate a loan of Twenty five Thousand Dollars upon the faith and credit of the Revenue of this Republic.

Whereas the quarter's salaries of the Civil List of Montserado County and School Teachers are due; and whereas it has been made manifest to the President that there is not a sufficient amount of funds in the Treasury to meet the aforesaid quarter's salaries; 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 the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate a loan of Twenty five Thousand Dollars in Demand Notes or Liberian dutiable currency, upon the faith and credit of the Revenue of this Republic—any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1875.

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to negotiate a loan of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars upon the faith and credit of the Revenue of the Republic of Liberia.

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 above cited Act be so altered and amended as to authorize the said loan to be negotiated by the Secretary of the Treasury upon the best terms possible, paying not more than seven per cent. interest; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1875.

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Resolution amendatory to a Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to negotiate a loan of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars on the faith and credit of the Revenue of the Republic of Liberia.

It is resolved 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 Resolution, the Resolution above referred to be so altered and amended as to read *any amount not to exceed Twenty five Thousand Dollars*; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 2, 1875.

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An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act encouraging Agriculture throughout the Republic of Liberia.

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 above cited Act shall be so altered and amended as where the Government now offers a reward of Ten dollars \$ 10.00 a thousand for every ten thousand coffee trees regularly planted out on or before the month of September A. D. 1875, be so altered and amended as to give a reward of Ten dollars \$ 10.00 a thousand for every five thousand coffee trees, and all persons who may plant or have planted within the limits of the above cited Act up to the month of September A. D. 1878, a greater number than five thousand, shall be paid by Government the sum of Twelve dollars \$ 12.00 a thousand; and

all persons who may plant or have planted within the limits of the above cited Act, three thousand coffee trees, shall receive from Government the amount of Nine dollars \$ 9.00 a thousand: and all persons who may plant two thousand coffee trees shall receive from Government the amount of Eight dollars \$ 8.00 per thousand; and all persons who may plant one thousand coffee trees, shall receive from Government, the amount of Seven dollars \$ 7.00 for said thousand; and all persons who may plant five hundred coffee trees, shall receive from Government Six dollars \$ 6.00.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted, that where the Government now offers a reward of Five dollars \$ 5.00 an acre for every two acres of Ginger, Ground-Peas and Arrowroot, be so altered, as to give a reward of Six dollars \$ 6.00 an acre for every two acres of Ginger, Ground-Peas and Arrowroot properly planted out on or before the expiration of the above cited Act. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 17th., 1875.

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Resolution fixing the day of 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:

That the present session of the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn sine die, on the 18th., day of February A. D. 1875. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 18, 1875.

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✓ An Act re-organizing the Supreme Court of the Republic of Liberia.

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

Sec. 1. The Supreme Court of the Republic of Liberia shall consist of a Chief Justice, who shall preside over said Court with two other Judges who shall be called Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, both of whom shall be appointed, and shall hold their office by the same tenure as all other judges; shall have a seal, Clerk and Marshal, and keep records of its proceedings and decisions. No Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shall at the same time be Judge of an inferior court, but shall have and exercise all the rights and privileges of a Superior Judge.

Sec. 2. The Supreme Court shall hold one session annually, in the City of Monrovia until otherwise arranged by law, to commence on the second Monday in January, and shall continue in session until all of the business of the Court is disposed of. The Chief Justice and one of the Associate Justices shall form a quorum for business, and are hereby empowered to proceed with, hear and determine all and any business of said Court, and their doings, acts and decisions shall be valid and final.

Sec. 3. On the day for the opening of the Supreme Court—the Chief Justice being absent—should one or both of the Associate Justices be present, either or both of them shall convene and adjourn the Court daily for at least twenty days; after which time if the Chief Justice does not appear, the Court shall adjourn its session, continuing all business over to the next session.

Sec. 4. Should the Chief Justice be interested in any cause or case brought before the Supreme Court, he shall not preside; but it shall be lawful for the Associate Justices, with the oldest commissioned judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas of this Republic to sit, the oldest commissioned Associate Justice presiding; and their acts, proceedings, and decisions in all cases shall be final. When either of the Associate Justices shall be concerned in a cause or case, the Chief Justice and the other Associate Justices shall be, and are hereby declared competent to preside over the proceedings, and their doings and decisions shall be final. Should both Associate Justices be at the same time concerned in any cause or case, their places shall be supplied, as before provided, by the two oldest—commissioned Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas—provided always that no Judge shall sit on a case once decided by him, and all of the acts, doings, and decisions of the Supreme Court, while the Judges of the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas are associated with the Chief Justice shall have the same force and validity, and be as final as though the regular Associates were on the bench.

Sec. 5. Upon satisfactory application to the Chief Justice or either of the Associate Justices during the recess of the Supreme Court, it shall be lawful for either of them to issue such writs or processes as are usual in the common law and the practice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, or order the same issued from the Clerk's office. All writs or processes issued under the provisions of this law shall be directed to the Marshal, but may be handed to, and served by any County Marshal or deputy in the Republic—each officer being responsible for his official acts. The Marshal of the

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County in which the Supreme Court holds its session is hereby made the ministerial officer of said court until otherwise provided for in law.

Sec. 6. After the service of any writ or process issued under the authority of this law, it shall be immediately endorsed by the officer who served it, and by him transmitted to the Marshal to whom it was directed with full and detailed information of every particular concerning its service, and this Marshal shall return said writ to the Clerk's office for entry on the records.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Marshal, the ministerial officer of the Supreme Court, to serve precepts, execute the orders and commands of said Court, preserve peace and order during its session, make escorts, and do all other duties assigned him by the rules of the Court, and common law practice: to this end it shall be lawful for him to summon and call to his assistance sufficient male citizens to carry out any law, or order of the Supreme Court: all persons refusing to obey the Marshal's summons and to render him assistance in every particular shall be deemed guilty of sedition, and be punishable for the same before any Court of competent jurisdiction by fine or imprisonment or both, according to the aggravation of the case, in the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 8. The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall issue writs and other processes allowed by law, signed with his name as clerk; shall record fairly, legibly, and intelligently all matters and things ordered and done by said Court, all matters and things properly a subject of record in such Courts, record all issues and returns, take minutes and keep a fair and true record of all decrees, orders, decisions, and judgments of said Court.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk immediately as it comes to his notice of any vacancy on the bench by either of the Judges or Chief Justice being concerned in a case brought before the Supreme Court, to summon Associates as provided for in the third section of this Act.

Sec. 10. For every violation of duty or other official misconduct, the Clerk and Marshal may be prosecuted before the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, and subjected to such fines and penalties as said Court may impose, and shall be liable to dismissal from office by the Executive. The Clerk and Marshal, like all such officers, shall give bond and security for the true and faithful discharge of their duties.

Sec. 11. The President of the Republic of Liberia shall directly after the passage of this Act appoint two Judges who shall be styled Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, and their term of sitting shall commence on the second Mon-

day in January, A. D. 1876. It shall be the duty of each Associate Justice to be present at, and attend regularly the Supreme Court; and it is hereby made the duty of every Judge of this Republic, when summoned under the provisions of this law, to attend the Supreme Court and to promptly obey such summons. Each Associate Justice shall receive a salary of Seven hundred and Fifty Dollars per annum, and no other charge allowed: Each inferior Court Judge, while attending the Supreme Court, shall receive in addition to his salary Twenty five Dollars and ten cents as mileage to and from his home.

Sec. 12. Nothing in this Act is intended, nor shall be construed as affecting the Chief Justice in his office as such.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 20, 1875.

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Resolution appropriating One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (150.00) to assist the citizens of Brewersville to clear out Logan's creek, and to throw up a short path in the swamps running from said creek to the Town.

Whereas the citizens of the Settlement of Brewersville in the rear of Virginia, in the County of Montserrado is greatly inconvenienced in travelling and conveying their produce to market, for want of a good road leading from said settlement to the waterside; and whereas the creek running from the Saint Paul's River, known by the name of Logan's creek can be made of great use to them and all other citizens living close by; and whereas the citizens have petitioned the Legislature for a small amount of money to assist them to clear out said creek, and to throw up a small road through the swamp leading from said creek to the Town, so as to make them passable and convenient; Therefore,—

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

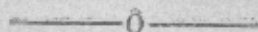
Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the citizens of Brewersville are authorized to clear out the stumps, logs and other obstructions that prevent the successful passing of canoes in said creek, and also throw up the road through the swamps leading from said creek to the settlement.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved, that the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars (\$ 150.00) is hereby appropriated to assist the said citizens in the work above mentioned, one half to be

used on the creek, and the other half upon the road ; and the President be, and he is hereby required to draw for the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 20, 1875.



An Act amendatory to a Resolution approved January 26, 1874, authorizing the Secretary of State to accept the invitation of the U. S. Government to co-operate in the International Exhibition to be held in the City of Philadelphia in 1876, and the appointment of Commissioners to the same.

Whereas our acceptance of the invitation to co-operate in the International Exhibition has been fully accredited by the U. S. Government, and the Chief Commissioner on the part of the U. S. Government has sent us draughts of the ample allotted space reserved for the exhibit of Liberian products &c. ; and whereas the two Commissioners representing Liberia have been duly appointed by the President ; Therefore,—

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

Sec. 1. That the Commissioner resident in Liberia, is hereby directed to purchase at an early day during this produce season—

Coffee, of superior quality, not exceeding 25 sacks 100 pounds, each—well dried and free from broken or bruised grains.

Ginger, whole and well cured, not exceeding 25 sacks 100 pounds each.

Arrowroot put up in extra casks or cases of Liberian wood ; pure, white, and clean, and not to exceed 10 casks or cases of 2000 pounds in all.

Sugar, best quality, in strong casks of extra wood and hoops, holding 500 or 600 pounds each, say 3000 pounds.

Soap, best manufacture, in 30 pound boxes, of superior wood, and not to exceed 1000 pounds.

Hides, manufactured and raw, and *Skins* ; not to exceed in value \$ 100.00

Preserved Liberian Fruits, put up in strong glass jars, well sealed and of equal size, not to exceed in value \$ 100.00.

Lumber : whismore, rosewood, burwood, mahogany and other superior qualities of wood, in logs 10 inches by 10 inches square, or in 3 inch thick square-edged timber, 12 feet long, not to exceed in value \$ 125.00.

Fibres, assorted kinds, not to exceed in value \$ 100.00
Indigo, not to exceed in value \$ 50.00.

Furniture, made of superior Liberian wood, not to exceed in value \$ 200.00.

Quilts, Embroidery, and other fancy ladies work, at the discretion of the Commissioner, not to exceed in value \$ 100.00. Other Liberian made articles, not herein enumerated, are left to the discretion of the Commissioner—not to exceed in value \$ 300.00

NATIVE PRODUCE:

Camwood, not exceeding one ton.

Palm Oil, (first quality) not exceeding 500 gallons.

Palm Kernels, (first quality) not exceeding one ton.

Ivories, (large, prime) not exceeding 150 pounds.

Country Cloths, (superior quality) not to exceed in value \$ 100.00.

Iron; iron and other ores, and minerals, not to exceed in value \$ 100.00

India Rubber, not to exceed in value \$ 25.00

Native African curiosities, and all other articles not herein enumerated that would be of interest—not to exceed in value \$ 500.00

Sec. 2. The Commissioner in Liberia is hereby authorized and directed to receive from citizens of Liberia any and all productions, Liberian or native, that they may desire to exhibit on their own account, in their own name, and for their own benefit; provided, however, that such articles will reflect credit on the Republic, as well as promote the interest of the owners.

Sec. 3. The Commissioner is further directed to purchase any of the above articles from the leeward counties through their respective Superintendents; and the President is hereby directed, at the request of the Commissioner, to send the Government Schooner to the leeward counties to bring to the port of Monrovia all articles thus purchased or contributed by citizens.

Sec. 4. All citizens who shall contribute any articles to the Exhibition on their personal account, shall have them labelled, with a small private mark thereon, and on sale of same after the Exhibition shall have the full benefit of all profits on said articles, reserving 20 per cent. to the Government of Liberia.

Sec. 5. All goods and parcels shipped to the Exhibition shall have such a mark as the Commissioner may select as the marks for the Republic, in large letters, and the private

mark of all exhibitors shall be made-beneath, and recorded in a book by the Commissioner.

Sec. 6. The Commissioner shall rent a Warehouse and purchase books for his accounts and records at expense of Government, and at the proper time ship the goods and parcels to Edward S. Morris Esqr., Commissioner, Philadelphia.

Sec. 7. The pay of the Commissioners as provided in the Resolution of January 26, 1874, is \$ 1.500.00 each, and shall be paid one half in gold coin and one-half in Liberia Currency: one-third of which salary shall be paid March 1, 1875; one-third, Oct. 1, 1875, and the remaining one-third two months previous to the opening of the Exhibition in Philadelphia. For these amounts, and for such amounts of the funds appropriated for the Exhibition as the Commissioner in Liberia may demand from time to time to effect purchases &c., the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw for the same under the warrant of the President, out of any moneys in the public treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 8. At the close of the Exhibition all the products and articles on exhibition from Liberia shall be exposed at public auction and sold for the benefit of the Republic of Liberia and the respective contributors, unless otherwise ordered by the Government or private owners; and the Commissioners shall receive the proceeds of the sale, and deposit it in some safe Bank to the credit of the Republic, or whom it may concern. The Commissioners shall report a full account of all their doings, with a detailed statement of all expenses, stating to what purposes funds were applied, to the Legislature of 1876-7; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 22. 1875.

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An Act to renew and extend the Plots, and to transcribe the Records of Lands.

Whereas the Plots or maps of the different settlements or towns in the Counties of this Republic have become worn out and unintelligible, and for some of the settlements there are no Plots; and whereas it is highly necessary that there should be plots or maps for every settlement or town, in order to determine the locality and proper owners of lands as well as to prevent indeterminable disputes between the citizens of this Republic in future;—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, the President be, and he is hereby authorized and required to employ one or more competent surveyors in each of the Counties of this Republic, to make correct plots or maps of all land in each of the settlements that have none such plots or maps (as are now in the office) upon good cloth or paper suitable for the purpose, to be filed in the Land Commissioner's office in each of the Counties; and a correct copy to be filed in the State Department.

Sec. 2 It is further enacted, that said Surveyors shall be allowed for each plot or map of any one settlement six cent (6 cts.) per acre for farm land and four cents (4 cts.) for each town lot so plotted, and in all cases where it shall be necessary to make a survey in order to perfect such plots or maps, the sum of Ten dollars (\$ 10.00) per mile shall be allowed for each mile surveyed for that purpose.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that the sum of Nine hundred dollars (\$ 900.00) be, and is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the above provisions of this Act in each of the Counties, viz: Montserrado County, Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00 Bassa County, Two Hundred Dollars \$200.00 Sinoe County One hundred dollars (\$100.00), and for Maryland County One hundred dollars \$100.00,

Sec. 4. It is further enacted, that the President be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint at least two competent persons in each settlement where a survey is necessary to be made in order to perfect the plots or maps of said settlement, whose duty it shall be to superintend said survey so made, and to certify the truthfulness of such survey.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted, that the Secretary of the State be, and he is hereby authorized to employ one or more competent persons to transcribe in a legible hand such volumes of the Registers from the several counties as have been deposited in the State Department that are in a worn out, and in a delapidated condition.

Sec. 6. It is further enacted, that the sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars \$ 1500.00 be, and is hereby appropriated to purchase blank books, and to pay for the transcribing of said registers, the Secretary of the State is hereby requested to superintend the work, and see that it be properly done. The President is hereby authorized to draw for the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 22. 1875

An Act granting to one of the principal chieftains in each of the Counties of this Republic, a yearly stipend of One Hundred dollars.

Whereas it is the settled policy of this Government to bring into closer relations with the Government of Liberia; and whereas it is the opinion of the Government that this end can be better obtained by allowing each one of the principal chieftains of the Counties of this Republic, a yearly stipend in order to make them feel more identified and interested in the 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 immediately after the passage of this Act, the Government of the Republic of Liberia do hereby grant to one of the principal chieftains in each of the Counties of this Republic, the sum of one hundred dollars as a yearly stipend, to be paid in like manner as all other Government salaried officers.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that it is hereby declared to be the duty of each of said Chieftains who are allowed the yearly stipend to cause his tribe or people to pay one dollar per annum—that is to say, all males from the age of 16 and upwards for the benefit of public schools for their children, and that the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint four competent male teachers in each County who shall be paid from the taxes as paid by each of the chieftains, not in excess of Three hundred dollars.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that no part of this Act shall be so construed as to prevent the President from allowing any tribe or chieftain a school in his country, provided the said tribe or chieftain on application to the Government shall agree to pay every such school teacher themselves, the Government only supplying school-books and such things as are better calculated for the instruction of the children of the tribe or chieftain making application; and further, that in no case shall the stipend herein granted be paid to any chieftain who does not acknowledge and respect the laws of this Republic.

Sec. 4. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 22. 1875.

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A Resolution granting One Hundred acres of public land to J. T. Dimery, Agent of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, for Educational purposes.

Whereas the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States have applied through their Agent, in Liberia, for a grant of one hundred acres of land, on the Northern side of the Saint Paul's River, for educational purposes; Therefore,

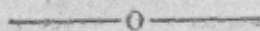
It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled :

Sec. 1. That one hundred acres of land be granted and conveyed by the Republic of Liberia, to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for Educational purposes, agreeably to the Constitution, Miscellaneous Provisions, section 12, wherever the Agent may see fit to select the same, on the Northern side of the Saint Paul's River.

Sec. 2. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to issue, immediately after the passage of this Resolution or as soon as said land shall have been selected and surveyed at the expense of said Board, or its Agent, a deed of conveyance to this effect, "that for the purpose of maintaining in this Republic a Seminary, for educating youths from both the Americo-Liberians and the Aboriginal inhabitants of the country, in the branches of a useful education, and the precepts of the Christian religion, the Republic has granted to Jehu T. Dimery, a citizen of the said Republic, as Agent or Trustee for the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, to have, and to hold the said land in trust for said Board, that in the event of the death, removal or resignation of said Agent or Trustee, the Board shall have the power to elect another Trustee in his place, and so on from time to time; and he shall continue to hold the said land in trust for said Board for the purposes aforesaid."

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22. 1874.



Resolution providing for the relief of Maria Titler, widow of Ephraim Titler of the County of Grand Bassa, Republic of Liberia.

Whereas Maria Titler, widow of Ephraim Titler, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Liberia, has petitioned the Legislature to grant her a town lot in the township of Edina, County of Grand Bassa, which lot has been reserved for government use;—Therefore,

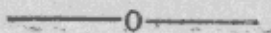
It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the President be, and he is hereby authorized to grant Maria Titler, widow of Ephraim Titler deceased, privilege to live on said reserved lot in the township of Edina, County of Grand Bassa, during her natural life, and after her death said lot is to revert back to Government.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved, that the said Maria Titler be entitled to draw out of any lands, not otherwise reserved ten acres that are due the said Ephraim Titler as one of the Pioneers, and ten acres of bounty land for services rendered by the said Ephraim Titler in the year 1850-1, as a volunteer to Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 2. 1875.



An Act appropriating funds to re-imburse the Estate of E. W. Wright, deceased, through the Administrators and Administratrix of his Estate, on account of moneys loaned the Government.

Whereas Honourable Ezra W. Wright, deceased, late of Marshall, County of Montserrado, prompted by patriotic feelings, came to the relief of the Government between the months of January and March 1865, and in compliance with an Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to effect a loan of currency now in circulation to the amount of Seventy five Thousand Dollars" approved February 18th., 1864—did loan the Government the sum of Two Thousand Dollars for a period of ten years, with interest at seven per centum. And whereas the said E. W. Wright has not, according to the terms stipulated, received any part of the principal or interest; and whereas the Administrators of the Estate of the late E. W. Wright has petitioned for the same;—Therefore,

It is enacted 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 President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for One Thousand Dollars at the close of the present March quarter, and Nine hundred and Seventy three Dollars and thirty

three and one-third cents each succeeding quarter until the whole amount claimed by said Estate is paid to the legal representative of said Estate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11. 1875.

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Resolution to reimburse James R. Moore, Sub-Treasurer of Grand Bassa County.

Whereas James R. Moore, Sub-Treasurer of Grand Bassa County, through mistake, and being sick and feeble at the time, charged himself with an amount of Eighty nine dollars and fifty cents, (\$ 89.50) in excess of the amount received from the Collector of Customs of the aforesaid County, which stands to his debit by Government since December quarter 1872;—Therefore,

It is resolved 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 Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to credit James R. Moore, Sub-Treasurer of Grand Bassa County, the sum of Eighty nine Dollars and fifty cents, (\$ 89.50) the same being an amount overpaid by the said James R. Moore since December quarter 1872.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11. 1875.

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An Act restoring Henderson Shern, Rebecca Parker, Jackson Dimery, Warrock Covertton, James Baily, Lavinia Barnett, H. A. Erskine and Wm. H. Arthur to the rights and privileges of citizenship.

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

That from and after the passage of this Act, that Henderson Shern, Rebecca Parker, Jackson Dimery, Warrock Covertton, James Baily, Lavinia Barnett, H. A. Erskine and Wm. H. Arthur be, and they are hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16. 1875.

An Act restoring F. C. Holderness to the rights and privileges of citizenship.

Whereas one F. C. Holderness, in Virginia, County of Montserrado, was some time in the year A. D. 1872 indicted, tried and convicted in the Court of Common Pleas and Quarterly Session, for an assault and battery with an intent to kill, and was in consequence of the same deprived by law of his legal franchise, rights and immunities; and whereas the said F. C. Holderness has reformed, and become a good and loyal citizen; 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, F. C. Holderness of the County of Montserrado, resident of Virginia, be and he is hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18. 1875.

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An Act to incorporate the First Presbyterian Church 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, Robert A. M. Deputie, Daniel B. Warner, Joseph W. Hilton and Jehu T. Dimery, Pastor, Elders and Trustees now worshipping in the edifice called the First Presbyterian Church of Monrovia, in the County of Montserrado and Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic to have a perpetual succession by the name of the First Presbyterian Church of Monrovia, and with power to take, hold, possess and enjoy Real and Personal Estate by grant, purchase or otherwise, and to convey the same whenever the circumstances of said Body shall make it conducive to its interest, in an amount not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars; and to have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of law or equity in this Republic, and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by such bodies corporate and politic.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that all laws or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 26, 1875.

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Resolution granting D. R. Fletcher M. D., of Maryland County, Two Hundred Dollars for services rendered the people in arresting the Small Pox in said County.

Whereas during the year 1874 the Small Pox had been raging in the County of Maryland, and in arresting the same D. R. Fletcher M. D., under the providence of God, rendered great service, thereby preventing many deaths and great suffering; and whereas the citizens of said County have petitioned the Legislature to grant D. R. Fletcher M. D. an amount in recognition of his valuable services;—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 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.) be and the same is hereby granted to the said D. R. Fletcher M. D., and the President be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw for the same out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated;—any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 3, 1875.

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Resolution re-imbursing H. A. Williams of Grand Bassa County.

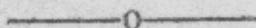
Whereas it has been made apparent to the Legislature that Ex-Superintendent Preston of Grand Bassa County, contracted with H. A. Williams of said County to carry up to Monrovia the members of the Legislature from said County, with their effects, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.); and whereas the said H. A. Williams did only bring a portion of said members to the Legislature, and is therefore only entitled to the amount for which actual services were rendered;—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, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay H. A. Williams the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.), and the President is required to draw for the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1875.



Resolution of relief authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to James M. Horace of Grand Bassa, the sum of Six hundred and twenty five dollars (\$625.00) under an Act repealing an "Act interdicting Trade Town, and adjacent Countries, passed, and approved A. D. 1867."

Whereas, by virtue of an Act of the Legislature entitled an Act repealing an Act interdicting Trade Town and adjacent countries, the authorities of Government under the instruction of the President did, in raising said Interdict, give Prince Boyer to understand that the Republic of Liberia recognized a certain claim that he held against the Government pursuant to an agreement of 1849, or thereabout, and that the said claim would be arranged, and paid to his order in favor of James M. Horace (captive for his official acts as a Senator) as part restitution required by the first and second section of the above recited act; and whereas Prince Boyer relying implicitly and in good faith upon the fidelity and integrity of the authorities of the Liberian Government to make good her promise, did draw an order upon Superintendent Preston of Grand Bassa, in favor of the said James M. Horace; and whereas for good and sufficient cause moving the Government thereto, said recognition and promise was deferred and allowed to pass unfulfilled, and in the mean time, the Government did not enforce the above recited Act requiring the said Prince Boyer to make full restitution of all money and presents made by the said James M. Horace, and his friends to procure his release, thereby making the debt her own, and for which, the said James M. Horace ought to have some relief; Therefore,

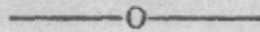
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled :

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized

to pay or cause to be paid to James M. Horace of the County of Grand Bassa, the sum of Six hundred and twenty five dollars [\$ 625.00] out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated as a relief under an Act of the Legislature repealing an Act interdicting Trade Town, and adjacent countries passed and approved A. D. 1867, and the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw a warrant for the aforesaid sum of money.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 17, 1875.



Resolution authorizing the payment of certain moneys to J. D. Preston for services rendered as School Commissioner for the County of Grand Bassa in 1872, under the special appointment and direction of President Roberts.

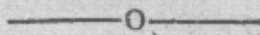
Whereas in 1872 J. D. Preston was regularly appointed to the office of Superintendent for the County of Grand Bassa, and during his incumbency was specially required by His Excellency the President to discharge the duties of School Commissioner, which is no part of the duty of Superintendent; and whereas, in order to faithfully discharge the duties of both offices he was compelled to employ assistants; and whereas the stated salary in law for School Commissioner was Three hundred Dollars, the said J. D. Preston assumed to draw one hundred and six dollars thereof to satisfy the assistants above referred to, notwithstanding there was no appropriation made for said salary—he supposing, as is set forth in his petition, that upon a proper representation of the case, the Legislature would approve his action, and make the necessary appropriation to meet the entire salary as aforesaid; and whereas the Legislature at the time took a different view of the matter, and was pleased to remove Superintendent Preston from office for assuming to draw any portion of the salary for School Commissioner without appropriation, said removal having been intended by the Legislature as a rebuke; and whereas the said J. D. Preston has shown to the satisfaction of the Legislature that he did render the extra service under the direction of His Excellency the President; Therefore,—

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

Sec. 1. That the said J. D. Preston is justly entitled to the remainder of the salary as aforesaid, the same being One

hundred and ninety four Dollars, and that the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 17, 1875.



Resolution granting an extension of time in favor of E. S. Morris and George Stockham on Letters Patent.

Whereas on the third day of August A. D. 1872, several Letters Patent were granted to Theodore T. Woodruff of Philadelphia, for improvements in the manufacture of Indigo, and on August 10th., 1872, and May 1st., 1873, two several Letters Patent were granted to the said Theodore T. Woodruff for improvements in machines for hulling coffee; and by five separate assignments of same date, the said Theodore T. Woodruff conveyed his one half interest in and to all the above Letters Patent to E. S. Morris of the said City of Philadelphia; and whereas the said Theodore T. Woodruff did on the twenty sixth day of September 1874, sell and assign all his right, property and claim in said five Letters Patent, and in all machinery connected therewith to the said E. S. Morris; and whereas the said E. S. Morris did on the twenty ninth day of September 1874, sell and assign two-thirds interest in said Letters Patent and machinery to George Stockham and J. O. Neal Stockham of the said City of Philadelphia, all of said assignments being now on records in the State Department of this Republic; and whereas there has been no refusal or neglect on the part of the said E. S. Morris and George Stockham to get all the machinery into active operation, in as much as every effort having been made to that end, and most, if not all of the machinery is now in Liberia and on the ground with the view to arrange, perfect and set all the said patented machinery into operation at the earliest day possible; 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, E. S. Morris and George Stockham are hereby allowed an extension of time for the aforementioned machines to be put in operation in Liberia within the months of January and February 1878.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 19, 1875.

An Act creating a Board of Trustees in Maryland County, to be denominated Trustees of the Hall's School Fund: and defining the duties of the same.

Whereas it has been made apparent to the Legislature by Dr. James Hall, a citizen of the United States of America, through the agency of the Honourable Henry W. Dennis, that the said Dr. James Hall has invested the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars as a permanent fund, the interest to be used for the benefit of, and in support of primary education in Maryland County, in the Republic of Liberia—formerly known as Maryland in Liberia;—and whereas the said Dr. James Hall deems it essential that special authority be constituted by an Act of the Legislature, to demand and receive the interest upon the aforesaid Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, and any other amounts that may be added to the same for the purpose herein before mentioned;—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, R. S. McGill Sr., Henson W. Moulton, Charles H. Lee, Daniel F. Wilson and Elijah H. A. Dennis, all of them citizens of Maryland County, Republic of Liberia, be and they are hereby constituted a Board of Trustees under the name of Trustees of the Hall's School Fund—with power to demand, receive, and manage the interest upon the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars invested by Dr. James Hall, a citizen of the United States of America, for the benefit, and in support of primary education in the aforesaid County of Maryland in the Republic of Liberia, and of all other sums or amounts that may be added to the aforesaid Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the purpose aforesaid, and they shall be deemed and considered in law a Body corporate and politic, and shall have and use a common seal to attest their official acts, and shall have the right and power under the provisions of this Act to receive and disburse all moneys received by them under the provisions of this Act for the benefit, and in support of primary education in the aforesaid County of Maryland in the Republic of Liberia; and they shall have power of perpetual succession, and in the event of the death, resignation or dismissal of any member of the said Board of Trustees, the Board shall have power to name or appoint his successor.

The Board of trustees shall appoint all teachers whose salaries are to be paid from the said fund, and they shall fix

the amount of the said salaries and the way and manner of payment, provide a suitable place or places for holding school, provide books and all and every thing that is necessary and proper to promote the cause of primary education, and to carry out the views of the donor of the said school fund in this matter so far as ascertained. This fund having been given solely with a view to promote the cause of education, no fees or salaries will be allowed to the said Trustees, or remuneration of any kind save expenses actually incurred by them in the discharge of their duties.

Sec. 2. The Trustees shall have the power to make all the necessary rules and regulations for the governing of the said school or schools, and the Teachers thereof shall report the state and condition of the school or schools semi-annually to the Superintendent of the County, unless some other persons be appointed by law to receive the said reports. The said Superintendent or other officer shall lay the said reports before the Legislature annually, with such comment or remarks as he may deem necessary or proper in the premises. If at any time it becomes apparent to the Legislature that the said Trustees, or any part of them, are acting fraudulently or corruptly, or shall grossly neglect their duties in the matter of the said Hall's School Fund, they may dismiss him or them, and if only one of the said Trustees be so dismissed, the Board shall fill his place as is hereinbefore provided; but if more than one, or the whole Board be dismissed by the Legislature, then it will be lawful for the Legislature to appoint a new Board, with all the powers herein given to the present Board.

All laws or parts of laws conflicting with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved February 19, 1875.

—o— *H. J. Jackson*

An Act to amend the Charter of Liberia College.

Whereas the experience of past years shows that it is very difficult to get an annual meeting of the Trustees of Liberia College, owing to the non-attendance of the present members of the Board at the time appointed by law for the annual meeting of said Board of Trustees; and whereas the large number of Trustees required by the laws regulating said College, to form a quorum to do business, makes it difficult to have a meeting of said Board on the Annual day; and renders it almost impossible to have a meeting at any other time during the year than when the Legislature of the

Republic is in session ; and whereas also the Board of Trustees of said College have memorialized the Legislature to so change the Charter and Laws regulating said College as will remove said difficulties, and render the workings of said College more efficient and satisfactory to the donors of the funds supporting said College, as well as to our citizens generally ;—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 Senators of the several counties in this Republic shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Trustees of Liberia College, in addition to the Trustees already provided for by the Charter and Laws regulating said College.

Sec. 2. That hereafter seven members of said Board of Trustees shall form a quorum for the transaction of any business pertaining to said College.

Sec. 3. That any parts of the Charter or Laws of said College conflicting with this Act are hereby altered and repealed.

Approved February 20, 1875.

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An Act chartering Mountain Mining Company, Sinoe County.

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 Z. B. Roberts, R. S. Jones, F. J. Grante, Josiah Neyle, N. J. A. Maarschalk, William Kelly, Edward Berquine and W. W. McDonough, all of the City of Greenville, Sinoe County, Liberia, together with other citizens or aliens as now are or may hereafter become members of the Company called Mountain Mining Company, Sinoe County, be and they are hereby declared to be a Body corporate and politic under the name and style of Mountain Mining Company, and in that name may sue and be sued, and shall be capable in law to receive, hold, and enjoy concessions of land from Government for mining purposes, or to hold and enjoy lease of lands from Government or citizens to the amount of one thousand acres on any Public Domain in the County of Sinoe not reserved by Government for other purposes, or otherwise granted or may be granted to any company or companies for mining or other purposes ; said lands if desired from Government shall be

leased to said Company for a term not exceeding fifty years, and they shall have the exclusive right to work all mines discovered by them.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that said Company shall have a right to crush, smelt, dig, wash, and do any and all things necessary to conduct mining business; they shall also be allowed to import mining materials free from duty; and the said Company shall pay to the Republic of Liberia, after deducting the reasonable expenses of working any mine or mines discovered by them, ten per centum on the nett profits of any and all minerals collected by them, and the Republic of Liberia shall be at liberty at any time to station an officer at any mine or mines worked by this Company, to look after the interest herein provided for.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that said Company shall have a right to import free from duty any and all machines necessary to enable them to prosecute their enterprise conveniently, they are further at liberty to construct railways, roads and buildings on the public domain in the County of Sinoe and use the same to their advantage, and to conduct any lawful business for themselves, whenever said road runs within the jurisdiction of this Republic, the Government shall nevertheless use said roads at any time desirable, for the conveyance of officials, transport of troops and materials of war, and all stores and materials of Government.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted, that said Company shall be at liberty to conduct, in connection with their mining enterprise, the business of Bankers and may issue Bank-notes not in excess of one-third the amount of Cash capital in said Bank; said right to terminate with the fifty years lease of lands herein referred to, at which time all mines, roads, bridges machinery and improvements of said company shall go to Government. All lost time from native interference in the prosecution of this mining enterprise, shall not be reckoned in the fifty years herein intended; and all the rights, titles, and interest of the members of this Company vest in themselves, and shall descend in case of their death within the time herein limited, to their legal heirs, representatives or assigns for the term of fifty years therefrom.

This charter may be renewed, after the expiration of the limitation herein fixed, for another term of fifty years by consent of Government, provided the Company agrees to the conditions and stipulations herein expressed;

Sec. 5. It is further enacted, that all laws conflicting with the special provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved February 20, 1875.

Resolution for the relief of Benjamin Anderson, Chief Commissioner to the Interior of Montserrado County.

Whereas the Chief Commissioner to the Interior, Montserrado County, having conducted said exploration to Musadu, the Capital of the Western Mandingoes; and whereas on said journey to that country the said Commissioner was deserted by his regular carriers, together with the Assistant Commissioner, and much of the Government's means being lost in consequence, and he the said Chief Commissioner obliged to make use of his own money for Government service;—Therefore,—

It is resolved 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 Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby fully authorized to pay Benjamin Anderson, Chief Commissioner of the Interior, Montserrado County, in addition to the salary allowed him by law, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars. The President is hereby authorized to draw a warrant for the same; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved February 22, 1875.

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AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, A. D. EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FOUR, AND ENDING THIRTIETH SEPTEMBER, A. D. EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE.

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

That the following rates of salary shall be allowed the public officers of the Republic of Liberia for services, and the following appropriations paid for the fiscal year, and the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same.

CIVIL LIST.

Salary of the President, Twenty five hundred dollars	\$ 2,500.00
“ “ “ Vice President, Six hundred dollars	600.00
“ “ “ Chief Justice, Nine hundred dollars	900.00
“ “ “ Secretary of State, One thousand dollars	1,000.00
Carried over	\$ 5,000.00

Amount brought forward,	\$ 5,000.00
Salary of the Secretary of the Treasury, One thousand dollars	1,000.00
" " Attorney General, Seven hundred dollars	700.00
" " Comptroller, Seven hundred dollars	700.00
" " Auditor, Seven hundred dollars	700.00
" " Register, Seven hundred dollars	700.00
Amount for maintaining peace and enforcing order in the interior—as per Acts 1859--61, Four thousand dollars	4,000.00
Salary of Clerk Dept. of State, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " " Treasury Dept., " " "	300.00
" " Private Secy. to President, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Consul General, London, Six hundred dollars	600.00
" " Runner Ex. Dept., Sixty Dollars	60.00
" " Runner Dept. of State, Fifty dollars	50.00
" " do, Treasy. Dept., Fifty dollars	50.00
" " Butler Ex. Dept., Two hundred dollars	200.00
" " Treasurer Rep. Liberia, Four hundred and fifty dollars	450.00
" " " Principal Prep. Dep. La. College, Four hundred dollars	400.00
Amount for repairs public buildings, Four thousand dollars	4,000.00
Amount for Table expenses Executive Mansion, One thousand dollars	1,000.00
Amount for Contingent Genl. Govt., Two thousand five hundred dollars	2,500.00
Amount for Expenses of Legislature, Fifteen thousand and dollars	15,000.00
The President is requested to pay each Native Referee One hundred dollars, (not to include their expenses) deducting from the amount of those from Grand Bassa the amount actually paid for their clothing, Six hundred dollars	600.00
Amount for compiling Statutes, as per Resolution, Two thousand dollars	2,000.00
Amount for maintenance of Revenue Schooner Emmy, Five thousand dollars.	5,000.00
Amount for transcribing Land Records, and purchasing Books for said work, Fifteen hundred dollars	1,500.00
Amount for Public Printing, Six hundred dollars	600.00
Carried over,	\$ 47,710.00

Amount brought forward,	\$ 47.710.00
Amount for Light House Expenses, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
Salary of Postmaster-General, Two hundred dollars	200.00
Amount for G. W. S. Hall, Three hundred and ninety five dollars	395.00
Amount for expenses of Supreme Court, Twelve hundred dollars	1.200.00
Amount for Stationery Genl. Govt., Two hundred and fifty dollars	250.00
Amount for English Postage to Dec. 1, 1874, Eight hundred and fourteen dollars and four cents	814.04
Amount for Est. of E. W. Wright, deceased, per Resolution of 1874—5, Three thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars	3,920.00
Amount for Centennial Exhibition 1876—including specie as per Resolution, Seven hundred dollars	700.00

MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

Salary of Judge C. Q. S. and C. Pleas, Seven hundred dollars	700.00
Salary of Judge M. & Prob. Court, Three hundred dollars	300.00
Salary of County Attorney, Five hundred dollars	500.00
Salary of Dist. Attorney, Robertsport, One hundred dollars	100.00
Salary of Do., Marshall, Seventy five dollars	75.00
“ “ Do., Careysburg, Sixty dollars	60.00
Amount for Surveying and Plotting, Five hundred dollars	500.00
Salary of Superintendent, Robertsport, Three hundred dollars	300.00
Salary of Collector of Customs, Monrovia, Four hundred and fifty dollars	450.00
Salary of Collector of Customs, Robertsport, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
Salary of Collector of Customs, Marshall, Seventy five dollars	75.00
Salary of Chairman Prov. Mo. Court, Careysburg, One hundred dollars	100.00
Salary of Chairman Do., Robertsport, One hundred dollars	100.00
Carried over,	<u>\$ 65.049.04</u>

Amount brought forward,	\$65.049.04
Salary of Chairman Prov. M. Court, Marshall, One hundred dollars	100.00
Salary of Supt., Marshall, One hundred and twenty five dollars	125.00
Salary of Commissary, Monrovia, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
Salary of Do., Robertsport, Sixty dollars	60.00
Salary of Do., Marshall, Twenty five dollars	25.00
Salary of Jailor, Monrovia, Two hundred dollars	200.00
" " Do., Robertsport, Sixty dollars	60.00
" " Sub. Treasurer, Robertsport, One hundred dollars	100.00
Salary of Light House Keeper, Monrovia, Two hundred dollars	200.00
Amount for Judiciary, not including the Supreme Court, Seven Thousand dollars	7.000.00
Amount for Public Schools, Three thousand dollars, \$ 200. of which shall be specially used for schools at Robertsport,	3.000.00
Amount for Pensions, Fifteen hundred dollars	1.500.00
Amount for Fort Norris Battery, One Thousand dollars	1.000.00
Amount for Rents, Robertsport, Fifty dollars	50.00
" " Stationery, One hundred dollars	100.00
" " Interest on Deposits, Two thousand dollars	2.000.00
Amount for Outstanding Claims—out of which G. Moore is to receive Two Thousand Dollars, Ten thousand dollars	10.000.00
Amount for repairs and building of Bridges to wit, New Georgia, Two hundred dollars as per Resolution	200.00
Caldwell, One hundred and twenty two dollars as per Resolution	122.00
Virginia, Two hundred dollars as per Resolution	200.00
Clay Ashland, Three hundred and seventy five dollars as per Resolution	375.00
Millsburg, One hundred dollars as per Resolution	100.00
Louisiana, One hundred and seventy five dollars as per Resolution	175.00
White Plains, Fifty dollars as per Resolution	50.00
Crozerville, Two hundred dollars as per Resolution	200.00
Careysburg, Three hundred dollars as per Resolution	300.00
Carried over,	\$92.441.04

Amount brought forward,	\$ 92.441.04
Salary of Clerk Custom House, Monrovia, One hundred dollars	100.00
Salary of School Commissioner, Three hundred dols.	300.00
Amt. for Rent of Treasurer's Office, Fifty dollars	50.00
Amt. for Court and Jail house at Robertsport, Fifteen hundred dollars	1,500.00
Amount for Contingent, Fifteen hundred dollars	1,500.00
Amount for Agricultural developments, Three thousand dollars	3,000.00
Amount for Benjamin Anderson, Chief Com. Mont. Co., Three hundred dollars	300.00
Amount for Military music &c.—to be deducted out of military fines collected, Three hundred dollars	300.00

BASSA COUNTY.

Salary of Superintendent, Four hundred dollars	400.00
" " Judge C. Q. S. & C. Pleas, Seven hundred dollars	700.00
" " Judge Monthly & Probate Court, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Collector of Customs, Four hundred and fifty dollars	450.00
" " Postmaster, Twenty five dollars	25.00
" " Commissary, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
" " Sub-Treasurer, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Jailor, One hundred & eighty dollars	180.00
" " Clerk to Supt., One hundred dollars	100.00
" " Auditor, Three hundred dollars as per Resolution	300.00
" " County Attorney, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Clerk to Cns. House, One hundred dollars	100.00
Amount for Judiciary, Four thousand dollars	4,000.00
" " Public Schools, Twelve hundred dollars	1,200.00
" " Pensions, Four hundred dollars	400.00
" " Rents, Four hundred dollars	400.00
" " Stationery, Seventy five dollars	75.00
" " Contingent, One thousand dollars	1,000.00
" " Inland Mail Service, Fifty dollars	50.00
" " Interest on Deposits, Eight hund. dollars	800.00
" " Outstanding Claims, Two thousand dollars	2,000.00
" " Bridges, Eight hundred dollars	800.00
Carried over,	\$ 113.521.04

Amount brought forward, \$ 113,521.04

Amount for Survey. & Plotting, Two hundred dollars	200.00
" " Court & Jail house, Five thousand "	5,000.00
" " J. M. Horace, Six hundred and twenty five dollars	625.00
" " J. R. Moore, Eighty nine dollars and fifty cents as per Resolution	89.50
" " H. A. Williams, One hundred dollars	100.00
" " J. D. Preston, One hundred and ninety four dollars	194.00
" " C. R. Smith & A. J. Adams, School teachers, each \$37.50, Seventy five dollars	75.00
" " Military music &c., to be deducted out of military fines collected, Two hundred dollars	200.00

SINOE COUNTY.

Salary of Superintendent, Four hundred dollars	400.00
" " Judge C. Q. S. & C. Pleas, Seven hundred dollars	700.00
" " Do., Monthly and Probate Court, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " County Attorney, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Collector of Customs, Four hundred and fifty dollars	450.00
" " Clerk to Do., One hundred dollars	100.00
" " Postmaster, Twenty five dollars	25.00
" " Commissary, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
" " Sub-Treasurer, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Jailor, One hundred and eighty dollars	180.00
" " Clerk to Supt., One hundred dollars	100.00
" " Auditor, Three hundred dollars	300.00
Amount for Judiciary, Four thousand dollars	4,000.00
" " Public Schools, Twelve hundred dollars	1,200.00
" " Rent, One hundred dollars	100.00
" " Stationery, Seventy five dollars	75.00
" " Contingent, One thousand dollars	1,000.00
" " Interest on Deposits, Eight hundred dols.	800.00
" " Mail Service, Seventy five dollars	75.00
" " Out. Claims, Two thousand dollars	2,000.00
" " Repairs of Pub. Buildings, Five hund. dols.	500.00
" " Pensions, Forty nine dollars fifty cents	49.50
" " Surveying and Plotting, One hund. dols.	100.00

Carried over, \$ 133,209.04

Amount brought forward, \$ 133.209.04

Amount for H. C. Brooks, One hundred and twelve dollars as per resolution	112.00
" " Bridges, one hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
" " Two pensioners at \$49.50, Ninety nine dols.	99.00
" " Dorsey Birch, Two hundred and forty seven dollars	247.00
" " Military music, to be deducted out of the military fines collected, Two hundred dols.	200.00

MARYLAND COUNTY.

Salary of Superintendent, Four hundred dollars	400.00
" " Judge C. Q. S. & C. Pleas, Seven hundred dollars	700.00
" " Do., M. & P. Court, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " County Attorney, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Collector of Customs, Four hundred and fifty dollars	450.00
" " Clerk to Supt., One hundred dollars	100.00
" " Do. C. Customs, One hundred dollars	100.00
" " Postmaster, Seventy five dollars	75.00
" " Sub-Treasurer, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Commissary, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
" " Jailor, One hundred and eighty dollars	180.00
" " Light House keeper, One hundred and eighty dollars	180.00
" " Auditor, Three hundred dollars	300.00
Amount for Judiciary, Three thousand dollars	3.000.00
" " Public Schools, One thousand dollars	1.000.00
" " Pensions, One hundred and forty eight dollars and fifty cents	148.50
" " Surveying and Plotting, One hund. dols.	100.00
" " Out. Claims, Fifteen hundred dollars	1.500.00
Amount for Light House expenses, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
Amount for Contingent, One thousand dollars	1.000.00
Amount for repairs Bridges, Two hundred and fifty dollars	250.00
Amount for Fortifications, One thousand dollars, one half to be ex Town's cargo	1.000.00
Amount for Stationery, Seventy five dollars	75.00
Repairs of St Mark's Hospital Three hundred dollars	300.00
Carried over,	\$ 146.075.54

Amount brought forward,	\$ 146.0755.54
Amount for military music, to be deducted out of military fines collected, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
Amount for Dr. D. R. Fletcher, Two hundred dollars as per Resolution of pres. Session	200.00
Amount for township ex Town's cargo as per Appropriation Bill of 1873-4, Three hundred and sixteen dollars and forty cents	316.40

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay to the several townships in Montserrado, Bassa, Sinoe, and Maryland the amount of their taxes and licenses 1873 to 75.—

And the Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized to pay the members and officers of the present session of the Legislature lay days to and from their respective homes—the same as Appropriation of 1873-4. The foregoing appropriated sums shall be paid from the Revenue arising from Duties on Imports and Exports, Light and Anchorage Dues, foreign and domestic taxes, Tonnage—except excise taxes—fines and all other sources of internal revenue: from any moneys now in the Treasury or in any of the Sub-Treasuries; also from such sums as the exigencies of the Government may require to be done in obedience to the Statute in such case made and provided.

And it is further enacted, that the President be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants for the payment of moneys for the several departments and officers for the first quarter of the fiscal year 1876, to the amount in each and every particular as is appropriated for the first quarter of the fiscal year 1875, which amounts shall be laid before the Legislature at its next session to be included in the general Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year 1876; further, that all standing laws which appropriate moneys, and which the President is required to execute, the same amounts are hereby appropriated for the fiscal years 1874-5 and for these only.

The Chief Justice is allowed fifteen cents per mile to and from, Monrovia to the Supreme Court.—

Amount for two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, as per Act of the present session of the Legislature, Seven hundred and fifty dollars each, amounting to Fifteen hundred dollars.

\$ 148.34094

ERRATA.

Page 15, preamble, line 2, for "is greatly" read "are greatly."
" 19, section 2, " 2, " "cent" " "cents."
" 22, title, " 1, " "Estate" " "Estate."
" 35, " 17, " "Seven hundred" read "Seven
thousand;" for "700.00" read "7,000.00."
" 40, line 1, " "\$ 146.0755.54" read "
" " " "\$ 146.075.54."
" 26, " "officers" read "offices."