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ACTS.

Joint Resolution making appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Inauguration of the President and Vice President elect.

Resolved, That the sum of Four Hundred dollars (400.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Inauguration of the President and Vice President elect.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 20th. 1877.

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An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to repeal an act authorizing Specific duties on certain articles imported into the Republic of Liberia, and the collection of the same passed by two-third vote January 22nd 1876, and regulating the payment of duties on Imports

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 first day of April A. D. 1878, the act authorizing and regulating the payment of duties on certain articles imported into the Republic of Liberia and the collection of the same passed January 26th. 1876, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted that from and after the first day of April A. D. 1878, the duties upon all articles imported into the Republic of Liberia shall be levied, assessed and collected at the following rates and after the following manner to wit :—The sum of fifty cents (50) on each gun whether percussion or flint, excepting rifles, pistols and double barrell'd guns, the duties on which shall remain advalorem, upon all gun powder the sum of five cents [.05] per pound, on all leaf Tobacco five cents (05) per pound, and upon all ardent spirits that is to say Gin, Rum, Whiskey, Brandy or any other description of alcoholic liquors there shall be assessed and collected the sum of thirty-seven-and a half cents (37½) on each gallon and upon all alcohol five dollars (\$ 5.00) per gallon, unless when imported for Medicinal purposes in which case it shall be fifty cents (.50) per gallon, and upon all other articles of ev-

ery description and denomination except such as are now exempted from duties by standing laws of the Republic, there shall be assessed, levied and collected the sum of twelve per cent advalorem and upon all sales of transient traders ten per cent advalorem.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted that any person or persons who may due the Custom house on account of imports or exports shall be allowed four (4) days to settle the same at the Custom house, payment shall be made in Liberia dutiable currency or gold coin, and in the event of the failure of said person or persons to pay their dues within the time above mentioned, it shall be the duty of the Collector of Customs to apply to the Judge of the Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas and obtain a writ of attachment according to the laws regulating attachment under the hand of the clerk of said court, directing the Marshal of the County to proceed immediately to execute upon the goods, wares, merchandise, interest, credits, and estate of any person or persons failing to pay said duties.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted for the better security of the collections of the Revenue, it shall be the duty of the Importer to present according to the provision of this Act his or their Bills of Lading and original Invoice printed or written or both in the English language to the Collector of the Port, whose duty it shall be to assess the duties thereupon which assessment shall be presented by the Importer to the Treasurer, or Sub-Treasurer, who shall receive (upon the certificate stamped officially by the Collector of Customs, the amount of duties so accruing to the Republic, and upon receipt of said amount, the Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer shall give a receipt in duplicate, one of which shall be presented to the Collector of the Port who shall thereupon grant a permit for delivering of the goods, wares, and merchandise so bonded as aforesaid. And further it shall be the imperative duty of all Importers and Exporters to present to the Collector within twelve hours (12) after the receipt of their invoices or the export of their produce agreeable to the foregoing provisions of this Section. And further all original invoices shall be verified by the Liberian Consul of the port and signed with his official signature.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted, that all persons transacting wholesale or commission business shall pay into the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries of this Republic an annual tax of twenty five dollars [\$ 25.00] for retail business a tax of twelve dollars [\$ 12.00] annually, and any person or persons selling by wholesale Rum, Gin, Whiskey, Brandy or any other alcoholic liquors no matter by what name, an annual sum of Seventy-five dollars (75.00) and for retailing the same that is in quantities less than one box, barrel, or case the sum of fifty dollars [\$ 50.00] and on each

distillery an annual tax of fifty dollars \$ 50.00 shall be paid, and the distiller shall have the right to sell under the same license. And for Pedlers license the amount of eight dollars to be paid annually.

Sec. 6. It is further enacted, that for the better security of the Collection of the Revenue arising from imports, that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to direct the different Collectors of Customs of the ports of entry of the Republic of Liberia, to establish private bonded ware houses in which any goods, wares and merchandise that are subject to duty advalorem and specific may be deposited and stored until the duty shall be fully paid, nevertheless in case any person is desirous of taken immediate possession of their goods, wares and merchandise upon being landed from any steam or sailing vessel, they are privileged so to do by complying with the provisions of the fourth Section of this Act. And further where there are private bonded ware houses established it shall be the duty of the Collector of ports in which the goods are landed to have properly secured or see to it that said private bonded ware houses are safe and secured and that there be only one means of egress and ingress to said warehouses the door of which to be secured by two substantial locks the key of one which shall remain in the possession of the Collector of Customs, the other one to be kept by the owner or Bonder. And further whenever goods are deposited in private Bonded ware houses, the Government will not hold it self responsible for loss leakage, fire nor any other causality or contingency.

Sec. 7. It is further enacted that any Collector of Customs failing to carry out the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of official misconduct, and on conviction thereof before a court of competent jurisdiction shall forfeit the amount of his bond, and shall be further imprisoned at the discretion of the court before whom such conviction shall be had.

Sec. 8. It is further enacted that all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved February 8. 1878.

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A resolution providing for laying out and running off a road from the Settlement of Fortsville to the Saint John's River in Grand Bassa 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 Resolu-

tion that the President be, and he is hereby authorized to instruct the Superintendent of Grand Bassa to instruct one of the surveyors of said county to survey lay out or cause to be surveyed and laid out a road commencing at the Settlement of Fortsville, and running from thence to the Saint John's river or to Benson's avenue, as the Superintendent may direct, said road to be twenty feet wide and should said road run through land owned by any citizen of said county the President be, and he is authorized to purchase a sufficiency of said land for a road twenty feet wide, paying for the same a sum of money not exceeding five dollars per acre, or give other land in lieu thereof not exceeding three acres for one so purchased for said road. And that the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the above Resolution. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9. 1878.

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An Act establishing the Post Office, and a branch Custom House, at the second ward of Buchanan, commonly known as Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

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 directed to locate at the second ward of Buchanan commonly known as Lower Buchanan in the County of Grand Bassa, the Post Office for the aforesaid county of Grand Bassa subject to the laws and regulations now governing said Post Office.

Sec. 2. That it shall be the duty of the Post Master General immediately on being informed by the President of the location of said Post Office, to issue a circular requiring the Master or Masters of all steam and sailing vessels calling at the port of Grand Bassa to deposit in said Post Office, all letters, consignees letters not inclosed in mail-bag excepted, papers and all other matters properly belonging to pass through the Post Office, and that printed copies of said circular be deposited in the several Custom Houses of this Republic, and one copy be furnished each vessel entering and clearing at said Custom House without charge.

Sec. 3. That the Post Master of the port of Grand Bassa shall require from the Masters of all vessels a strict observance of the second section of this Act so far as it relates to the depositing of all letters, papers and other matters properly belonging to pass through the Post Office, and the Post Master shall perform all the duties as are now and shall be

required of him by law under the direction of the Post Master General, and shall make quarterly reports to the said Post Master General within fifteen days after the expiration of each quarter.

Sec. 4. The Post Master of the port of Grand Bassa who shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, shall serve as Deputy Collector of Customs, and shall discharge the duties of said office under the direction of the Collector of Customs for the port of Grand Bassa, and shall have his office always accessible.—It shall be the duty of the Masters of all vessels, (steam or sailing) before discharging any cargo from their vessels, to deposit into the office of the Deputy Collector at the second ward of Buchanan a true manifest of all goods, wares and Merchandise to be landed from their vessel at said port, and any person or persons who shall receive from any vessel (steam or sailing) any goods, wares, or merchandise previous to the depositing of said manifest shall be deemed guilty of violating the revenue laws, and upon conviction before a court having competent jurisdiction shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty five dollars (\$ 25.00) nor more than One hundred dollars [\$ 100.00] for each offence, and on failing to pay said fine and cost of prosecution within twenty-four [24] hours after judgment is rendered shall be committed to the common jail until said fine and cost is paid.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Collector to deposit into the office of the Collector of Customs the manifest received from all vessels within twenty-four hours [24] after said manifest shall have reached his office, and the said Deputy Collector shall make quarterly reports to the Collector of Customs of all business transacted by him during said quarter.

Sec. 6. That the Post Master before he enters upon the duties of his Office, shall give bond and security of One thousand dollars [1000.00] for the faithful discharge of the duties of Post Master and Deputy Collector of Customs, said bond shall be presented to the Superintendent for approval ; and should the said Post Master and Deputy Collector fail to discharge honestly and faithfully any part of the duties of his office, he shall be prosecuted for official misconduct, and on conviction before any court having competent jurisdiction shall forfeit and pay his bond and be imprisoned in the common jail for any term not exceeding twelve (12) calendar months. The salary of the Post Master and Deputy Collector shall be Three hundred dollars [\$ 300.00] per annum.

Sec. 7. Any law or part of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 9. 1878.

An Act repealing an act amendatory to an act entitled "an act relating to Divorces."

Whereas it appears from the petition of the people that this act authorizing Divorces for other causes than adultery, or fornication is pregnant with a great deal of evil upon this infant State as well as tends to cultivate immorality and vice.

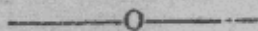
It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled.

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this act that said "Act entitled an act amendatory to an act relating to Divorces," be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that in no case shall a divorce be granted except it be in accordance and agreeably to the act relating to divorces first Liberia Statute page 217.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9th, 1878.



An Act providing, permitting and regulating Coastwise trade of foreigners in the County of Maryland, leeward of the Cavalla River in said County to San Pedro.

Whereas from the petition of the citizens of Maryland County and foreigners resident, it has become apparent that the Natives on the Leeward Coast i.e. the South Eastern Coast of the Republic are not supplied with commercial commodities sufficient to supply their wants and necessities growing out of the Port of entry law restricting and confining foreign vessels to Ports of Entry, and whereas it is not the intent of the Legislature of Liberia to oppress its native African population; 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 foreigners are hereby authorized and privileged to trade, traffic, buy and sell coastwise commercially at the leeward of the Cavalla River and extending as far as the extreme South Eastern boundary of this Republic i.e. to the River San Pedro, under the following regulations and conditions; first, all foreigners resident or transient desiring to so do, shall deposit the Register of his vessel, craft or ship with the Collector of Customs for the Port of Harper, and obtain a license from said Collector, for which he shall pay twelve dollars for every trading voyage and the sum of one dollar and fifty cents to the Inspector per diem, whom he

shall take on board at the Port of Harper in Maryland County his board and lodging as well as his return to the office of the Collector of Customs at the aforesaid port of entry free of all charge; said trade traffic or barter transacted under the provisions of this act leeward of the Cavalla River to the South Eastern boundary of this Republic shall be strictly at the risk and adventure of the said foreigner or foreigners availing himself or themselves of the aforesaid privileges.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that said inspector appointed under this statute shall first give a bond of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duty, he shall be appointed by the Collector of Customs of said County, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of said County, who shall administer the oath of office to him, and approve of the bond; said Inspector shall take a correct inventory or account of all goods landed, and of all produce shipped stating distinctly, the number, quantity of the said package, box, cask or parcel of goods or merchandise landed at each trading place, as well as the guage or number of gallons of palm oil bushels, pounds or tons of other produce shipped:—No goods or merchandise shall be landed or produce shipped except under the immediate and direct inspection of said Inspector;—Said Inspector shall have the keys of the hatches at night and shall seal the same, which shall in no case be opened except by the Inspector himself or by his express direction;—said Inspector shall receive the sum of three dollars per diem and his board and lodging,—one dollar and fifty cents to be paid by the government of this Republic and the other half, with board and lodging, by the foreigner owning the vessel.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted that should the Inspector violate the provisions of this Act, he shall forfeit and pay on conviction thereof before the court of Admiralty of the county of Maryland, the sum of Five hundred dollars, and imprisonment for three years in the common Jail, with hard labor on the public works in Irons; Should any foreigner violate this act by failing to deposit his register, obtain his license, and take on board an Inspector according to the provision of this Act, he shall thereby forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five thousand dollars on conviction of the same before any court of this Republic of competent jurisdiction, one half of said fine to go to the informant or informants who shall give evidence that will lead to the conviction of the party accused, said informant or informants, shall in no case under the provisions of this statute be deprived of giving evidence or deemed an incompetent witness on account of his interest in the forfeiture, should the party accused be convicted.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted that any and all laws conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby abrogated.

Approved January 11th, 1878.

Resolution suspending the payment of Debentures, Dutiable obligation or Drafts upon Custom Houses.

Whereas it hath been made apparent to the Legislature that an enormous number of Debentures, Dutiable obligation or Drafts, upon the Custom Houses of the Republic of Liberia have been issued against any authorization of the Legislature and whereas by the unlawful issuing of said scripts upon the Custom Houses the free and prosperous operation of the Government has been greatly obstructed. 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 several Collectors of Custom of the Republic of Liberia are hereby enjoined and directed to reject and not receive any and all debentures, dutiable obligations, or drafts upon the Custom Houses that may be handed for the payment of all duties until further action of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. That the holder or holders of any and all debentures, dutiable obligations, or drafts upon the Custom Houses are hereby required and directed to present the same to the Auditors of the several Counties of this Republic for registration, the said Auditors shall make a categorical account of all such debentures, dutiable obligations or drafts upon the Custom Houses stating accurately in said accounts the numbers, by whom drawn, in whose favor, the amount, and on what account, and to transmit the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, and by him to be laid before the Legislature at its next session.

Sec. 3rd. Any Collector of Customs who shall receive any of the foregoing scripts of paper as set forth in the first and second section of this Resolution shall refund back to Government in the legal tender of this Republic the amount so received, and shall further be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined in the sum of Five hundred dollars[\$ 500.] and imprisonment for one calendar year in irons and hard labor.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 22nd., 1878.

An act defining the punishment of Contempts by Attorneys and Counsellors at law in the several courts of this Republic.

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 license or privilege of an Attorney or Counsellor at law shall only be withdrawn or suspended for contempt offered to the Supreme Court of this Republic whilst in session and in open Court.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that the punishment for all contempts of the subordinate courts of record established in the several counties of this Republic shall not extend further than fine or imprisonment; said fine not to be over fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor imprisonment longer than the actual session or time for which said court is convened provided however that such contempts be committed in open court, and in all matters of contempt committed in any of the subordinate courts of record as aforesaid.

Any Judge of a court of record shall have power to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus and to review the cause of contempt for which said Attorney or Counsellor at law had been committed for said hearing, to be controlled by all of the rules and principles governing the trial of Habeas Corpus cases.

Any law to the contrary and militating against this act is hereby repealed.

Passed into law by limitation 28, Jany. 1878.

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An act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend the several existing acts regulating the Militia."

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

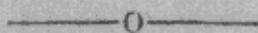
Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this act, so much of the second section of the above recited act as relates to the number of parades in the county of Montserrado, be so altered and amended as to read: There shall be four regimental parades yearly in the county of Montserrado, to take place on the second Thursday in the months of February, May, August, and November; those in the months of February and August in the city of Monrovia, and in the Months of May and November in the settlement of Caldwell.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted that nothing contained in the fourth section of the above recited act shall be construed to alter or in any way affect the provisions of the sec.

ond section of an act entitled "An act to regulate the Militia;" and also that there shall be exempted from Military duty under the same provisions of the said second section of the last recited act all ordained Ministers of the Gospel Members of the Cabinet, Professors in Liberia College, Ex Members of the Legislature, Physicians and all civil Officers who are not herein specially exempted shall be excused from military duty on the days for regimental parades or monthly drills, if during the time for said parades or drills they be required to discharge duties pertaining to their civil offices.

Sec. 3. And it is further enacted, that the following provisions be added to and form part of the tenth section of the first mentioned act: That from and after the passage of this act all privates shall be uniformed as follows single breasted jacket of dark blue cloth, flannel, serge, or drill, with one row of seven buttons on the breast at equal distances, stand up collar to hook in front at the buttons. Blue or white trousers out of one of the above named materials plain without stripe or welt. Black hats or caps, The rank of non-commissioned officers will be marked by chevrons upon both sleeves of the jacket above the elbow, of red braid or binding one half of an inch wide as follows. For a sergeant Major, three bars and an arc, For a First sergeant and all officers of said rank, three bars and a star, For other sergeants, three bars, for Corporals two bars. All officers of the rank of first sergeant may wear red worsted sashes, but no sash shall be worn by officers below that rank or by privates. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1878.



Resolution for the special relief of Edward Berry.

Whereas Edward Berry of the city of Monrovia, by an unfortunate circumstance has lost both of his hands while in Government employ firing a salute to the United States Flag on the 19th November last. Therefore,

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to pay under warrant of the President to Edward Berry annually the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$ 200.) out of any money in the public Treasury.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 4th, 1878.

An Act to reduce the amount of Paper currency now in circulation.

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

Sec. 1st. That in order to resume as early as possible Specie payments for duties on imports and exports, the Secretary of the Treasury shall immediately after the passage of this Act, instruct the Treasurer and Sub-Treasurers of this Republic to destroy by fire or otherwise One Fourth of all the currency paid into the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries for duties on imports and exports, said currency shall be destroyed by the Treasurer of the Republic in the presence of the Comptroller and Auditor, and they shall give to the Treasurer a duplicate certificate at the end of each quarter stating the amount destroyed, one of said certificates shall accompany the Treasurer's report as a voucher for said amount. The certificates shall be sworn to as being correct by the said Comptroller and Auditor before a Justice of the peace and he shall endorse on said certificate, the day on which said oath is taken and sign the same with his official signature.

Sec. 2nd. That the several Sub Treasurers shall destroy said one fourth of all currency, paid into their offices for account of duties on imports and exports, in the presence of the Superintendents and Auditors of their respective counties and they shall give to the Sub-Treasurers a duplicate certificate in manner and form as prescribed in Section 1.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved February 7th, 1878.

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An Act amendatory and supplementary to an Act for the relief of certain Officers and Soldiers approved January 27th, 1863

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 all persons whether commissioned officers musician or privates who shall be disabled in such a manner as to prevent them from obtaining a subsistence by manual or mental labor in consequence of a wound of any kind or nature inflicted while in actual service and in a line of duty against the common enemy of the country shall be placed on a list to be styled Pension List.

Sec. 2. Decisive disability or the effect of a known wound or wounds received while one is engaged in actual service of the country must be proven to the Secretary of the Treasury by the affidavit of the applicant taken before the commanding officer of the Regiment, Corps or Company, Said affi-

certificate must be endorsed by at least one physician or surgeon, whenever practicable as to their opinion of the nature of the applicants disability and in what degree it prevents him from obtaining a subsistence by manual or mental labour.

Sec. 3. In all cases where a pension may have been granted to any officer or soldier in his lifetime or in the event of the death of any officer or soldier the widow of the person so demised shall have the benefit of this act extended to her until she is married, and in the event of marriage then the heirs (minors) of said pensioners shall be entitled to the provisions of this act until they obtain their majority, and in case where there are minors without parents whose father was entitled to a pension during his lifetime, they shall be entitled to the same amount until they shall have attained their majority.

Sec. 4. The commissioned and non-commissioned officer, marines or mariners who shall be engaged in the Naval service of this Republic shall be entitled to the benefits and emoluments of this act in a similar manner as is provided for the officers and soldiers of the Army.

Sec. 5. The annual amount for a commissioned officer below the rank of major shall be sixty dollars (60.00) per annum and above that rank, Seventy five dollars (75.00) A non-commissioned officer, private, musician, marine or mariner shall receive fifty dollars [50.00] per annum

Sec. 6. That whenever any pensioner according to the provisions of this act, shall be appointed to salaried Government positions then his or their pension shall cease during the time of their continuance in office and he or they shall not during that time be entitled to the benefits of any of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 7. All law or parts of laws conflicting with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved February 8. 1878.

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Resolution providing for the pay of Commissioners to be appointed by the President to accompany the Commissioners of the Liberia Exodus or other association of the United States of America.

Whereas it is highly important that the Commissioners from the Liberia Exodus or other associations of the United States of America now in this country to look for suitable places to settle immigrants upon should have a fair view of the country.

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 autho-

rized to appoint two discreet persons in each county, well acquainted with the country to accompany said Commissioners and aid them in facilitating their purposes, and that the sum of sixteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby specially appropriated for the same, to be paid out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. The Commissioners for Montserrado County shall be paid two hundred dollars and real expenses to and from a place while in actual service and the Commissioners from the leeward counties shall receive similar pay and expenses.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 8. 1878.

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An Act to repeal so much of an Act regulating the payment of Tonnage dues by vessels which may casually visit a single Port of Entry within the Republic of Liberia.

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

Sec. 1st. That immediately after the passage of this Act, that so much of the Act approved February 8th 1873, regulating the payment of ten cents [10] per ton by vessels stopping at any one port of entry within the limits of this Republic be repealed so far as relates to such vessel or vessels which shall not land and sell goods, wares and merchandise exceeding Five hundred dollars (\$ 500.)

Sec. 2nd. Any vessel which may stop at any one port of Entry of this Republic and the Master thereof having first signified his intention, and declaring his purpose to the Collector of Customs of said port of trading only at the one port within the limits of this Republic, shall be allowed to enter his vessel and transact business in keeping with the first section of this Act, upon paying the usual harbour and light dues, together with the import and export duties agreeable to the laws and regulating the payment of import and export duties.

Any law or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed,

Approved Febraary 8th, 1878.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1st. A. D. EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SEVEN, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th. A D EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY EIGHT.

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.

GENERAL CIVIL LIST.

Salary of the President	Two thousand five hundred dollars	\$ 2,500.00
" " "	Vice President	Six hundred dollars 600.00
" " "	Chief Justice	One thousand dollars 1,000.00
" " "	Secy. of State	One thousand dollars 1,000.00
" " "	" of 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
" " "	Clerk State Dept.	Three hundred dollars 300.00
" " "	Do Treasury	Do Three hundred dollars 300.00
" " "	Private Clerk to Presdt.	Three hundred dollars 300.00
" " "	Runner Executive Department	Sixty dollars 60.00
" " "	Do State Department	Fifty dollars 50.00
" " "	Do Treasury Dept.	Fifty dollars 50.00
" " "	Butler Executive Mansion	Two hundred dollars 200.00
" " "	Treasurer Rep. Liberia	Five hundred dollars 500.00
" " "	Principal Preparatory Department	Liberia College
	Eight hundred dollars	800.00
Amt. for table expenses	Executive Mansion	
	Eight hundred dollars	800.00

Carried over.

Amount brot. over.

"	"	Contingent of General Government	
		Three thousand dollars	3000.00.
"	"	Expenses of the Legislature Thirteen	
		thousand and fifty dollars	13.50.00
"	"	Maintaining Revenue Cutter "Emmy"	
		Five thousand dollars	5.00000.
"	"	Public Printing One thousand five	
		hundred dollars	1.500.00
"	"	Light House Expenses One hundred	
		and fifty dollars	150.00
"	"	Expenses Supreme Court One thou-	
		sand dollars	1.000.00
"	"	Associates Justice of Sapreme Court	
		One thousand five hundred dollars	1 500.00
"	"	Stationery Gen. Govt. Three hund. dol.	300.00
"	"	Outstanding Claims Eight thousand	
		dollars, out of which G. Moore is to	
		receive Two thousand dollars. H. M.	8.000.00
		Watkins to receive Two hundred & one	
		dollars & six cents and C. Travis is to	
		receive Thirty dollars	
"	"	Repairing Public Buildings Seven thou-	
		sand dollars	7.000.00
		Salary of Post Master General Two hund. dollars	200.00

MONTSERRADO COUNTY

		Salary of Judge of Court of Quarter Sess. & Com.	
		Pleas Seven hundred dollars	700.00
"	"	" Monthly & Probate Court Three	
		hundred dollars	300.00
"	"	County Attorney Five hundred dollars	500.00
"	"	District " Roberts port One hund. dol.	100.00
"	"	" " Marshall Seventy five "	75.00
"	"	" " Careysburg Sixty dollars	60.00
"	"	Amt. for Surveying & Plotting One thou-	
		sand dollars	1.000.00
"	"	Collector of Customs Monrovia Six	
		hundred dollars	600.00
"	"	Col. Cus. of Roberts port One hund.	
		& fifty dollars	150.00
"	"	Col. Cus. of Marshall Seventy five dol.	75.00
"	"	Chairman Prob. Mo. Court Roberts-port	
		One hundred dollars	100.00
"	"	Do Prov. M. Court Marshall One hun-	
		dred dollars	100.00
"	"	Do " M. " Careysburg One hund. dols.	100.00

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Amount. Brot. over.

"	" Superintendent Robertsport Three hundred dollars	300.00
"	" Do Marshall One hund. twenty five dol.	125.00
"	" Commissary Monrovia One hund. & fifty "	150.00
Salary of	Commissary Robertsport Sixty dollars	60.00
"	" Commissary Marshall Twenty-five dols.	25.00
"	" Jailer Monrovia, Two hundred dollars	200.00
Amt. for	Light House keeper Monrovia, Two hundred dollars	200.00
"	" Judiciary not including Supreme Court Five thousand dollars	5,000.00
"	" Public Schools Five thousand dollars	5,000.00
"	" Pensions Eight Hundred dollars	800.00
"	" Rents Robertsport, Thirty dollars	30.00
"	" Stationery Seventy-five dollars	75.00
"	" Interest on Deposits, One thousand five hundred dollars	1,500.00
"	" Outstanding claims, Seven thousand dols.	7,000.00
"	" Clerk Custom House Monrovia, One hundred and twenty-five dollars	125.00
"	" Rent Treasurer's Office, Forty dollars	40.00
"	" Sub-Treasurer Robertsport one hundred dollars	100.00
Salary of	Sub-Treasurer Marshal, Fifty dollars	50.00
"	" Postmaster Monrovia, Seventy five dols.	75.00
Amt. for	Contingent Nine hundred dollars	900.00
"	" do Robertsport, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
"	" contingent Marshall, Fifty dollars	50.00
"	" Fortifications Monrovia, One thousand dollars	1,000.00
"	" Military to be paid from fines, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
"	" Three Bridges in Upper and Lower Caldwell, thirty-three and one-third dollars each, One hundred dollars	100.00
"	" Two Bridges in Upper and Lower Virginia, one in front and the other in Water Street, Sixty dollars each, One hundred and twenty dollars	120.00
"	" Two Causeways and one Bridge in Clayashland said causeways are on Johnson avenue and cross avenue West One hundred and twenty-five dollars each, and the one bridge is No. 1. East Fifty dollars Three hun-	

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	dred dollars	300.00
"	" Two Bridges, one between Arth- ington and Millsburg, and the other in Millsburg settlement Thirty-six dollars each Seventytwo dols.	72.00
"	" Two Bridges in Louisiana at Thir- ty seven dollars each Seventy four dollars.	74.00
"	" Two Bridges, one between Crozer- ville and Washington, and the oth- er between that and Careysburg, Seventy-five dollars each, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
	Salary for Boarding Master Two hundred dols.	200.00
"	" Superintendent Careysburg, Sev- enty five dollars	75.00

GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

	Salary of Judge Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas, Seven hun- dred dollars	700.00
"	" Judge Mo. and Probate Court, Three hundred dollars.	300.00
"	" Superintendent, Four hundred dollars	400.00
"	" Collector of Customs, Five hundred dols.	500.00
"	" Postmaster and Deputy Collector Three hundred dollars.	300.00
"	" Auditor Three hundred dollars	300.00
"	" Commissary, One hundred and fifty dols.	150.00
"	" Sub-Treasurer, Four hundred dollars.	400.00
"	" Jailor One hundred and eighty dollars.	180.00
"	" Clerk to Supdt. One hundred dollar	100.00
"	" County Atty. Four hundred dollars	400.00
"	" Clerk to Custom House, One hundred and twenty-five dollars.	125.00
	Amt. for Judiciary, Four thousand dollars	4000.00
"	" Public Schools, Two thousand dollars	2000.00
"	" Pensions, Two hundred dollars	200.00
"	" Stationery Seventy-five dollars	75.00
"	" Rents Four hundred dollars	400.00
"	" Contingent One thousand dollars	1000.00
"	" Inland Mail service One hundred dollars	100.00
"	" Outstanding Claims Four thousand dols.	4000.00

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Amount brot. over.

"	" Interest on Deposits Seven hundred dollars	700.00
"	" Surveying and Plotting, Six hundred dols.	600.00
"	" Building Court House and Jail Three thousand five hundred dollars	3,500.00
Amt. for Road from Fortsville to St. John's River as per Resolution One hundred and fifty dollars.		150.00
"	" Bridges between Upper and Lower Buchanan Five hundred dollars.	500.00
"	" Building Light House Two thousand and five hundred dollars	2,500.00
"	" Military to be paid from fines One hundred dollars	100.00
"	" Salary of Boarding Master Two hundred dollars.	200.00

SINOU COUNTY.

Salary of Superintehdent	Four hundred dollars	400.00
"	" Judge Court of Qr. Session and Com- n on Pleas Seven hundred dollars.	700.00
"	" Mo. and Probate Court Three hun- dred dollars.	300.00
"	" County Attorney Four hundred dollars	400.00
"	" Collector of Customs Four hundred and fifty dollars	450.00
"	" Postmaster Twenty-five dollars	25.00
"	" Auditor Three hundred dollars	300.00
"	" Commissary One hundred dollars	100.00
"	" Sub-Treasurer Three hundred dollars	300.00
Amt. for Pensions Two hundred dollars		200.00
Salary of Jailor One hundred and eighty dollars		180.00
"	" Clerk to Supt. One hundred dollars	100.00
Amount for Judiciary, Three thousand five hundred dollars		3,500.00
"	" Public Schools. Two thousand dollars	2,000.00
"	" Rents, Three hundred dollars	300.00
"	" Stationery Seventy-five dollars	75.00
"	" Coutingent One thousand dollars	1,000.00
"	" Interest on Deposits Four hundred dollars	400.00
"	" Outstanding Claims Two thousand dollars	2,000.00
"	" Surveying and Plotting Seven hun- dred dollars	700.00
"	" Bridges One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
"	" Military (to be paid from fines) Three hundred dollars	300.00

Carried over.

Amount brot. over.

"	" Clerk to Custom House One hundred dollars	100.00
"	" Building Light House Two thousand five hundred dollars	2 500
"	" Salary of Boarding Officers Two hundred dollars	200.00

MARYLAND COUNTY.

Salary of Superintendent	Four hundred dollars	4 00.00
"	" Judge of Court of Qr. S. and Common Pleas Seven hundred dollars	700.00
"	" Judge Mo. and Probate Court Three hundred dollars	300.00
"	" Collector of Custom Four hundred and fifty dollars	450.00
"	" Auditor Three hundred dollars	300.00
"	" Postmaster One hundred dollars	100.00
"	" 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 Superintendent One hundred dollars	100.00
Amount for Judiciary	Three thousand dollars	3,000.00
"	" Public Schools One thousand two hundred dollars	1,200.00
"	" Pensions Three hundred dollars	300.00
"	" Rents One hundred dollars	100.00
"	" Stationery Seventy-five dollars	75.00
"	" Contingent Eight hundred dollars	800.00
"	" Outstanding Claims One thousand five hundred dollars	1,500.00
"	" Surveying and Plotting Two hundred and fifty dollars	250 00
"	" Fortifications Tubmantown One thousand dollars	1,000.00
"	" Repair of Bridge over Big Creek Six hundred dollars	600.00
"	" Light House Expenses One Hundred and fifty dollars	150.000
"	" Repairs of Public Buildings Eight hundred dollars	800.00
"	" Salary of County Attorney Four hundred dollars	400.00
"	" Clerk to Custom House One hundred dols.	100.00
"	" Lght. House keeper One hund. and eighty dols.	180.00

Carried over.

Amount brot. over.

"	" Fortifications One thousand dollars	1.000.00
"	" Military Expenses. to be paid from fines One hundred dollars	100.00
"	" Salary of Boarding Master Two hundred dollars	200.00

The Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives for posting up the journals of both branches, each shall receive Twenty five dollars. 25.00

The Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives each shall receive three dollars and fifty cents per diem 3.50

The Engrossing and Enrolling Clerks of each House shall receive each per diem Two dollars sixty six and two thirds cents. 2.66 $\frac{2}{3}$

The Chaplain of each House shall receive two dollars per diem. 2.00

The Sergeant at Arms of each House shall receive per diem Two dollars sixty six and two third cents. 2.66 $\frac{2}{3}$

The Runner of each House shall receive One dollar thirty three and one third cents per diem. 1.33 $\frac{1}{3}$

The members of the Legislature shall each receive the amount of salary lay days each way and mileage as per An Act fixing the salary of members and officers of the Legislature passed during the Session of 1873 4.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive Twenty five dollars extra pay, and Hon. J. M. Horace, shall receive for extra services as President pro tem of the Senate, Twenty five dollars (\$ 25.00). Associate Justices to the Supreme Court, shall receive each (15ct.) fifteen cent per mile coming to and going from Supreme Court, and all officers and purposes not herein appropriated for shall from and after the passage of this act be suspended.

It is further enacted that the President be, and he is authorized and directed to draw warrants for the payments of money for the several departments and offices for the first quarter of the fiscal year 1879.

The foregoing appropriated sums shall be paid from the revenue arising from duties Imports and Exports, Light and Anchorage dues. Foreign and domestic taxes (except Excise Taxes) Tonnage, Fines and all other sources of internal revenue, and from all monies now in the Treasury or in any of the Sub Treasuries.

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

Approved February 8, 1878.

Joint Resolution removing Z. B. Roberts Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas Sinoe County.

Whereas it appears from the depositions of several witnesses, submitted to the House of Representatives during the adjudication of a matter of contest from Sinoe county that said Z. B. Roberts had been so unmindful of the high duties and dignity of his office and of his oath of office as to give money and value to persons to induce them to vote at the Biennial Election of May A. D. 1877. which act of the said Z. B. Roberts is gross violation of statutory and common law the same being "Bribery" at common law is thereby an act of corruption when committed by a judge, And whereas for other good, lawful and just causes to the Legislature known, them moving and as they wish to avoid an Impeachment of Public officers if evils in the nation can be otherwise corrected, Therefore.

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

Sec. 1. That the President of this Republic be and he is hereby memorialized addressed and directed for the causes above recited to remove from office as Judge of the Court of Quarter sessions and Common Pleas of Sinoe County, Z. B. Roberts, and nominate another.

Sec. 2. That this address pass the Senate and House of Representatives by a two third vote and constitute the Joint address provided for in the constitution for the removal of Judges.

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Joint Resolution removing John T. Richardson, Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia.

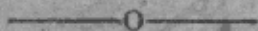
Whereas it appears that John T. Richardson, Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, Montserrado County, being unmindful of that high honor, integrity, and trust reposed in a Judge, did obtain and receive during the year 1877, from Benjamin J. K. Andeson Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia, the sum of sixteen hundred and eighty dollars [\$ 1680.00] in Dutiable obligations as Pension money, for a term of years commencing from 1840 and ending 1868, without any law to warrant said Pension being paid him, and in violation of the provisions of a special resolution passed by the Legislature at its session of 1867-8 and approved January 18th, 1868 for the special relief of the said John T. Richardson, granting him a pension of Sixty dollars [\$ 60] per annum from the date of its passage, which amounts to receiving money under False pretence, and is thereby Fraud and Corruption in a Judge, as well as numerous other good and sufficient reasons to the Legislature

known, and them moving, and whereas it is the duty of the Legislature to correct all such outrages upon the law and the rights of the people; and to preserve a pure Bench, and to see that those whose duty it is to deal out justice, act justly and are not themselves transgressors of the laws, and whereas the Legislature desire at all times to avoid an Impeachment when consistent. Therefore:—

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President is hereby addressed and memorialized, for the causes above recited, to remove from office the said John T. Richardson Judge as afore-said, and nominate another.

It is further resolved that this Joint address pass the Senate and House of Representatives of this Republic by a two third vote, as provided for in the Constitution for the same.



Whereas the late President Roberts of Liberia in company with a large number of other citizens of Liberia upon an examination of certain upheavings of the earth and otherwise in the Bassa section of the Republic; discovered an extensive bed of marble stone as well as rich specimen of gold copper platina, which might prove to be (if worked) a great benefit to the Republic of Liberia. And whereas it is the present wish of the Government and people of Liberia to invite improvements for the development of the rich resources of the country therefore.

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

Sec. 1. That the President of Liberia is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with any person or persons to work, cut, or blast out the marble stone discovered by the said President Roberts under the following conditions.

Sec. 2. The person or persons so contracting shall be permitted to work and cut out marble within a space of three miles square and no more for a term not exceeding twenty one years. All marble stone so worked and cut out may be shipped by the person or persons under contract with the Government or their agents. Nevertheless any citizen of Liberia may have the liberty to purchase of the contractors of the marble aforesaid such quantities as he or they may wish for use in the country at fifty per cent less than is paid for rough or undressed and unpolished marble in the United States or England.