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Resolution recommending an Amendment to the Constitution of Liberia.

Whereas under the present Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, the Executive power is prohibited from granting pardons in cases of impeachment, and offenders in high places can only be reached and punished by resort to actions of impeachment ; and yet as a young and growing people, it is not conducive to the well being and best interest of this Republic to be fettered with the common law practice of other nations, in such cases, which make the judgment irreversible : Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled,—and passed by the concurrence of two thirds of the members of each branch of the Legislature, That the following shall form the last paragraph of the first section of Article III to wit : Any person or persons who has or have been impeached, or who may be impeached hereafter for any official misconduct in office, or for high crimes and misdemeanors, within this Republic, shall be privileged after the expiration of seven years from the time of impeachment to petition the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia for restoration to all the rights and privileges of any other good citizens. And should it appear to the Legislature that the person or persons thus petitioning has or have shown sufficient evidence of reformation and repentance, then and in that case the Legislature may by joint Resolution, to be adopted by a two third vote of the members of each branch of the Legislature, restore and grant unto the person or persons petitioning, all the rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed to all other good citizens. Resolved further, that this amendment to the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia pass each branch by a two third vote as required by the second section of Article II of the Constitution ; and that the said amendment be submitted to the people for their vote at the biennial election to be held in May 1879 in the several counties of this Republic ;

and the ballots shall be written Adoption or no Adoption.

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A Resolution tendering the Thanks of the Government and people of Liberia to Mr Edward S. Morris for his devotedness and zeal in behalf of Liberia.

David Bathing Johnson

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

Sec 1 That Mr. Edward S. Morris of Philadelphia is entitled to the thanks of the Government and people of Liberia which are hereby tendered to him, for his energy devotedness and zeal in behalf of Liberia at the American Centennial Exhibition in 1876, especially for his indefatigable efforts and printed publications to disseminate a knowledge of the excellent and Superior qualities of the Liberian Coffee : and the President is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Edward S. Morris as a tribute of our thanks to him for his labor in behalf of Liberia.

Approved Dec. 18th 1879,

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An Act establishing and fixing an export duty on Coffee Scions and dried Coffee,

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 persons, whether Liberian citizens or foreigners, who may desire to export Seed-Coffee hulled, green, or dried, shall be required to pay a duty of one dollar and fifty cents (1.50) for each and every bushel ; and if unhulled, on every bushel fifty cents [50] and on each and every scion exported, there shall be collected five cents [.05] on each plant ; and on all trees whether bearing berries or not, a duty of fifty cents [50] each, and on all dried and clean coffee intended for table purposes, there shall be assessed and collected a duty of one quarter of a cent ($\frac{1}{4}$) on each pound so exported.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that it shall be the duty of any person or persons who may desire to export hulled or unhulled Coffee seeds, green or dried, to report the same to a Collector of Customs, whose duty it shall be to instruct the Wharfingers to examine into the correctness of said report, and if found correct, said wharfinger shall certify the same, and upon which certificate the Collector of Customs

shall assess the export duty as is provided for in the first section of this Act, and for any violation of any of the provisions of this Act by any exporters the offender or offenders upon being convicted before any Court having competent jurisdiction, shall forfeit and pay into the Treasury of the Republic, or any of the Sub Treasuries, a sum of not less than One hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and on failure to pay said fine, with all costs of prosecution, to be imprisoned in the common jail in irons for a term of not less than three calender years. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Dec. 26, 1878.

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Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to have reprinted five hundred copies of the compiled Statute Laws of the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas it is evident from the repeated application of citizens throughout the Republic for the Statute Laws of Liberia, and the impossibility of their being supplied, and to prevent parties from being convicted by repealed acts—
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 State, shall have struck off Five hundred copies of the printed Statute Laws of the Republic of Liberia for the use of Government.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of State shall deposit in the Treasury Department of Montserrado County—Two hundred copies; and the Sub-Treasurer's Department of Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland one hundred copies each, to be disposed of according to the laws governing the same.

Sec. 3. That the amount of Eighteen hundred dollars [\$ 1.800.00] be and the same is hereby appropriated for the performance of the same.

Sec. 4. And the President is hereby authorized to draw for the same on the Public Treasury for the monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Decr. 28, 1878.

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An Act for the relief of several citizens of Philadelphia, Maryland County who have sustained the loss of their property and have been deprived of their town lots on account of the late Grebo War in the year 1875.

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 fully authorized to instruct the Superintendent of Maryland County to have surveyed and laid off in town lots, all that portion of land lying and being on the South side and opposite of Mount Vaughan known as Jack's hill, for the benefit of the said citizens of Philadelphia to be exchanged for town lots in Philadelphia.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted that such individuals as have sustained the loss of their property, and sacrificed their lots shall appear before a Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid; and having made oath that he or they were citizens of the aforesaid settlement, and have sustained the loss of their lots on account of the unprotected state which they were in, shall receive certificates from the said Justice of Peace for the same.

Sec. 3. And it is further enacted that immediately after the survey of said lots, the parties shall be entitled to a deed, in fee simple on payment of the usual fees. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, Decr. 26, 1878.

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An Act incorporating the first Presbyterian Church of Greenville in 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 immediately after the passage of this Act, the first Presbyterian Church in Greenville, Sinoe County is hereby chartered, incorporated and declared to be a body, politic: that is to say, Louis Sherman, Stephen J. Crayton, Jacob J. Ross, Gibson H. Montgomery and Rufus Kennedy, Elders, Deacons and Trustees of the aforesaid Church and their successors in office is constituted a body, corporate and politic, to have perpetual succession by the name and style of Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church of Greenville Sinoe County, to have full power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, to take, hold possess, and enjoy Real and Personal Estate by grant, purchase, demise or otherwise, with full power to sell and convey the same whenever the circumstances of said corporate Body shall make it conducive to its interest, in any amount not exceeding One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and to have full right and privilege to do all other acts and things

usual to be done by similar bodies, corporate and politic
Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved Decr. 28, 1878.

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An Act chartering the City of Harper in Maryland County.

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

Sec. 1 That the inhabitants of the city of Harper, in the County of Maryland be and they are hereby considered a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of Mayor, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Freemen of the city of Harper, county of Maryland and by such name, and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and do all other acts that are usually done by such Corporate bodies.

Sec. 2. The Common Councilmen shall consist of nine members, residents of the City of Harper, of whom one shall be chairman.

3rd. The city of Harper shall have jurisdiction within the Corporate bounds of said city. The corporate bounds shall be one mile in width and two miles in length, running in a direct line from the west extremity of West Harper to Wilson's hill on East Harper.

Sec. 4th. The corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to make and fulfil contracts, and take and hold real and personal Estate to the value of Twenty thousand dollars [\$ 20.000] and levy all such taxes as may be necessary for City purposes ; shall pass all necessary Municipal laws and ordinances : said Body politic, shall have full power to settle its own rules of proceedings ; to appoint its own officers, regulate its own fees, and and other necessary acts, not incompatible with the general laws of this Republic.

Sec. 5th All ordinances and municipal laws established by the Common Council shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Mayor ; if disapproved, his objections shall be made to the Common Council within three days, and if not returned within said three days such delay shall be equal to approval, provided however such delay be not occasioned by the adjournment of the Common Council. The Common Council may, nevertheless, by a two third vote of its members, pass any law independent of the Mayor' s approval.

Sec. 6th. The first Election of city officers shall take place on the first monday in March, Eighteen hundred and seventy nine (1879) and all other Elections shall take place on the second monday in April in each year (excepting the Mayor who shall be elected biennially and shall be conducted a ccor-

ding to the laws governing Elections for the state officers under such modifications and restrictions as the Common Council may ordain. The elective officers shall be one Mayor, four aldermen and nine common councilmen, all of whom shall hold their offices for the term of one year; excepting the Mayor, who shall hold his office for the term of two years unless vacated by resignation, removal or death. Vacancies may be supplied by special elections to be ordered by the Common Councilmen. No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor who is not a resident of the City of Harper, and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of Five hundred dollars. No person shall be a common councilman who is not a resident of said city and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of Two hundred dollars.

Sec. 7th. There shall be a city court which shall be composed of three Aldermen one of whom shall be Chairman, whose duty it shall be to try and determine all cases coming into the same, except such as may be taken therefrom by appeals as is hereafter provided for. The aldermen shall, within the precincts of the city, exercise the functions of a Justice of the Peace whose duty it shall be to try and determine all petty offenses, and appeals may be had from their decisions to the city court and from which appeals may also be had to the county court. The city court shall by its own clerk, keep detailed Records of all matters and things which shall come before it, in a book or books provided for that purpose, which when full shall be delivered to the Secretary of State for preservation among the Archives of this Republic.

Sec. 8th. The common council shall hold its first session on the first Monday in April. All impeachments of officers shall be made to the Mayor, who may if said impeachments be sufficiently grounded, suspend such officer or officers until the next ensuing session of the council which shall try all impeachments.

Sec. 9th. The Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council shall have power to lay out new streets, highways and public walks or parks and shall have power to appoint inspectors of all produce exported from the city, together with inspectors of weights and measures.

Sec. 10th The Mayor of said city shall be chief Executive Magistrate thereof, and it shall be his duty to be vigilant and active in causing the laws thereof to be executed and enforced, and he shall be conservator of the peace within said City. He shall recommend to the city council at its regular Session all such measures as in his opinion would enhance the condition of the Streets, avenues, Highways and public walks of the same as well as to point out all nuisances of what-

ever kind and recommend measures for their removal. He may when actually necessary for the preservation of the public peace, or for suppression of mobs, riots, quarrelling or insurrection of whatever nature, order out the Militia which shall by force of arms, compel such insurrectionists to obedience. The Mayor alone being responsible for the abuse of his power.

Sec. 11th. If this Charter or any of its provisions shall be found inconvenient or inadequate in any respect the same may be revoked, altered or supplemented on representation properly made by said City authorities by petition to the Legislature of Liberia.

Sec. 12th. This Charter and its provisions shall go into effect on the first monday in March, Eighteen hundred and seventy nine [1879.] Any law or Charter to the contrary be, and the same is hereby repealed

Approved December 27th. 1879.

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

That the following articles of concession, Stipulations, and Agreements of a Railway project from Monrovia to Musardu in the county of Montserrado be the concessions, stipulations and agreements by and between the Republic of Liberia of the one part and Henry Charles Criswick, and Robert Acton Burnell, both of London, England of the other part, viz :

Art. 1st. There is conceded to Henry Charles Criswick and Robert Acton Burnell, the right of constructing, and working entirely at their own costs, risks and dangers a line of Railway from the town of Monrovia to the town of Musardu in the Republic of Liberia.

Art. 2nd. The line must be surveyed and the works commenced within four years from the date of the concession.

Art. 3rd. The Concession is granted subject to the observance of the laws of the Republic, and will last ninety years from the commencement of the Railway, the Government having the right to purchase the Railway on equitable terms after the expiration of thirty years; the Government also reserving to itself the exclusive right to supervise the rates charged for freight and travel.

Art. 4th. The Concessionaries or their deputies shall be exempted from all import duties or taxes of what kind soever during the construction of said Railway, on all rails, engines, locomotives, carriages, bridges, rolling stock and all other materials and Machinery for the use of said Railway. The mails to be carried upon terms to be agreed upon; troops and

munitions of war to be carried and returned free of charge.

Art. 5th. The government of the Republic of Liberia will furnish from the public domain the necessary land for the Railway free of cost.

Art. 6th. The line will be generally as indicated on the plan accompanying, and will be a light line on the three [3] feet guage ; but the Concessionaries will be allowed to make such deviation or alterations as they may find necessary for the benefit of the Company.

Art. 7th. The Concessionaries are to have the option of constructing all farther Railways that may be projected in the Republic : provided nevertheless, nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the Government of the Republic ; of Liberia from granting to any other Company or individual the privilege of constructing Railways within the Republic.

Art. 8th. Should any unforeseen circumstances arise which should hinder the commencement of the work at the time stated above, the President may grant an extension of time.

Art. 9th. It shall be in the power of the concessionaries to form any company they may determine for the construction and working of the said line, provided nevertheless nothing herein shall be so construed as to include merchantile establishments or transactions.

Art. 10th. The Capital of the company to be formed shall not exceed one and a half millions of pounds sterling which may be issued partly in shares and partly in Debentures as the Concessionaires may determine.

Approved January 11th. 1879.

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An Act to create and incorporate a philanthropic Order to be styled The Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption.

The Legislature of the Republic of Liberia in recognition of the Providence of God, Creator of all, shown towards the founders of the Nation, and of their duty to acknowledge the magnanimity of those Sovereigns and Republics that have shown favors and friendship to the Republic, and further, in appreciation of those signal and distinguished services rendered by those filling our official stations in other lands, as well as of those Philanthropists and Benefactors to Humanity, who, through their charities or personal co-operation, have redeemed many from Slavery, and by extending Civilization in Africa are daily breaking the chains of ignorance and superstition that have for centuries bound our brethren while they were held in mental and spiritual darkness in the conception of which they are

debted, and are grateful to Signior Francisco Senmarti y' Bruges, of Barcelona, Spain, Liberian Charge d'Affairs and Consul General—Therefore:

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 an Order to be styled, The Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption be and the same is constituted a Body politic and corporate, and the following Articles shall govern the organization of said body. In their proper name they may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and do and perform all other Acts that are usual for said bodies corporate and politic.

Art. 1 Francisco Senmarti y' Bruges and others who now or may hereafter be associated with him, do institute an association to be composed of humane men and women, under the name of The Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption, having for its object the glory of God in the civilization of the African tribes within and in the neighborhood of Liberia.

Art. 2 The distinction of the Order shall consist of a decoration of sixty milimetres in diameter, representing a star with five points, white enamelled, surrounded by golden lines, in the centre a field of gold encircled by a wreath of green laurel leaves; in the centre of the field of gold a cross of dark wood colour, on the one side of which is to be represented a male and on the other side a female, of the African race; outside of the circle of laurels and half surrounding on the lower side, to be a chain of fetters,—the whole to be closed in by a crown of laurels. The reverse side will contain in the centre the Liberian coat-of-arms, in natural colours bordered with the words of the national motto. This medal or insignia is to be worn suspended from a small ribbon of silk of the Liberian national colours, that is to say, six red, and five white perpendicular stripes, bordered by one on each side of turkish blue.

Art. 3rd. The Order shall consist of three classes. First, Great Band. Second Knight, Commander. Third, Official.

The first class will be considered a dignity of the Order, and the decoration will be worn by a band of one hundred milimetres broad across the breast, from the left shoulder to the waist; the cross of the medal or insignia in the form of a doubly large star; the medal to be worn on the left breast.

The second class will be distinguished by wearing the medal suspended from a band of sixty milimetres in breadth to be worn around the neck.

The third class will be distinguished by wearing the medal or insignia suspended from a band of forty five mili-

metres in breadth, to be worn in the left button hole of the coat.

Art. 4th. The Council of the order is to be composed of five individuals, two from Monrovia, and one from each of the leeward counties, viz: Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland, besides a Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Council to keep a record of all persons, who are members of the Order, to administer its funds and to elect its officers. The President of the Republic will name the members of the Council, and they shall be entitled to a small annual remuneration from the funds produced by the order. The fees to be paid into the Treasury of the Order on becoming a member, shall be:

A member of the 1st. Class	\$ 200. gold
" " " " 2nd. Do.	" 50. C.
" " " " 3rd. "	" 30. "

These amounts are to be paid down on delivery of the diploma of the membership. However, representatives of the Republic abroad may be forwarded diplomas on becoming members and be held responsible to remit the amount due the class of which he becomes a member. For valuable or extraordinary services in behalf of Humanity or in the interest of Africa's redemption by any person, he or she may be a member; and the President of the Republic is authorized to exempt such person or persons from paying the fee usually required. Diplomas of membership are to be signed by the President of Liberia, countersigned by the Secretary of State, and registered by the President of the Council.

Art. 5th. The funds of the Order, besides meeting the expenses referred to in previous sections, shall be used for the purpose of civilizing and christianizing native Africans within and in the neighborhood of Liberia. The Government of Liberia will decide the mode or manner of distributing the funds.

Art. 6th. The President of Liberia shall be entitled to the the first dignity of the Order, the Vice President to the second. A president or vice president of the Republic, or any person having held either of these offices, becoming a member of the Order shall be entitled to be a member for life.

These Articles or any part of them may be altered, amended or abrogated as may best meet the interest of the Order; provided however that no change shall be made that may conflict with the Constitution or laws of Liberia, or that may divert the funds from the objects herein stated.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 13th, 1879.

H. L. Jackson

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An Act amendatory and Supplementary to an Act regulating the payment of Duties passed and approved February 8th, 1878.

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 twenty eight day of February A. D. 1879, that one tenth of the Revenue arising from Imports, shall be set aside for the purpose of liquidating foreign claims contracted in a foreign country.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that the one tenth of the Revenue agreeable to the provisions of the first section of this Act, shall be paid to the Collector of Customs in Palm Oil at forty cents per gallon; good solid billets of Camwood at four cents per pound, Palm Kernels at ninety cents per bushel of fifty six pounds and coffee at twenty cents per pound, or in gold or silver coin, Draft, or good Bills of Exchange.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted that in all cases where Drafts or Bills of Exchange shall be paid for any part of the Revenue, the person or persons paying the same, shall give Bond in double the amount of said Drafts or Bills of Exchange; that the same shall be honored or paid by the drawee or Endorser at the time limited on the face, for the payment of said Drafts or Bills of Exchange. No Draft shall be received by any Custom House or Treasury Officer unless the person or persons paying said Draft, shall endorse the same and give Bond as aforesaid.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted that every Drawer of a Bill of Exchange or the person endorsing the said Bill of Exchange shall be held responsible for all costs and charges on any Bill or Draft protested and returned to this Government dishonored or not paid.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted that the produce enumerated in the several sections of this act may be sold by the Secretary of the Treasury or the Collectors of Customs of the County of the respective ports of entry for Gold or Silver Coin, Drafts or Bills of Exchange on the terms and conditions specified in the fourth section; and shall pay the proceeds into the Treasury or Sub-Treasury subject to the order of the Secretary under the direction of the President in payment either in whole or in part of any foreign claim against the Republic of Liberia. All receipts for the sale of the produce above mentioned, shall read, "For account of liquidation of foreign claims," and the Treasurer and Sub-Treasurers shall keep a separate and distinct account of said liquidation fund.

Sec. 6. It is further enacted, that in case the person or persons paying produce cannot furnish caskage or bags, the

Secretary of the Treasury or the Collectors of Customs of the respective Counties are hereby authorized to purchase, the same at the lowest market prices, or order out from England or elsewhere, a quantity for the use of the Government. And the Collectors of Customs under the directions of the Secretary of the Treasury as aforesaid are hereby authorized to rent a suitable House for the Storage of said produce and and to cause all casks to be properly and well coopered in all respects as the merchant could or would do, for shipping; at the expense of government. All vouchers for Bills, for rents, or cooperage, to be audited and paid in the like manner as all other Bills against the Republic of Liberia. And in all cases where the said produce can not be sold in Liberia, the same may be shipped to a foreign Port, to be sold to the best advantage for the benefit of the Republic of Liberia, the proceeds thereof to be remitted to the Republic or paid on any claim against the Republic, to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury countersigned by the President under the seal of the Republic of Liberia.

Sec. 7. It is further enacted, that the following Penal Bond shall be the form for the sale of all Produce for Drafts or Bills of Exchange.

FORM.

Know all men by these Presents: That I, C. D. principal and W. F. Surety do owe unto the Republic of Liberia at the Port——in the County of——the sum of \$——to be paid to the said Republic of Liberia with interest, Cost and charges on a certain Draft, or Bill of Exchange No.——drawn by me (or any one else) and endorsed by——and bearing date——on or before the——next; for the which payment, well and truly to be made we bind ourselves severally, and individually or either of us, our heirs, executors and Administrators in the sum of \$——firmly by these Presents:

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this——day of——in the year of our Lord 18——

Witness

R. Doe.

C. D.

W. F.

Sec. 8. It is further enacted that so much of the act entitled "an act to repeal an act authorizing Specific Duties on certain articles imported into the Republic &c, regulating the payment of duties passed and approved February 8th, 1878, and all laws and parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed

Approved January 5th, 1879.

Resolution Authorizing the President to locate immigrants.

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

Sec. 1st That the President is authorized to locate all companies of immigrants to Liberia in the Several Counties equally.

Sec. 2nd. Resolved further that the Sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of the foregoing Resolution. Any law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany 11th 1879.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to negotiate with any Merchant or Merchants, Foreign or Liberian to pay the English Postage Claim.

Whereas from the repeated reports of the Postmaster General that there is an amount of three hundred and fifty seven pounds, seven shillings one and a quarter penny £ 357-7- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ postage dues, and whereas there have been repeated demands for said dues: Therefore be it 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 under the direction of the President to negotiate with any merchant or merchants Foreign or Liberian to pay the aforesaid Postage Claim, the sum of three hundred and fifty seven pounds, seven shillings one and a quarter penny £ 357-7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$, or its equivalent of Seventeen hundred and fifteen dollars and thirty one cents \$ 1,715,31 in coin.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall be further empowered to allow said sum so paid or raised, to be deducted out of the duties arising from imports and exports at a percentage of not more than seventeen [17] per cent. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Jany. 11th. 1879.

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Resolution providing for the payment of the species of money commonly called and known as Debentures.

Whereas the Government from circumstances has issued a

number of scripts known as Debentures, and whereas it was deemed advisable by the last Session of the Legislature to have the said papers audited, so that the Government might have a knowledge of the number that is in the hands of the citizens and whereas this object has been met through the Auditor's report

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

That the President be and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered to instruct the Secretary of the Treasury, that on presentation of said Debentures by the holders, he is to authorize the Auditor to pass on them, and if found genuine, and drawn on account of loan services or any other legal services, said Auditor shall approve of them under the head of Outstanding, which shall be paid out of the general appropriation for this year in a similar way to other debts. This Resolution excludes the payment of J. T. Richardson's and B. J. K. Anderson's. All laws and parts of laws conflicting with this resolution, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved Jany. 15th 1879.

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Resolution to restore James Munroe Curd, John Hunter, George W. Hardy, and others to Citizenship.

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

That being Satisfied that it is proper to relieve persons who are penitent for previous violation of law, J. M. Curd, John Hunter, George W. Hardy, John T. Emory Lewis Bowie, Lewis Hardy and Barth W. Morris be from and after the passage of this resolution restored to all the rights privileges and immunities of every good citizen of this Republic.

Approved Jany 15th 1879.

An Act granting to Peter Herring an annual stipend, and establishing a school in the vicinity of his tribe and other tribes adjacent in the Bassa County in Grand Bassa County.

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

Sec. 1st That from and after the passage of this Act, that the sum of One hundred dollars is allowed and appropriated annually as a stipend for Peter Herring, a Chieftain of one of the Bassa tribes in said County provided, that he shall cause his people to pay a tax of one dollar per "*capita*" to be paid by all the males of the age of twenty one years and upwards annually, said amount to be collected under the direction of the superintendent of Grand Bassa County and to be paid into the Sub Treasury of the same.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that a school shall be established in the vicinity of the said Peter Herring's tribe, and other tribes adjacent in Grand Bassa County within three months after the publishing of this act by the Superintendent under the express direction of the President, as to the teachers of said school and whose salary shall not exceed the sum of Three hundred dollars per annum: the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated annually, to carry out the provisions of this Act. Any law or parts of law conflicting with this Statute is hereby abrogated.

Approved January 11th, 1879.

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An Act to repeal certain portions of the Act authorizing specific duties on certain articles imported into the Republic of Liberia, and the collection of the same, and regulating the payment of duties on imports." Approved February 8th. 1878.

Whereas during the past fiscal year certain portions of the above recited Act have been found to be entirely inoperative and ambiguous, and whereas after due deliberation it is the opinion of the Legislature that the clauses should be repealed. Therefore it is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

Sec. 1. That Section 4th, of the above recited Act be so altered and amended as to read—It is further enacted for the better security of the collection of the Revenue it shall be the duty of the Importer to present according to the provisions of this Act his, her or their Bills-of-lading, and original invoices, 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 Treasurers 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 receipts in duplicate, one of which shall be presented by the Importer or Importers to the Collector of the Port, whose duty it shall be to forward the same to the Comptroller's office; and further, it shall be the imperative duty of all importers and exporters to present to the Collector within twelve hours, after the receipt; their invoices or the export of their produce agreeable to the foregoing provision of this section: and further, all original invoices shall be verified by the Liberian Consul of the Port and signed by him with his official signature: and further, it shall be the imperative duty of all Importers to make oath that the invoice presented is the only one that he, she or they has or have; and if at any time an other should come to hand the same will be presented to the said Collector.

Sec. 2 That from and after the (31st) thirty first day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and seventy nine (1879) the duties upon all goods, wares or merchandise imported into the Republic of Liberia, shall be levied, assessed and collected in the way and manner as herein after set forth: to wit—upon all leaf tobacco, five (5) cents per pound; upon all cut tobacco, six (6) cents per pound; on all gun powder, five (5) cent per pound; on all brass Kettles, pans neptanes and rods four (4) cents per pound; on all flint guns forty (40) cents each; on all percussion guns, sixty (60) cents each; on all flour in barrels of one hundred and ninety six (196) pounds fifty (50) cents each; on all flour in half barrels of ninety eight [98] pounds twenty five (25) cents each; on all trade Beef of two hundred 200 pounds per barrel one dollar (100) each; on all trade pork of two hundred [200] pounds, one dollar [1.00] each; on all trade beef and pork in Tierces of three hundred [300] pounds, one dollar and twenty five cents (1.25) per tirece; on all trade beef and pork in half barrel of one hundred (100) pounds, each fifty (50) cents; on all cutlasses, twelve cents and one half of a cent, [12½] per dozen; on all billhooks, twelve cents and one half of a cent (12½) per dozen; on all iron pots, ovens, tea kettles and frying pans eighty (80) cents per hundred weight, on all salt fish, of whatever description twenty five (25) cents for every hundred pounds; on all bacon, smoked or pickled, one (1) cent per pound; on all trade plates, four [4] cents per dozen; on all trade basins, ten [10] cents per dozen; on all alcoholic spirits containing not more than forty (40) per cent alcohol thirty seven cents and one half of a cent [37½] per gallon, and upon every additional degree or percentage of alcohol above forty (40) degrees, a percentage of ten [10] cents for each and every

uch additional degree ; and upon all and every other species of goods, wares or merchandise imported into the Republic of Liberia, twelve cents and one half cent [12½] ad-volorem, except transient traders, who shall pay the sum of nine [9] per cent upon the actual amount of sales of such goods, wares, or merchandise.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted that the sixth [6] section of the above recited act, that referred to the bonding of goods be repealed, expunged and form no part of said Act, provided, however, that all goods, wares and merchandise landed under the Act approved February 8th, 1878, shall remain in bond as though the Act be not repealed ; and the duties on the same shall be assessed, and collected after the manner set forth in said Act—Approved February 8th, 1878.

Sec. 4. That for the better carrying out of the provisions aforesaid for the collection of the Revenue due on spirituous liquors, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to place into the hands of the different Collectors of Customs two or more alcholic Hydrometers for testing spirits ; and all such spirituous liquors shall be landed and tested under the immediace supervision of the Collector of Customs. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15, 1876.

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An Act to amend An Act establishing the Judiciary and fixing the powers common to the several Courts.

It is enacted by the Sennate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled :

Sec. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act that the first Section of Article Second, that is so much as relates to the Jurisdiction of the Monthly Court as a Court of Common law jurisdiction be, and the same is hereby repealed and that the jursisdiction of the said Court shall be solely that of Probate, to be presided over by the Judge of said Monthly Court alone : That all the laws statutory or Common that relates to matters of Probate, shall be applicable and legally binding on said Court.

Sec. 2nd. That in all cases [Crimminal, or Civil] before a Justice of the Peace the party dissatisfied with the decision of the said Justice shall have a right to appeal forthwith to the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County in which said Justice resides giving sufficient bond to answer all costs in the Justice Court [The same to be asessed and added to the costs of the Court which renders the final decision] and to follow the case, the bond to to be approved by the Justice of

the Peace who tries the case.

Sec. 3rd. That when any Judge of a Court of Quarter Session of the Republic is interested in any cause coming on, in the Court of which he is Judge, as defendant, or in anywise a party, that the judge of the next Court nearly of the same jurisdiction shall be notified by the clerk of said Court, in which said cause is docketted, and Judge upon the reception of said notice from the clerk with the seal of office thereto attached, shall attend and preside in said court over that particular case, and all his acts shall be valid to all intents and purposes. He shall receive the sum of fifty cents (50. cts) per mile going and coming from his place of residence to the County in which said case is to be tried, to cover all necessary travelling expenses, said amount to be drawn out of the judiciary fund of the County in which said cause is to be tried.

Whensoever the Judge of the Probate Court is intrusted in any matter pending before said Court the Clerk thereof shall summon the nearest Magistrate having the oldest Commission to preside who shall be sworn in open Court, and whose acts shall be valid to all interests and purposes, said Magistrate shall receive the sum of Two Dollars (\$ 2.00) per diem and ten cents, (10 cts.) milage to and from home.

Sec. 4. That the Jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace in actions of debt shall be fifty dollars (\$ 50.), and that he shall have power in all actions of trespass to award an amount as damages not over Fifteen Dollars (\$15.) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15th, 1879.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCT. 1st. A. D. EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY EIGHT AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th. A. D. EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY NINE.

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 Do Six hundred dollars	600.00
" " "	Chief Justice, One thousand dollars	1,000.00
" " "	Secretary of State, One thousand dollars	1,000.00
" " "	Secretary of Treasury, One thousand dollars	1,000.00
" " "	Comptroller, Seven Hundred dollars	700.00
" " "	Attorney General, Seven Hundred dollars	700.00
" " "	Auditor, Seven Hundred dollars	700.00
" " "	Clerk to State Department three Hundred dollars	300.00
" " "	Treasury do., Three Hundred dollars	300.00
" " "	Private Clerk to President Three Hundred dollars	300.00
" " "	Butler Executive Mansion Two Hundred dollars	200.00
" " "	Runner do do., Sixty dollars	60.00
" " "	Do Treasury Department, Fifty dollars	50.00

Amt. carried forward \$ 9,410.00

Amount brot- over.	\$ 9 410.00
" " " State do., Fifty dollars	50.00
" " " Treasurer Republic of Liberia Five Hundred dollars	500.00
" " " Prep.Dpmt. Lib. Col Eight Hundred dols	800.00
Appropriation For Table Expenses Executive Mansion Eight Hundred dollars	800.00
" " " Contingent Genl Gov. Three thousand dollars	3000.00
" " " Expenses of Legislature, Thirteen thousand dollars out of which each Referee to be paid one hundred dollars	13000.00 100.00
" " " Repairs of Public Buildings, Four thousand dollars	4 000.00
" " " Light House Expenses, One hundred & fifty dollars	150.00
" " " Expenses Supreme Court One thousand dollars	1,000.00
" " " Associate Justices Supreme Court One thousand five hundred dollars	1,500.00
" " " Stationery Genl., Govt. Two hundred & fifty dollars	250.00
" " " Outstanding claims, Eight thousand dollars, out of which Mrs. M. A. Aenny Executrix of the Estate A. F. Johns is to receive Five Hundred dollars 500.00 on ac. deposit, and the estate of the late D. R. Fletcher M. D., One hundred and sixty eight dollars and eleven cents [168.11)	8000.00
" " Repair of Govt. Schr. Emmy Three thousand dollars	3000.00
" " Building Custom House Monrovia Three thousand dollars	3000.00
Salary " Post Master General Two Hun- dred dollars	200.00
Amt for Maintaining and enforcing peace and order on public high- way Eight thousand dollars	8000.00
" " Public Printing, Twelve Hundred dollars	1200.00

MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

Salary of Judge of Court Quarter Sess. & Com.

Carried over, \$ 48,560.00

Amount brot. over.		\$ 48 560.00
	Pleas Seven hundred dollars	700.00
"	" " Monthly & Probate Court, Three hundred dollars	300.00
"	" County Attorney, Five hundred dollars	500.00
"	" "District " Robertsport One hund. dols.	100.00
"	" " " " Careysburg, Sixty dollars	60.00
"	" " " " Marshall Seventy five dollars	75.00
"	" " Col. of Customs Monrovia, Six hundred dollars	600.00
"	" " Robertsport, One hundred & fifty dollars	150.00
"	" " Marshall, Seventy five dollars	75.00
Amt. for Surveying and Plotting. Eight hundred dols.		800.00
"	" " Chairman Provisional Mo. Court Roberts-port one hundred dols.	100.00
"	" " Do Prov. M. Court Marshall one hund. dollars.	100.00
"	" " Do Prov. M. Court Careysburg one hundred dollars	100.00
"	" Superintendent of Robertsport, Three hundred dollars.	300.00
"	" " Do Marshall One hund. and twenty five dol.	125.00
"	" " Commissary Monrovia, one hund. & fifty "	150.00
"	" " Commissary of Marshall Twenty five dollars	25.00
"	" " Jailor of Monrovia, Two hundred dollars	200.00
"	" " Light House Keeper, Two hundred dollars	200.00
"	" " The Judiciary, not including the Supreme Court Five thousand dollars.	5 000.00
"	" " Public Schools to be paid from taxes only Three thousand dollars.	3.000.00
"	" " Pensions, Eight Hundred dollars	800.00
"	" " Rents, Robertsport, Forty dollars	30.00
"	" " Treasurer's Office, Forty dollars	40.00
"	" " Interest on Deposits, One thousand dollars	1.00000
"	" " Outstanding Claims. Seven thousand dollars	7000.00
"	" " Clerk Custom House One hundred & twenty five dollars	125.00
"	" " Sub-Treasurer Robertsport, One Hundred dollars	100.00
"	" " Post Master, Monrovia, Seventy five dollars	75.00
Salary of	Sub-Treasurer, Marshall, Fifty dollars	50.00
Amt "	Contingent, Seven Hundred dollars	700.00
Do	Robertsport, one Hundred & fifty dollars	150.00
"	" Fortifications, Monrovia, Eight hundred dollars	800.00
Carried over.		\$ 72.090.00

Amount brot. over.	\$ 72.000.00
" " Military, to be paid from fines, One hundred & fifty dollars	150.00
" " Boarding Master, Two Hundred dollars	200.00
" " Superintendent Careyburg Seventy five dollars	75.00

GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

Salary Judge of the Court Quarter Sessions & Common Pleas, Seven hundred dols.	700.00
" " Mo. and Probate Courts, Three hundred dollars.	300.00
" Superintendent, Four hundred dollars	400.00
" Sub-Treasurer, Five hundred dollars	500.00
" The Auditor, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Collector Customs, Five hundred dollars	500.00
" " Post Master and Deputy Collector, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Jailor, One hundred and eighty dollars	180.00
" " Commissary, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
" " Clerk to Superintendent, One hund. dols.	100.00
" " Clerk to Custom House, One hundred and twenty five dollars	125.00
Amt. Judiciary, Four thousand dollars	4000.00
" Public Schools to be paid from taxes only, 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	1,000.00
" Inland Mail services, One hundred dollars	100.00
" Outstanding Claims, Four thousand dollars	4000.00
" Interest on Deposits, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" Surveying and Plotting, Six hundred dollars	600.00
" Fortville Road, Four hundred and fifty dollars	450.00
" Mrs. Morris' Estate to be received by E. Brumskin, Administrator, Seven hundred and fifty dollars and twenty cents	750.20
" " Military, to be paid from fines, One hundred dollars	100.00
Salary Boarding Master, Two hundred dollars	200.00
" County Attorney, Four hundred dollars	400.00
Carried over.	\$ 90.665.00

W. H. Johnson

Amt bro't forward

\$ 2,605.00

SINOE COUNTY.

Salary Judge of Quarterly Court & Common Pleas,	
Seven hundred dollars	700.00
" " Mo. & Probate Courts. Three hundred dols.	300.00
" Superintendent Four hundred dollars	400.00
" County Attorney, Four hundred dollars	400.00
" Collector Customs. Four hundred and fifty dols.	450.00
" Post Master, Twenty five dollars	25.00
" Auditor, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" 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 dols.	100.00
" do " Custom House, One hundred dols.	100.00
Amt. for Judiciary, Three thousand and five hundred dollars	3,500.00
" " Pensions, Two hundred dollars	200.00
" " Public Schools, to be paid from taxes only	
Two thousand dollars	2,000.00
" " Rents, Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Stationery, Seventy five dollars	75.00
" " Contingent, One thousand dollars	1,000.00
" " Interest on deposits, Two hundred dols.	200.00
" " Outstanding Claims, One thousand five hundred dollars	1,500.00
" " Surveying and Plotting, Six hund. dols.	600.00
" " Military, to be paid from fines, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
Salary " Boarding Master, Two hundred dollars	200.00

MARYLAND COUNTY.

Salary of Judge Court Quarter Session and Common Pleas, seven hundred dollars	\$ 700.00
" " " Monthly and Probate Courts, Three Hundred dollars	300.00
" " Superintendent. Four Hund. dol.	400.00
" " Postmaster, One Hundred dollars	100.00
" " Collector Customs, Four Hundred and fifty dollars	450.00
" " Auditor Three Hundred dollars	300.00
" " Commissary, One hundred and fifty dol.	150.00
" " Sub Treasurer Three hundred dollars	300.00
" " Jailor, One hundred and eighty dollars	180.00

Carried over.

\$ 106,545.00

Amount brot. over.		\$ 106.545.00
"	" Clerk to Superintendent One hund. dol.	100.00
"	" " " Custom House One hund. dol	100.00
"	" County Attorney. Four hund. dollars	400.00
Amt. for Judiciary, Two thousand five hund. dols.		2,500.00
"	" Public Schools, to be paid from taxes only, Eight hundred dollars	800.00
"	" Pensions, Three hundred dollars	200.00
"	" Rents, One hundred dollars	100.000
"	" Stationery, Seventy five dollars	75.000
"	" Contingent, Eight hundred dollars	800.000
"	" Outstanding Claims, One thousand five Hundred dollars	1,500.00
"	" Surveying and Plotting Two hund. dol.	200.00
"	" Fortification, Tubman town Five hundred dollars	500.00
"	" Light House Expenses, One hundred and fifty dollars	150.00
"	" Repairs Public Buildings, Five hundred dollars	500.00
"	" Fortifications, Five hundred dollars	500.00
"	" Military, to be paid from fines One hundred dollars	100.00
"	" Bridges over Creeks, Five hundred dollars	500.00
Salary	" Boarding Master. Two hundred dollars	200.00
"	" Light House Keeper, One hundred and eighty dollars	180.00
Sum Total.		\$ 115.550.00

The Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, for Posting up the Journals of both Branches shall receive each 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 day 3.50

The engrossing and Enrolling Clerk of each House, shall each receive, Two dollars sixty six and two third cents. 2 66 $\frac{2}{3}$

The Chaplain of each House shall receive Two dollars per day. 2.00

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

The Runner of each House shall receive One dollar thirty three and one third cent per day. 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.

Associate Justices of the Supreme Court shall receive fifteen cents [15c] per mile coming to and going from the Supreme Court and all officers and purposes not herein appropriated for shall from and after the passage of the Act, be Suspended.

It is further enacted that the President be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw Warrants for the payments of money by the several departments and offices for the first quarter of the Fiscal year 1880.

The foregoing appropriated Sums shall be paid from the revenue arising from duties Import and Export, 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 and parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved Jany 15th. 1879.

ERRATA.

On page 4th for Dec. 18th 1879 read 1878.

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" " 19 " January 15th 1876 read 1879.

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