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Joint Resolution reviving the Interior Department, and the Act providing for the education and incorporation of the Aborigines.

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

Sec. 1st That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the "Act creating an Interior Department," approved January 23rd 1869, and the "Act providing for the Education and Incorporation of the Aborigines," approved January 23rd 1869, be so altered and amended as to repeal that portion of the second Section of the, "Act creating an Interior Department," that reads, "Land Commissioners over all Marshals, Clerks and other officers of the Court" "over all Commissioner of Buildings"—also clause fourth of Section 3rd of the above Act be repealed. It is further resolved that the Act, as so amended, be revived and enforced, and that the necessary appropriation be made to carry the same into effect—any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 1st 1880.

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Resolution reimbursing Lieutenant Commander J. S. Harris L. N.

Whereas Lieutenant Commander John S. Harris, of the Liberian Navy has petitioned the Legislature for the payment of monies that he feels is justly due him for services that he has, and still feels himself in duty bound to render to the Government of Liberia ; and whereas he has repeatedly called upon the proper officers for remuneration and has failed to receive compensation :—Therefore,

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

That from, and after, the passage of this Resolution, the

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Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to John Simpson Harris, Lieutenant Commander of the Liberian Navy the sum of one hundred and fifty six dollars and seventy five cents (\$ 156.75) being amount due him during the year 1879.—

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 1st, 1880.

A Resolution reviving the Charter of the City of Buchanan in the County of Grand-Bassa.

Whereas the inhabitants of the City of Buchanan have petitioned the present Legislature to revive the Charter of said City, Therefore;—

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 Resolution that the Act "Incorporating and Chartering the City of Buchanan Grand Bassa," passed during the Session 1860, be and the same is hereby revived.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 1st, 1880.

Resolution restoring J. A. Neal and Major Tubman of Maryland County to Citizenship and repealing the second section of the Resolution Approved January 22nd., 1870 for the relief of Cata Sims of Montserrat County.

Whereas J. A. Neal and Major Tubman of Maryland County were indicted, tried and convicted in the Court of Common Pleas and Quarterly Sessions, for a misdemeanor, and were in consequence, deprived by law of the privileges of Citizenship; Therefore;—

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

Sec. 1st. That Joshua A. Neal and Major Tubman, be and they are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of all other good citizens of this Republic.

Sec. 2nd. It is further Resolved, that the 2nd. Section of

the Resolution approved Jany. 22nd. 1870 for the relief of Cato Sims of Montserrado County, be and the same is hereby repealed. —

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by a two third vote of the Legislature, notwithstanding the President's veto, January 12th. 1880.

Resolution restricting the President to conform to a certain rule touching resignations of accounting officials of this Government.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and forever after the passage of this Resolution it shall be unlawful for any President or Superintendent to accept of a resignation or resignations tendered by any revenue, receiving, or disbursing officer of this Government, before his accounts shall have been properly audited and found correct.

Sec. 2nd. That any President, or Superintendent, violating the provisions of the first section of this Resolution shall be deemed guilty of malfeasance in office and shall suffer the usual penalty of maladministration in office. —

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by two third vote of the Legislature, notwithstanding the President's veto, January 12th 1880.

An act for the relief of the Government

WHEREAS, owing to the inadequacy of the Revenue to meet the demands of the Country, the Government experiences great inconvenience:—AND WHEREAS it appears absolutely necessary to consolidate the Public Debt.—THEREFORE,

It is enacted 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; all Debentures, checks or any other papers representing legal claims against the Government, excepting the currency demand notes, shall be consolidated, and bonds given to their holders, as receipts for the amounts so deposited in the Treas-

ary of the Republic, upon which an interest of six per cent per annum shall be paid to the depositor in the legal tender of the country; namely, gold, silver and copper coin, or currency demand notes. The Bonds to be redeemed at the expiration of ten years; the Government of Liberia reserving to itself the right to redeem the Bonds at any time after three years.

SEC. 2nd. *It is further enacted*:—that all persons holding checks, Debentures or any papers representing legal claims against the Government are required to present them at the Treasury Department before the thirty-first day of March, Anno Domini, Eighteen hundred and eighty and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to execute a bond for the same under the seal of office, countersigned by the Comptroller;—said bonds shall be prepared by the Secretary of the Treasury under the direction of the Attorney General, numbered and duly recorded categorically, in the books of the Treasury Department by the Comptroller. And in the leeward Counties, all holders of representations of Government indebtedness as required in the 1st. Section of this Act, shall be allowed to deposit the same in the respective Sub-Treasuries of the counties in which they reside; taking the Sub-Treasurer's receipt in duplicate;—said Sub-Treasurer shall forward the amounts so deposited to the Secretary and the holder shall forward the original receipt to the Secretary of the Treasury who shall issue to the holder (upon presentation of the Sub-Treasurer's receipt) Bond or Bonds as required by the depositor as is provided for in this Section.

SEC. 3rd. *It is further enacted*:—that from and immediately after the passage of this act, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to negotiate loans of currency from any merchants or other citizens in the country, for which an interest of (8) eight per cent, per annum shall be paid, and if a sufficient amount to meet the necessary expenses of the Government cannot be obtained by such loans, then, in that case the Secretary of the Treasury under the direction of the President is hereby authorized to issue fifty thousand dollars in currency demand notes, to be issued as follows;—three thousand dollars of said amount to be issued in fractional currency say in notes of five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cents, the remainder to be issued in bills of the following denominations say ten, five, three, two and one dollar notes omitting on the face of said notes the words, "Gold and silver coin" to be signed by the Secretary of the Treasury and countersigned by the Treasurer of the Republic of Liberia, and also the further sum of twenty thousand dollars in copper coin.

SEC. 4th. *It is further enacted*:—that from and after the thirty-first day of March A. D. 1880 all duties on imports and exports shall be paid in Gold, silver, and copper coin, or Cur-

rency demand notes:— Provided nevertheless, nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent any *resident merchant* from giving a gold draft on his business house, said merchant being hable for all expenses and for damages incurred from protestation and non-payment of said draft.

SEC. 5. *It is further enacted*:—that any receiving or disbursing officer of the revenues of this Republic, who shall after the thirty-first day of March A. D. 1880, receive or pay out moneys other than that enumerated in the 4th Section of this act or any scrip representing such moneys shall be deemed guilty of a high Misdemeanor, and on conviction of the same before any competent court of the Republic shall be imprisoned for a period of not less than one year, nor more than three years, and pay a fine of not less than three hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollar with all costs of prosecution.

SEC. 6th. *And it is further enacted*:—that any officer or officers of this Government, who from, and after the 31st day of January A. D. 1880, shall issue or cause to be issued any species or representations of, or substitutes for moneys or peremptorily command any collecting officer or officers to receive any species of money other than those kinds enumerated in the 4th. Section of this Act shall be deemed guilty of *High Misdemeanor* and on conviction before the Legislature or before any court of competent jurisdiction, said offender or offenders shall refund the amount so issued or ordered to be issued and shall also be imprisoned in the common jail in irons for any term not exceeding three years nor less than one year; procedure in such case shall be by bill of information filed by the Attorney General or District Attorney, or by indictment of the Grand Jury.

In all cases where the conviction is before the Legislature the same shall be the evidence or basis to found said information or indictment.

SEC. 7th. *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, January 12th. 1880.

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Supplementaray Act to An Act for the Relief of Government.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and after the 31st. day of March 1880 it shall be unlawful for any Superintendent or other officer

and officers to issue any order on any Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer directing him or them to pay any moneys unless it is positively known to such officers so drawing that there are sufficient funds in the Treasury or Sub Treasuries to meet or cover such orders. And further no such orders shall be issued except upon authority of the warrant issued on account of the appropriation by the the Legislature. And further any officer failing to comply with the provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction before any Court of competent jurisdiction, shall be imprisoned for a term of not more than three; nor less than one year. Such person so convicted being compelled to make good all cost of prosecution.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Passed into law by limitation, Jannary 17th. 1880

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Joint Resolution of thanks to the Government of the United States of America, and an expression of gratitude to Commodore R. W. Shufeldt, U. S. N.

Whereas the Government of the United States of America, at the request of the Governments of Great Britain and Liberia, readily consented to act as Umpire in the settlement of the Liberian North West Boundary Question and appointed Commodore R. W. Shufeldt, U. S. N. of the Flagship "Ticonderoga" to act on their part in the adjustment of the Liberian North West Boundary—called in question by the English Government—and in view of the remarkable patience with which the Commodore and his officers waited upon the movements of the commissioners to their adjournment,

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

Sec. 1st. That the Legislature of Liberia, by this resolution tender their thanks and the thanks of the People of Liberia to the President of the United States, and to the American Nation, for the cheerful manner in which they accepted the joint solicitation of the Governments of England and Liberia to use their good offices as Umpire, as well as for their choice of so able a naval officer as Commodore Shufeldt to perform this important Mission.

Resolved, That the Government of Liberia express their entire satisfaction with the efforts of the Commodore to have a final and satisfactory adjustment of this vexed question; and they would record their gratitude to Commodore R. W. Shufeldt, U. S. N., and his gallant officers.—

Approved January. 17th. 1880.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend 'An Act Establishing the Judiciary and fixing the powers common to the several Courts:—"

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

Sec. 1. In all cases of debt or contract wherein a specific performance is not sought to be compelled, and in all actions of Damages, except those that are excepted in the tenth section of the second chapter, of the Legal Forms and principles laid down in the statutes of Liberia published A. D. 1856, the Plaintiff may commence his action by filing his complaint with an affidavit, made by the Plaintiff or his Attorney, stating the sum due to him or the injury he has received, and the damages he believe he has sustained thereby; that he fears he shall not be able, without an attachment, to obtain security for his debt or damages—he shall then be entitled to an attachment; said affidavit shall be according to the forms found on Page 266 of the compiled statutes above mentioned inserting however after the word "fears" these words "that he will not be able to obtain security for his debt or damages without an attachment." The affidavit shall be signed by the deponent before the justice of the Peace taking the same.

Sec. 2. From and after the passage of this Act, the term of the several Courts of Quarter Sessions shall commence ten days after the close of previous session of each court and shall continue until ten days after the adjournment of the session of said Court.

Sec. 3. All Plaintiffs who shall commence their actions by writs of attachment shall be required to first give good and sufficient Bond and security that he or they will indemnify the defendant for all injury that he may sustain growing out of said attachment, should the Plaintiff fail to prosecute successfully his case.—The amount of bail shall in all cases be equal to the amount laid in the attachment.

Sec. 4. *It is further enacted:—*that the Monthly Court's Civil Jurisdiction is hereby restored.—That is to say, in all cases of debt where the amount does not exceed two hundred dollars and is not less than fifty dollars, said Court shall have original jurisdiction to try and dispose of the same according to the law and facts, parties having their right to appeal if desired. And the time to be allowed upon all judgments in actions of debt in Justices Court where the amount is above thirty dollars and do not exceed fifty dollars shall be six months the party giving sufficient bond and security to be approved by the Justice of the Peace or a Bail Commissioner.

Sec. 5. it shall be the duty of the judges of the Probate Court in the several counties to appoint Judges and clerks of Elections in accordance with section 3rd. of the Act ap-

proved January 29th. 1870 entitled "An amendatory act to 'An Act establishing the judiciary and fixing the powers common to the several Courts.'"

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty, of any defendant or defendants, desiring a change of venue in addition to the oath required by the Act regulating change of venue in Civil Cases to enter into sufficient recognizance with good sureties that he or they will follow the venue as changed, and will answer the Plaintiff in said Court to which the case is removed, and will indemnify him or them for all legal costs. All venue cases shall be regarded as privileged Cases by the Courts to which they are removed, and as such shall be entitled to precedence on the Docket and in the order of trial. All laws or parts of law conflicting with any of the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 15th, 1880.

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A Resolution for the special relief of Elizabeth A. Griggs, widow of the late Robert L. Griggs, of Grand Bassa County.

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 sum of one hundred dollars be annually appropriated for the benefit of Elizabeth A. Griggs, the widow of the late Robert L. Griggs, and his children, and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is authorized to pay the same out of any moneys in the Public Treasury.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th. 1880.

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An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to enter into arrangements for the striking off of Currency and Copper Coin.

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

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed and authorized to immediately enter into and confirm a contract with a reliable and trust-worthy Establishment either in Europe or the United States, under the supervision of the Representative of the Republic residing at the place where such Establishment is situated, for the purpose of striking off not more than (\$50,000) Fifty thousand dollars in Engraved notes.--Said notes to be in denominations as follows: say in five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cents fractional currency

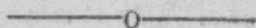
to the amount of three thousand dollars ;—as also an amount of Forty seven thousand dollars in notes of one, two, three, five and ten dollars; said notes to constitute the legal tender.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to have twenty thousand dollars in Copper Coin, said Coin to be in denominations of one and two cents with suitable devices thereon; said coin not to contain more than (50) fifty per cent in copper and the residue to be composed of a suitable alloy ;—said coin to constitute the legal tender of this Republic.

And further that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to furnish designs for the Engraved notes such designs being subject to the approval of the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th. 1880.



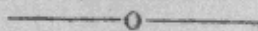
A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant Letters of Credit upon the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries of this Republic for moneys borrowed under the Act "An Act for the relief of Government."

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 of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized to give to the lenders of moneys borrowed under the Act "An Act for the Relief of Government," Letters of Credit upon the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries of this Republic stating distinctly for and on what account said Letter of Credit is given, and for no other purpose whatever, shall such letters of Credit be given under the pains and penalties of the above recited Act :—

Any law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 14th. 1880.



An Act to enable the Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Masons of the Republic of Liberia and its subordinate lodges to take, hold and convey real and personal estate.

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

Sec. 1. That William M. Davis, Grand Master, Thomas G. Fuller, Deputy Grand Master, James B. Yates, Senior, Grand Warden, Solomon C. Fuller, Junior Grand Warden, and all persons who now are, or may hereafter become

associated with them as officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Liberia; and James E. Moore, Master, James B. McGill, Senior Warden, Gabriel D. Moore, Junior Warden, and all persons who now are or may hereafter become associated with them as officers and members of the Oriental Lodge number 1 of Monrovia; and * * * George W. Dixon, Senior Warden, Daniel Ware, Junior Warden, and all other person who now are or may hereafter be associated with them as officers and members of Saint Paul's Lodge number 2. of the Saint Paul's River; and Robert A. M. Deputie, Master, William N. Williams, Senior Warden, James J. Morris, Junior warden, and all persons who now are or may hereafter become associated with them as officers and members of Saint Johns Lodge number 3. of Monrovia; and Jacob J. Ross, Master, Jacob C. Franze, Senior Warden, James N. Lewis, Junior warden, and all persons who now are or may hereafter be associated with them as officers and members of Excelsior Lodge number 4. of Greenville, Sinoe County; and Hamilton C. Russ, Master, Henry P. Hall, Senior Warden, * * * and all persons who now are or may hereafter be associated with them as officers and members of the Rising Sun Lodge number 5. of Grand Bassa County; and James M. Thompson, Master, Daniel F. Wilson, Senior warden, Samuel D. Ferguson, Junior Warden and all persons who now are or may hereafter be associated with them as officers and members of the Morning Star Lodge number 6 of Harper, Maryland County [the said six Lodges being subordinates of the said Grand Lodge, and working under charter and authority thereof] each of said Bodies by names and numbers, above given shall be capable of purchasing, taking, holding and conveying Real and Personal Estate for the purposes of such Lodge, not exceeding the clear annual value of Ten Thousand Dollars for each Lodge, and shall have perpetual succession of members and officers.

Sec. 2. It shall be lawful for the said Grand Lodge, and for each one of its subordinate Lodges, at any regular communication thereof held in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of said Grand Lodge or in accordance with the by-laws of the subordinate Lodge to elect three Trustees if not already elected prior to the passage of this Act, whose duty is shall be to take, hold and convey real and personal estate for the benefit of the Lodge so electing them, and according to the instructions given them by said Lodge, and made known to them in writing by the Secretary of said Lodge, under their seal [if the Lodge have a seal] provided such instruction be not contrary to any regulation of the Grand Lodge. Such Trustees, or those appointed prior to the passage of this Act and their successors, shall have power, under the instructions of their Lodge to prosecute and defend all suits, at law or equity when their

Lodge is a party. Said Trustees shall not have power to convey the real estate of their Lodge unless by a resolution of their Lodge adopted by the vote of two thirds of the members present at a regular communication after due notice shall have been given that such resolution is to be voted on; a copy of which resolution, with the name and Signature of the Secretary and the seal [if the Lodge have a seal] and attested by the presiding officer of the Lodge, shall be evidence of the authority of such Trustees to convey such real Estate.

Sec. 3. A certificate of the election of such Trustees, so first elected or of those already existing, shall be made by the Secretary of the Lodge and certified by the first three elective officers of the Lodge under their hands, stating therein the time and place of such election, the regularity thereof, the names of such Trustees, and the terms severally for which they are to serve and the name of the Lodge for which they are elected. The execution of such certificate shall be acknowledged before the clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, or before a Justice of the Peace, and the certificate of all subordinate Lodges shall also be endorsed by the Secretary of the Grand Lodge under the seal of said Grand Lodge, and the same shall then be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. Such Trustees and their successors shall hereupon be and become entitled to all the benefits, rights and privileges granted by this Act to and for the use and behoof of said Lodge, and a copy of said certificate certified by the Secretary of State shall be evidence of the right of said Trustees to exercise all the rights and privileges conferred by this Act. The Secretary of State shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar for such certified copy.

Sec. 4. The persons so first elected and those now acting as Trustees shall be divided by lot by said officers making said certificate, so that the term of one shall expire on the day of the festival of St. John the Evangelist next after such division is made and another in one year, and the third in two years after the expiration of the term of such first trustee. One Trustees shall annually thereafter prior to the expiration of the term of office of said Trustees and their successors be elected by each Lodge by ballot in the same manner and at the same term as the first three officers thereof severally are or shall be elected according to the Constitution, by laws and general regulations aforesaid and shall hold his office for three years, and a certificate of said election under the hands of said officers, and the seal of the Lodge [if they have one] shall be made and shall be evidence of said election and shall entitle said person so elected to act as Trustee. All such Trustees may continue in office until his or their Successors are duly elected and qualified to act. All vacancies arising in the office of Trustee from whatsoever cause,

may be filled in the manner above described at any regular Communication of the Lodge.

Sec. 5. Any subordinat Lodge of Free and accepted Masons which may hereafter be duly chartered by the authority and installed according to the general rules and regulations of the said Grand Lodge of the Republic of Liberia may have the benefit of this Act by electing their Trustees in the manner above described, and by filing in the office of the Secretary of State the certificate required in the third section of this Act.

Sec. 6. Should any subordinate Lodge belonging to the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge become extinct by having its charter withdrawn by said Grand Lodge or by any other lawful means, it shall be lawful for the members of said Lodge to dispose of their Seal and personal property in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge; but the furniture jewels and archives of such subordinate Lodge shall revert to and be delivered up to said Grand Lodge without delay.

Sec. 7. This Act shall be deemed a public Act, and be benignly construed in all courts and places to effectuate the objects thereof.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding
Approved January 15th. 1880.

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Supplementary Act to "An Act for the relief of Government."

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 31st. day of March 1880 it shall be unlawful for any Superintendent or other officer and officers to issue any order on any Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer directing him or them to pay any moneys unless it is positively known to such officers so drawing that there are sufficient funds in the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries to meet or cover such orders—*And further* no such orders shall be issued except upon authority of the warrant issued on account of Appropriations by the Legislature.—

And further any officer failing to comply with the provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed guilty of Misdemeanour, and upon conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be imprisoned for a term of not more than three nor less than one year:—such person so convicted, being compelled to make good all costs of prosecution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed into law by limitation January 17th. 1880.

An Act to repeal "An Act to reduce the amount of paper Currency now in Circulation" approved February 7th 1878

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

Sec. 1. That the above recited Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to burn by fire all checks debentures and drafts upon the Revenue, that are now in the Treasury of the Republic, as well as all others that shall come into the Treasury from time to time said burning shall be had in the presence of the Auditor and Comptroller Quarterly, who shall certify at each burning what amount has been burnt said certificate shall be filed with the Treasurer of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed into law by Limitation January 19th. 1880.

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A Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to immediately pay over any and all monies now in his possession, or in the Treasury arising from the sale of produce paid on account of the one-tenth of the Revenue set aside for the liquidation of Foreign claims.

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

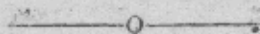
Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this resolution the Secretary of the Treasury shall immediately pay over to the British Post office and the United States Minister Resident any and all moneys gold or silver coin and bills of exchange or drafts now in his possession or in the Treasury arising from the sale of produce collected and paid in, on account of the one-tenth of the revenue before mentioned. One half of said money shall be paid to the British Post Office on account of our postal indebtedness and the remaining half to the United States Minister Resident and Consul General on account of the United States claim against the Republic.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall immediately dispose of all produce now in the hands of the different Collectors of Customs and not yet shipped to a foreign market for gold and silver coin or good and properly approved bills of exchange at as advantageous terms as he can obtain and he shall pay over the monies thus obtained in the manner and way before mentioned in the first Section.

Sec. 3. Upon the settlement of the postal claim against

this Republic the whole of the one-tenth of the revenue or monies accruing therefrom shall be paid in regular quarterly instalments to the United States Minister Resident on account of the United States claims before mentioned.—Any laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January. 17th. 1880.



Resolution authorizing the sale of the Government Vessel "EMMY"—

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

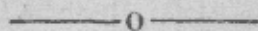
It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:—

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to have offered and sold at public auction the revenue vessel "EMMY" and all her boats, anchors, chains, gears, and riggings, spars and sails, for which purpose he may procure the services of some Auctioneer.

Sec. 2: *It is further resolved* that the Secretary of the Treasury may instruct the auctioneer to take in payment for the said vessel, currency, checks, or debentures; which said Auctioneer shall immediately pay into the Treasury or nearest Sub-Treasury, and present the certificate of the same to the Secretary of the Treasury.

And upon the sale five (5) per cent commission shall be paid the Auctioneer.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th. 1880.



Resolution to authorize the Board of Trustees of Liberia College to remove said Institution and Establish branches thereof in the Counties —

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

Sec 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution the Trustees of Liberia College are authorized and empowered to remove Liberia College from its present location to any other they may deem proper when ever they find it necessary to do so.

Sec. 2. That the Trustees of Liberia College are authorized further, to establish preparatory schools as branches of

said Institution in the several Counties of this Republic and to direct and control the same:—

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January. 17th. 1880.

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Resolution for the special relief of Richard Nelson.

Whereas Richard Nelson of Maryland County is entirely blind by the loss of both Eyes occasioned by the explosion of a Cannon while firing a National Salute in A. D. 1878 :—

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 Richard Nelson annually the sum of ninety six dollars, out of any moneys in the Public Treasury.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9th 1880

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Resolution authorizing the President to instruct the Superintendent of Maryland County to select a suitable town lot for the use of the Corporation of the City of Harper, on which to erect a Market House.

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the President be and he is hereby fully authorized to direct the Superintendent of Maryland County to select a town lot for the use of the Corporation of the City of Harper, from any not otherwise appropriated Public lands, within the Corporation.

Sec 2. *It is resolved* that the Act Chartering the City of Harper in Maryland County, approved December 27th. 1878 go into effect on the third Monday in March 1880; at which time the first election shall take place, and all other elections of City Officers shall take place on the Second Monday of April in each year.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9th. 1880.

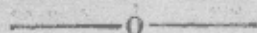
An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act amendatory and supplementary to an act regulating the payment of duties," passed and approved January 5th 1879.

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 one-tenth of the Revenue as set aside for the purpose of liquidating foreign claims contracted in Foreign Countries shall be paid in gold or silver coin or in good approved bills of Exchange only, no produce of any kind, sort or description shall be received in payment of the one-tenth before mentioned; and the Collectors of Customs shall, within four (4) days after they have received the said amount pay the same over to the Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer of this Republic who shall remit the same under warrant from the President to the Treasury Department. Any Collector of Customs or Sub-Treasurer who shall fail to comply with the provision of this first section shall be deemed guilty of official misconduct, and on conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined in a sum of not less than Two hundred dollars nor more than Five hundred and imprisonment in the common jail for a term of not more than three years nor less than one year.

Sec. 2. *It is further enacted* that so much of the Act entitled "An Act amendatory and supplementary to an act regulating the payment of duties," passed and approved January 5th. 1879, and all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, January 17th. 1880.



Joint Resolution of thanks to the Liberian members of the Mixed Commission on the Liberian North West Boundary Question.

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

That the sincere and hearty thanks of the Government of Liberia be, and are hereby tendered to the Honorable William M. Davis and John W. Worrell late Liberian Commissioners, and to Alfred B. King, late Liberian Secretary to the Mixed Commission for the faithful services rendered in connection with the Liberian North West Boundary Question.

Approved January 17th. 1880.

A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant Letters of credit upon the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries of this Republic for moneys borrowed under the act "An Act for the Relief of Government."

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 of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized to give the lenders of moneys borrowed under the Act, "An Act for the Relief of Government," Letters of Credit upon the Treasury or any Sub-Treasury of this Republic, stating distinctly for and on what account said Letter of Credit is given and for no other purpose whatever shall such letters of credit be given under the pains and penalties of the above recited Act.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th. 1880.

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A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State of the Republic of Liberia to solicit the kind offices of the United States of America as well as all other Nations with whom the Republic of Liberia is in Treaty Stipulations in reference to the North Western Boundary Question.

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

The Secretary of State of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized and directed in behalf of the Legislature and all the people of Liberia to solicit the kind offices of the Government of the United States of America, as well as those of all other Nations with whom Liberia is in Treaty Stipulations; and that a copy of the Report of the Committee on Foreign affairs in reference to the North Western Boundary Question be forwarded with the same.

Approved January 17th. 1880.

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An Act providing for and restricting the payment of Import and Export duties in each County of this Republic.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, all Captains, Supercargoes, Agents, or owners of any and all foreign vessel or vessels who shall transact or do any mercantile business in this Republic, the duties on all goods or wares imported and landed from said vessel or vessels shall be

paid in each county respectively and at the Port where such vessel or vessels may be entered, that is to say the duties accruing from the sale of such goods or wares shall not be assessed and collected in advance of goods or merchandise to be carried or transhipped by said captain, supercargo or owner to any other Port of this Republic, but that the Collector of Customs of the Port where such vessel or vessels may be entered shall assess the duties upon so much of the goods or merchandise and no more which may be landed, and at no time shall it be lawful for any Collector, Treasurer or Sub Treasurer of this Republic to receive or acknowledge any receipt or certificate to the effect that the duties on said goods landed or sold have been prepaid in another county.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that all Liberian or Foreign Merchants who may have established factories or houses in the several Counties of this Republic and who may intermediately ship goods or merchandise from one factory to another, the agent or agents acting in his or their stead and to whom said goods are consigned shall be required to pay the duties on the same; and to hand in to the collector of customs invoice or bill of all goods so received, written in the English language whereupon the Collector shall assess the lawful duties in the same manner as all other consignments, provided however that in every case where the duties have been paid on goods landed at one port and transhipped to another port in this Republic, he or they shall be entitled to a drawback for the amount of duties previously paid.

Sec. 3rd. That the export duties on all palm oil palm kernels or produce of whatever kind which by standing laws of this Republic are dutiable, shipped intermediately by any owner agent or agents out of any of the Ports where the same was purchased, all such owner, agent or agents shall pay the export duties thereon.

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

Approved January 20th. 1880.

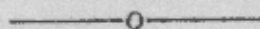
Joint Resolution authorizing the publication of the proceedings and correspondence relating to the North West Boundary.

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

The Secretary of State is hereby authorized and empowered to prepare and have published as early as possible, the whole correspondence on the North West Boundary Question, and the proceedings of the sittings of the Mixed Com-

mission authorized to investigate, adjudicate and settle the Question definitely as well as the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Senate and Joint Resolution to solicit the kind offices of the United States and other Governments with copies of the above papers are hereby authorized to be published.

Approved January 20th. 1880



A Joint Resolution fixing the day of the adjournment of First Session of the Seventeenth Legislature.

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

That the first Session of the Seventeenth Legislature adjourn *sine die* on Tuesday the 20th. day of January A. D. 1880.

Approved January 20th. 1880.

An Act incorporating the A. M. E. Zion Church of Brewersville, in the County of Montserrado.

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 A. M. E. Zion Church of Brewersville in the county of Montserrado, is hereby chartered, incorporated, and declared to be a body politic, that is to say—Andrew Cartwright Pastor, Joseph Ash, Samuel Barker, Samuel Warner, Henry Chesson, George Moore, Peter Duhart, Charles Alexander, and Joseph Phelps, Trustees and Stewards of the aforesaid church, and their successors in office, are constituted a body separate and politic, to have perpetual succession by the name of the A. M. E. Zion Church; to take, hold possess and enjoy real and personal Estate by grant, purchase, demise, or otherwise.

Sec. 2. That the said Corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; before any Court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal Estate to the amount of Twenty five thousand dollars (\$ 25,000) 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, January 14. 1880