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An Act restoring sundry persons to the rights and privileges of citizenship.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this act, Alexander Moulton, James W. Stephens of Maryland County, George Williams, G. W. Smith and Edward J. Skipwith of Montserrado County, and John Priest of Sinoe County, be and they are hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Decr. 31st, 1884.

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An Act repealing an act entitled an act for the relief of Government, passed and approved January 11th, 1884, and providing for the payment of Bonds issued under the act of the Legislature and approved January 12th, 1880.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this act, the first section of the above cited act requiring the defacing of one half of the Currency paid into the Treasuries of this Republic is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that one fourth of all the currency paid into the Treasuries of this Republic shall be for the payment of the Bonds issued under the act entitled an Act for the relief of Government approved January 12, 1880. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to redeem the Bonds with the one fourth of all the Currency paid into the Treasuries and reserved for the payment of said Bonds.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Decr. 31, 1884.

A Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to L. C. Sherman the sum of one hundred and thirty one dollars.

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

SEC. 1. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and instructed to reimburse Ex-Collector L. C. Sherman, of the Port of Sinoe, the sum of one hundred and thirty one dollars out of any money not otherwise appropriated; said amount he having been compelled to pay into the Sub-Treasury of Sinoe for allowing a discount of 5 per cent, on Liquor imported in said County by the firm of A. Woermann.

Approved Decr. 31, 1884.

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An Act amendatory to the fifth section of an act for the relief of Government approved January 12, 1880.

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 Judicial and Military fines, Taxes on real property, Poll taxes, land sales, and all License (except the license for Importation or retail of liquor) shall be paid in Audited Bills in all cases where the person or persons cannot or has not the gold or Liberian Currency to pay, all of said audited Bills thus redeemed shall be written across on the face of said Bills in large letters REDEEMED as well as signed officially by the receiving officer, and in no case shall the officer collecting or receiving said audited Bills issue the same by way of change to any person; but all such bills shall be labelled and sent to the Secretary of the Treasury for destruction,

Any law or parts of law conflicting with this act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved Decr. 31 1884.

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A Resolution authorizing a discount of 5 per cent to all importers of Liquor into this Republic.

It is 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 it shall be lawful for any Collector of Customs to allow to any person or persons importing liquors into this Republic, a discount of 5 per cent; that is, on all gin in cases, and rum in demijohns.

Sec. 2nd. The meaning of the first section of the above recited resolution shall not be so construed as to allow any discount on any gin in cases and on any rum in demijohns that may have been opened and refilled by the importer.

Sec. 3rd. That in case the importer of any liquor prefer to open and fill such cases or demijohns, to receiving the 5 per cent discount, in all such cases the Wharfinger shall superintend such refilling and report to the Collector of Customs the result of such refilling.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Decr. 31, 1884.

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An Act amendatory to the ninth Section of an act to regulate the Militia, and defining the duties of the General.

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

SEC. 1. That where it reads in the fourth line "To be composed of a General and two or more Staff officers," to read, To be composed of the Brigadier General and two or more Field officers.

SEC. 2. Should it become necessary to cite Field officers of a Regiment distant from the Capital, the said officers so cited shall receive ten cents per mile to and from home in addition to their usual pay as members of the General Court Martial.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Brigadier General, under the direction of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to visit the Counties once during each year, for review and inspection of the Regiments; and delinquents on occasions of such reviews and inspections shall be subject to the fines and penalties as govern similar cases on Regimental Parades. The General shall make such reports to the Commander-in-Chief of the condition of the Regiments and make such recommendations as he may deem necessary for the advancement of the Militia. For which services in addition to the pay regulated by law for the General, he shall receive ten cents mileage to and from home.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that the pay of the officers attending the General Court Martial, shall be per diem as follows:

The President shall receive per diem Five Dollars; the members of the board, Judge Advocate and ministerial officer shall receive each three dollars per diem, the Clerk or Judge Advocate's assistant shall receive two dollars per diem, the guards shall receive each one dollar and twenty five cents per diem, to be paid from Military fines collected.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Decr. 31, 1884.

An Act in respect to certain officers, reports.

Whereas there are certain public officers whose duties it is to collect moneys growing out of fines, forfeitures, taxes &c., and to make reports of the same to the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions of each County respectively, and whereas the statute does not provide the means whereby the Secretary of the Treasury will be correctly and duly informed of the payment of said sums of moneys into the respective Sub-Treasuries of this Republic; and whereas the official information given to the Secretary of the Treasury aforesaid ought to be independent of the reports that may be made periodically by the respective Sub-Treasurers of this Republic. Therefore,

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, all persons whose duty it is to report to the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, the amount or amounts of moneys that they may have paid into the respective Sub-Treasuries aforesaid, shall also deliver under the direction of the Court aforesaid, to the Clerk of said Court an authentic copy of their reports and it shall be the duty of said Clerks to note the said reports on the records of the Court, and the said Clerks under their official signature and seal of Court shall forward said report or reports immediately after the adjournment of each Quarterly Court to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. The Clerks referred to in the first section of this act shall receive for noting each report on the record the fee regulated by the Statute for every recognizance, and it is further enacted that the several reports made to the Quarterly Court under the provision of the first section of this act shall be when filed in the Clerk's office considered as one quarter's report, which said Clerk shall forward to the Secy. of the Treasury under the seal and signature of the Court and shall receive for such report one dollar and twenty five cents and no more.

It is further enacted that all laws or parts of laws conflicting with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved Jany. 1. 1885.

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An Act supplementary to an act amendatory to an act, entitled an act creating an Interior Department.

Whereas an increase of the inadequate finance of the Republic is indispensable to its prosperity and whereas a regular and uninterrupted intercourse between our seaboard and Interior domains would be the means of increasing the revenue

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by resuscitating our commercial and agricultural interest ; Therefore ;

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

Sec. 1, That from and immediately after the passage of this act all moneys appropriated for and on account of public Highways, and stipends to Native Chiefs, shall be under the direct control of the Secretary of the Interior, and the same shall be paid out, by the Secretary of the Treasury from the Treasuries of this Republic only by orders drawn on him by the Secretary of the Interior, under warrant of the President and he the Secretary of the Interior shall report the disbursements or exhibit a true account of such moneys when requested by the President and report the same to the Legislature at their regular annual session.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Interior, under the provisions of the act, passed and approved Jany. 14, 1884, is hereby authorized and directed by and with the advice of the President to prepare and proceed during the present fiscal year interiorward as far back as he may deem practicable, to carry out as far as possible the provisions of said act, and a true and correct account of all transactions is to be kept and reported to the President, and to the Legislature.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 2. 1885.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the survey of the settlement of Brewerville.

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 Joint Resolution the President is hereby authorized and instructed to employ two competent Surveyors to survey and determine the correct boundary of the settlement of Brewerville.

Sec. 2. The sum of Three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provision of this act out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 2. 1885,

An act fixing the salary of the Collector of Customs of the Port of Niffou, in Sinou County, in the Republic of Liberia, under act of the Legislature approved Jany. 18th 1884.

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 Deputy Coll. of Customs for the Port of Niffou shall receive the sum of Three hundred dollars salary per annum and shall reside at said Port of Entry and Delivery ; and it is further enacted that he the said Deputy Collector of Customs shall also perform and discharge the duties of Wharfinger for said Port, for which services he shall receive in payment the commission now regulated by law for other regularly appointed Wharfingers of this Republic.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted, that the Deputy Collector be and he is hereby ordered to make quarterly report of his doings to the Collector of Customs of the Port of Greenville, who shall include the same in his report to the Treasury Department

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 2. 1885.

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An act for the encouragement of Agriculture, and authorizing and requesting the President to enter into, and conclude a commercial Treaty with the Government of the United States of America to mutually admit free of duty certain articles of merchandise as the agricultural interest of Liberia suffers from the heavy duties by the Tariff laws of the United States upon the Liberian products imported into that country. And as it is our belief that the United States Government, would admit into her ports certain articles of Liberian products free of duties, if the Liberian Government would also admit free of duties certain merchandise, the products of the United States.

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

Sec. 1. That the President be and he is hereby authorized and requested to enter into, and conclude with the United States Government, through the proper diplomatic Agent, a commercial Treaty, for the introducing into Liberia upon reciprocal terms, the following merchandise by American vessels and American traders free of duty viz :—Dry goods, i. e. cotton and wollen goods from the United States, provided the United States will allow upon the same terms Sugar, Molasses, Coffee and Ginger the products of Liberia.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that when the said Commercial Treaty shall have been executed, signed and sealed by the contracting parties, and ratified by them, it shall have the

force of law in the Republic of Liberia for the term of ten years.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved Jany. 2. 1885.

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An Act Legitimizing Daniel Warner of the County of Montserado, an illegitimate son of John J. Woodson.

Whereas John J. Woodson has petitioned the Legislature to legitimize unto him Daniel Warner, 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 Daniel Warner is legitimate son of the aforesaid John J. Woodson, of the aforesaid county, and shall have right to inherit from the said John J. Woodson as all other legal heirs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved Jany. 5th, 1885.

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An Act Legitimizing Josiah Abner Prosser of the County of Grand Bassa, an illegitimate son of William Henry Prosser.

Whereas William Henry Prosser has requested the Legislature to legitimize unto him Josiah Abner Prosser, 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 Josiah Abner Prosser is legitimate son of the aforesaid William Henry Prosser, of the aforesaid county, and shall have right to inherit from the said William Henry Prosser as all other legal heirs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved Jany. 5th, 1885.

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An Act restoring sundry persons to citizenship.

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

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Sec. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Richard A. Kennedy, Henry Cotton, Leonard Williams and William Anderson of Montserrado county, and J. F. Scotland and C. J. Adams of Maryland County, be and they are hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved Jany. 5th, 1885.

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An Act legitimizing George Henry Ash illegitimate son of Henry Ash, and adopted son of Isaac James Ash and Mary Catherine Ash, as legal heir and son of the aforesaid Isaac James Ash, and Mary Catherine Ash of the settlement of Clay-Ashland and County of Montserrado.

Whereas Isaac James Ash and Mary Catherine Ash have petitioned the Legislature to Legitimize unto them George Henry Ash, 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 George Henry Ash, illegitimate son of Henry Ash, is legitimate son and heir of the aforesaid Isaac James Ash and Mary Catherine Ash, and shall have right to inherit from them and their estate as all other legal heirs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved Jany. 5th 1885.

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Joint Resolution authorizing His Excellency the President to contract with Messrs H. Muller and Co., of Rotterdam, Holland, for the purchase of a Steam Gunboat.

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, that His Excellency the President be and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered to negotiate, on the best possible terms, with Messrs H. Muller and Co., of Rotterdam, for the purchase and delivery in Liberia of a Steam Gunboat of not more than two hundred tons burden.

Sec. 2nd. On the arrival of said Gunboat in Liberia,

she shall be immediately put in Commission as a revenue vessel under the name of the "REGULATOR," and it is hereby expressly understood that said vessel shall in no wise be used as a freight or passenger boat, nevertheless, the President and Vice President and members of the Cabinet may take free passage on said vessel while on official business.

All other Government officials shall pay the amount regulated by the Secretary of War and Navy for passage on said vessel.

Sec. 3rd. For the purchase, provisioning and navigation of the vessel out to Liberia the sum of Thirty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Public Treasuries not otherwise appropriated; and the President is authorized to draw warrants for the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.

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An Act establishing an additional Port of Entry and Delivery at the South West side of the mouth of the Cavally River in the County of Maryland.

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, the South West side of the mouth of the Cavally River, in the County of Maryland, for two miles square from the South Western side of the mouth of said river, be and the same is hereby declared a trading Port of Entry and Delivery, and all vessels, foreign and domestic, are permitted to call at said Port under the regulations now provided by law for other regular Ports of Entry in this Republic. All foreigners are also permitted to establish foreign houses and transact commercial business at said Port under the laws and regulations governing Ports of Entry and Delivery of this Republic.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that the President be authorized to appoint a suitable person to the office of Deputy Collector for said Port of Entry and Delivery, who shall reside at said Port of Entry and Delivery and whose duty shall be to discharge the regular duties now required by law of the Collector of Customs heretofore appointed in each of the counties of this Republic, with the exception that he shall make his report quarterly to the Collector of Customs at Harper, and he

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the said Deputy Collector of Customs shall receive a salary of three hundred dollars per annum. And it is further enacted that said Deputy Collector of Customs shall also perform and discharge the duties of Wharfinger, for which services he shall receive the commission now regulated by law for the payment of other regularly appointed Wharfingers of this Republic.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.

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A Resolution reviving and amending the Charter of the City of Greenville in the County of Sinou.

Whereas the inhabitants of the city of Greenville have petitioned the present Legislature to again put in force 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. 1. That from and after the passage of this act, the Act Incorporating and Chartering the City of Greenville in the County of Sinou passed during the session 1856, be and the same is hereby revived and subject to the following amendments.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that the second section of the aforesaid Act be so altered and amended as to read, The Common Council shall consist of five members, (instead of nine) and that the sixth section of the said Act be so altered and amended as to read, the elective officers shall be one Mayor, four Aldermen and five Common Councilmen, (instead of nine.)

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.

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Joint Resolution to incorporate a Female Institution in the Settlement of Brewerville, under the name and style of the "Garnet Memorial School."

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

Sec. 1. That H. R. W. Johnson, C. L. Parsons, R. H. Jackson, John O. Hayes, S. N. Williams, S. J. Campbell, J. S. Washington, W. D. Coleman, James M. Strother, B. K. McKeever and Spencer McMillan of the County of Montseriado, Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a body corporate and

politic, with perpetual suecession, by the name and style of the "Garnet Memorial School," and with power to take all property real and personal, that may have heretofore, or shall be hereafter, acquired by virtue of any devise or otherwise, and to hold or convey the same subject to the provisions of this Act. 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 or personal estate to the amount of Fifty thousand dollars (\$ 50,000).

SEC. 2. Resolved further that the grant of one hundred acres of land granted by A. F. Russell, late President of Liberia, to the said Garnet Memorial School is hereby confirmed, and that the Legislature of Liberia endow said institution with the sum of Three hundred dollars annually as an aid fund.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.

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A Joint Resolution restoring Iena Morris of the City of Greenville in the County of Sinou to the rights and privileges of other good citizens.

Whereas during the year 1860 or thereabout Iena Morris was convicted of a felony, and sentenced to imprisonment, and whereas since then he has shown great reform and is now a useful citizen of Sinou County, the people whereof having petitioned the Legislature for his restoration, Therefore :—

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution Iena Morris is hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Approved Jany. 8. 1885.

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An Act to incorporate the M. E. Church of Greenville, Sinou Co.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, William P. Kennedy, Jr., Z. B. Roberts, J. W. Draper, John Manns J. W. Bonner and J. L. Fuller, Pastor and Trustees, now worshipping in the M. E. Church, Greenville, Sinou County, and Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic to have a perpetual succession by the name

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of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenville, and with power to take, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant, purchase or otherwise, and to convey the same whenever the circumstances of said body shall make it conducive to its interest, in an amount not exceeding Two hundred thousand dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any courts of law or equity in this Republic, and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by such bodies corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.

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A Joint Resolution reimbursing the heirs of D. F. Smith and F. M. McGill, and G. R. McGill, for property lost by the burning of the house owned by the heirs of D. F. Smith, by the insurgents during the so-called rebellion in the County of Grand Bassa in the month of August, 1884.

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

Sec. 1. The Secretary shall execute an interest bearing Bond at 3 o/o to the heirs of Hon. D. F. Smith for the amount of Three thousand dollars (3,000) for damages they sustained in the destruction of their property, the said Bond to be paid within five years from the passage of this act.

Sec. 2. The Secy. of the Treasury is also authorized and directed to pay to Mrs. F. M. McGill the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) and G. R. McGill two hundred and fifty dollars (250) for their personal property lost in the destruction of the above recited house, out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.