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ACTS.

Whereas the bridge that was across the Big Creek in Maryland County between Tubman town and Philadelphia is entirely down, thereby rendering the way impassable during the rainy season-

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

SEC. 1. That there be appropriated Two hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of assisting the citizens of Maryland County in rebuilding said bridge.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

SEC. 1. That there be appropriated the sum of Five hundred dollars for the purpose of opening an interior road between Gorrannomah and Gouga for the benefit of trade, and for keeping peace on the Public Highway in said section in Cape Mount, Montserrado County.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of One hundred and Fifty dollars be appropriated to clean out Mi-ingar and Cabolia River. Also One Hundred dollars to clean out Gor-ranomnah Creek, Cape Mount.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

January 1890.

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A Joint Resolution making provision for the payment of the amount due Nelly Banks, Lilly Banks, Maria Banks and O. Banks.

Whereas William Douglas the Guardian of certain children named Nelly Banks, Lilly Banks, Maria Banks and O. Banks did deposit into the Treasury of this Republic the sum of Four hundred and thirty three dollars and sixty cents (\$ 433.60) which amount of money accrued from the Estate of Peter and Dilsey Banks, deceased parents of said Nelly, Lilly, Maria and O. Banks and whereas said children were not old enough to know of

and to understand the requirements of the law in respect to the Consolidation Act, at the time that said law was passed.

And whereas the said William Douglas Guardian of said children died before the passage of said Consolidation Act. And whereas Government officials have refused, and still refuse to pay unto said children said amount of money because of the disability placed thereon growing out of said Consolidation Act.

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 be and he is hereby authorized to order the payment of the amount that may be now due unto Nelly Banks, Lilly Banks, Maria Banks and O. Banks, accruing unto them as heirs of one Peter and Dilsey Banks late deceased.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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A Resolution removing the Interdict of Timbo.

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 Interdict placed on the Section of Country in Grand Bassa, known as Timbo, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

January 1890

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An Act creating a Humane Order to be styled The Liberia Order for saving Human Life.

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

SEC. 1. That to encourage the saving of Human Life on land or water within the Republic of Liberia, an Order is hereby instituted to be styled—The Liberia Order for saving Human Life: to be under the auspices of the Government.

SEC. 2. Any person saving the life of another and the facts coming to the knowledge of the Government, may be enrolled as a member of the Order, to be informed thereof through the Department of State. After twelve persons have been so enrolled they may convene and proceed to a permanent organization by the election of the proper Officers from among themselves; but the notice of enrollment of new members shall continue to be made by the Secretary of State on receiving due infor-

maison. Honorary members may be elected from foreign parts or appointed until a permanent organization is effected.

SEC. 3. The Order may strike off any number of Medals annually of any intrinsic value desired. The decoration or medal shall be a Maltese Cross surrounded by a wreath of laurels. On the obverse side, the Coat of Arms of Liberia may appear, while on the reverse side may be engraved the name of any one defraying the expenses necessary to the manufacture and engraving of said medal, or of the Order if done at the expense of the Order.

The Cross shall be suspended by a ribbon showing Turkish blue in the centre and Rose color on the outer edges.

SEC. 4. No more than four Medals can be conferred the same year, upon the persons most deserving the award, and under such regulations as may be adopted from time to time.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 8. 1890.



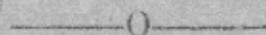
An Act amendatory and supplementary to the several Acts regulating the Judiciary.

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

SEC. 1. Any Judge of a Court of record wishing to be absent from his official duties on account of ill health without resigning his office, may be allowed such absence by applying to the President, and showing to his satisfaction by a certificate of a Physician, or otherwise, that such absence is necessary on account of his health; the President may then give him permission in writing, to be absent from his duty as such Judge for a time not to exceed one year; and he shall also instruct the Clerk of that Court to notify the nearest Judge of a Court of the same grade, whose own sessions are held at such a time, as will enable him to be present at the regular sessions of the Court to which he is called to sit in the place of such absent Judge, and for so doing, the Judge called shall be paid at the rate of Three Dollars per diem, and Fifteen cents per mile for each session of the Court in which he may preside. The Salary of the absent Judge to be suspended from the day that he receives his leave of absence.

All laws or parts of laws conflicting with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved January 14. 1890.



Resolution reimbursing C. A. White Sheriff of Grand Bassa County.

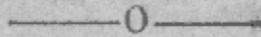
Whereas C. A. White Sheriff of the County of Grand Bassa has petitioned the Legislature for its clemency to re-imburse him in the sum of One hundred Dollars fine, paid by order of His Honor Associate Justice H. J. Neyle.

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 Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay Charles A. White of Grand Bassa County, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, being the amount paid by him on the 24th, day of August A. D. 1889.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Janry. 14. 1890.



An Act granting the Methodist Episcopal Church Mission in Montserrado County, on the Farmington River, at the place known as Mount Olive, Three Hundred Acres of Land.

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, Three Hundred Acres of land is hereby granted to the Methodist Episcopal Church Mission in Mount Olive, Montserrado County, to be used for Mission purposes.

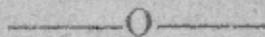
SEC. 2. It is further enacted. That if at any time after the grant of said land any minerals should be discovered on any portion of it, the Government shall have the exclusive right or disposal of said deposits.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted That the Land Commissioner for the County of Montserrado is hereby authorized to order the Land Surveyor to survey for said Mission, Three Hundred Acres of land not otherwise appropriated, near the Mission Station, they paying all expenses.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted That the said Mission shall have full power to enjoy and possess said land under the same regulations governing other Benevolent or similar Institutions within the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Janry. 14. 1890.



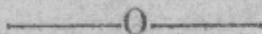
An Act Chartering the National Division No. 1. Philanthropic Order of Sons of Temperance of Maryland County.

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, E. J. Woods P. W. P, H. J. Bell, W. P, J. W. Gross, W. A, H. H. Harris. W. T, T. H, Lauder, T. S., W. A. Barnes, C., W. D. Greenfield, A. R. S., C. A. Tasso. C., C. H. Ridgly A. C., J. H. Stevens, J. S., P. W. Mitchell O. S., W. G. Mc Knight and others, Officers and members, who are now and may become members of the National Division No. 1. Philanthropic Order of Sons of Temperance of Maryland County, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic with the above name, and by that name shall have power to purchase and own real Estate and convey the same if required, to the amount of Three Thousand Dollars, shall be capable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and be privileged to make for their government, any laws or by-laws not repugnant to the general laws of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14. 1890.



An Act to grant certain Concessions for the Charter and Construction of a system of Railroads in the Republic of Liberia.

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

ARTICLE I.

There is hereby granted to F. F. Whittekin of the Borough of Tionesta State of Pennsylvania, United States of North America, for himself and associates, their heirs, successors or assigns, the right to construct, maintain and operate a system of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines in the Republic of Liberia from the principal cities and towns on the sea coast to the interior, together with such branches as may be from time to time required to fully develop the country through which the roads may pass as hereinafter provided for. The surveyors are to begin within two years from and after the passage of this Act. The right for construction shall cease with the thirty first (31st.) day of December A. D. 1910. The right of operation shall cease with the thirty first (31st.) day of December A. D. 1987. After the thirty first (31st.) day of December A. D. 1987 the Government may at its option, grant the right to operate the roads for another term of years or assume control of the roads for and on account of the Government, and if so assumed, the Government is to pay to the Concessionaire or other legal representatives, the then actual value of the roads and equipments to be ascertained by appraisements, the Government appointing an appraiser, the Concessionaire one, the two

thus chosen to choose the third, and their award to be final, from which amount is to be deducted the sum of Five Thousand (\$ 5000.00) dollars per kilometre of the entire length of road and branches which sum is to be regarded as the sums paid as subsidy as provided for in Article VI.

Should it be desired to construct more railroads than provided for in this Act, the same is to be a subject for further consideration and concession.

ARTICLE II.

There is hereby granted to the said Concessionaire the right to appropriate for the purpose of the railroad for its tracks sidings and all buildings and works adjunct thereto from the Public lands of the Republic a "right of way" one hundred (100) metres wide, and the lands of private individuals Twenty five (25) metres wide, said Public land to be free, but Private lands to be paid for, price to be fixed by agreement or by arbitration between the Concessionaire and the individual except such individuals be aborigines within the meaning of Section 14 of Article 5 of the Constitution in which case the matter shall be arranged by Government through the Department of the Interior. The Government reserves the right to grant the right of way to other Companies who may desire to cross the lines of the roads built by the said Concessionaire, but when such crossings are made either at, under or over grade, the crossing Company is to bear the entire expense of such crossing. When the lines of road of the said Concessionaire shall occupy any existing Public Road or Native path of travel, the Concessionaire is to supply one equally as good as the one appropriated and as near thereto as practicable. Should roads be built across the lines of road of said Concessionaire, it is to be without expense to him but he is to erect and maintain proper danger signals. When other railroads may cross the lines of said Concessionaire, said crossing road is to maintain a watchman at each such crossing if it be at grade.

ARTICLE III.

The guage of road shall not be less than thirty six [36] inches but may be wider. The rails shall be of steel and not less than twenty [20] tons per kilometre for the main line, and sixteen tons per kilometre for the branches. All to be well fastened and spiked, and all equipments to be adequate to the traffic required of it through the country through which the railroad may pass,

ARTICLE IV.

The concessionaire is to furnish free transportation to the Persons of the President of the Republic, to the Heads

of the Departments or Cabinet, to the Chief Officers of the Army and Navy, to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, to the Members of the Supreme Court and may issue such other free transportation as he may deem proper.

ARTICLE V.

All persons travelling for and on account of the Government, and all goods and munitions of war carried for and on account of the Government shall be carried at Fifty (50 o/o) per centum of the prices charged for other like service, Official telegrams shall be transmitted at like rate. The rate shall never exceed the following, passengers per kilometre 10 cents. Freight per ton car load lots per kilometre 10 cents. Freight per ton less than car load per kilometre 12 cents. Freight per 100 lb Local per kilometre 5 cents. Telegrams 10 words 100 kilometres or less 25 cents. Telephone 20 words 50 kilometres or less 25 cents. All mails shall be carried free for twenty years

ARTICLE VI.

Whenever the said concessionaire, his successors or assigns shall complete and open to the public use a section of ten (10) Kilometres of Railroad, the Government is to pay the said concessionaire, his successors or assigns the sum of Five Thousand (\$ 5000,00) Dollars per Kilometre in coined gold, or in default of the payment of coined gold the concessionaire is to be empowered to issue Bonds on the railroad and land grant hereinafter mentioned, to such an amount as may be necessary, from the sale of which he may secure the full sum of Five Thousand (\$ 5000.00) Dollars per Kilometre, which said Bonds shall run for a period of not less than Sixty (60) years from the date of issue, and be fully guaranteed both in principal and interest, and fully assumed by the Government of the Republic of Liberia, interest not to exceed seven (7) per centum per annum ; and a like sum, conditioned as above of Five Thousand (\$ 5000.00) Dollars per Kilometre for each succeeding section of ten (10) Kilometres, provided that not more than five (5) such sections, or fifty (50) Kilometres be built in any one year, but the concessionaire may construct more than fifty (50) Kilometres in one year, but the sections shall not be entitled to subsidy, until the proper year arrives in which such sections shall be entitled to receive said subsidy, when it shall be considered due and payable as provided for above, when in default of coined gold payment the concessionaire may issue the Bonds as above provided for, and in such amount as may be necessary to secure the sum of Five Thousand (\$ 5000.) Dollars per Kilometre, for all the road to which subsidy is due, said Bonds to be fully assumed by the Government in both principal and interest, and the concessionaire relieved of pay-

ment of any part of said Bonds. The prevailing prices of the Bonds shall be their quoted value in the money markets of the world; the highest quotation to govern.

The Government shall also convey by a good and sufficient title, to the concessionaire each alternate section of territory through which the roads may be built for the benefit of said roads, and extending back a distance of Fifteen [15] Kilometres on each side of the track, to be one Kilometre wide and fifteen Kilometres long, or each alternate square Kilometre as may be preferred by the Government, which hereby reserves therefrom one half of all valuable minerals from all of the granted lands, if the minerals shall be mined by the said concessionaire for constructive purposes in connection with the road. By "Constructive Purposes," as used in this Article, is meant the use of such minerals as are used in the Industrial world, and which shall include only such minerals as may be required for construction and repairs along the line of road and the equipment thereof, and fuel for engines and foundries, machine shops and bridging and other like work in connection with the Railroad and its equipment and operation, that is, Iron ore in all of its compounds, Zinc, Tin, Copper, Lead, Bismuth, Manganese, Hematite and Quicksilver, excluding Gold, Silver, Platinum and all minerals more valuable than Silver, and Precious Stones. But if mining is desired as a separate business, it is to be a subject for future consideration and concession, provided that no grant for mining upon any of the granted lands shall be made to any other Corporation, if the concessionaire will undertake the same upon equally favorable terms to the Government, and that such minerals as shall be mined shall be delivered to the Government in their crude state at the entrance of the mine, that is, the proportion falling to account of the Government. Also the Government reserves from said lands the right-of-way for two Public roads on each side of the right-of-way of the railroad, Fifty [50] metres wide, to be laid out by the Government Engineers as nearly parallel as may be with the Railroad, and with connecting roads as occasion may require. Should there be no such land along the line of the railroad, then the Government is to convey other land of equal value in some other part of the Republic as near as possible to the line of the roads built by the concessionaire. The Bonds referred to above shall be fully guaranteed by the Government at the date of issue, and the concessionaire or the railroad to be relieved from all further responsibility arising out of the conditional payment of the said Bonds, either principal or interest, or any part of said Bonds.

ARTICLE VII.

The concessionaire is to have the right to convey through the

Government of the Republic of Liberia the lands granted above to settlers of the Negro Race who will utilize them for legitimate purpose, but he agrees and is not to convey lands to, or to import any Chinese or Coolie labor in building the said roads.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Government shall appoint an Inspection Commission to see that these provisions in article 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 7th. are faithfully carried out.

ARTICLE IX.

The concessionaire or his Agents are to commence the survey within two years from and after he receives notification of the passage of this Act, or the of the signing of these Articles or these Articles are to be null and void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

ARTICLE X.

The franchise for construction to cease on the thirty first (31) day of December A. D. 1910 and all payment of subsidies to cease at that date. If further construction is desired by either the Government or concessionaire it is to be a subject for further consideration and further concession. These articles are therefore to limit construction to a length of road which shall not exceed one thousand and fifty (1050) Kilometres and a subsidy which shall not exceed Five millions two hundred and fifty thousand (\$ 5,250,000) Dollars in gold.

ARTICLE XI.

All materials, wares and tools shall be free of import duties or "port charges" provided such are intended for use on the Railroad or telegraph lines or for the workmen of the Company or concessionaire.

ARTICLE XII.

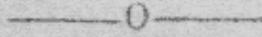
The Concessionaire may have any number of associates which shall have all the powers and privileges of the most favored private Corporations in the Republic.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Deeds and Titles given by the Concessionaire or his successors or assigns shall ever be held as sufficient to rest a title of possession in any person or company to whom they may convey except as above prohibited in Article 7. All property of the Concessionaire or his assigns to be free of Taxes for Twenty five (25) years if the Title remain with Concession-

aire or his assigns. The Concessionaire to use his influence in promoting immigration of persons of the Negro Race into this Republic.

Approved January 21 1890.



An Act granting the Protestant Episcopal Church in Sinoe County, One hundred acres of land for Missionary purposes.

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, one hundred acres of land is granted to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Sinoe County, situated on the East Bank of the Sinoe River near the St James Fall.

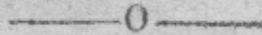
SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that the Land Commissioner for the County of Sinoe, is hereby authorized to order the Surveyor to survey for the said Church, One hundred acres of land out of any portion of said lands not otherwise appropriated, they paying all expenses.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the said parcel of land be deeded to, and held by the Wardens and Vestrymen of the said Church and their successors in office, for Mission purposes.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that if at any time after the grant of said land, any minerals should be discovered on any portion of it, the Government shall have the exclusive right of disposal of said deposit.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1890.



Resolution for the special relief of John W. Harland.

Whereas John W. Harland of Grand Bassa County is entirely blind occasioned by a shot received in the left eye in 1851, in war in Grand Bassa County.

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 Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to pay under warrant of the President to John W. Harland annually the sum of One hundred dollars pension, out of any money in the County fund of Grand Bassa.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1890.

An Act to incorporate the Baptist Union Sisters of Maryland County, Republic of Liberia.

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

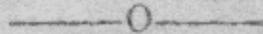
SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Mary-Lauder, Caroline Diggs, Margaret Brooks, Jeanette McIntosh, R. A. Moulton, A. B. Gibson, P. A. Tubman together with such others as now are or may hereafter become members of the Society called the Baptist Union Sisters of Maryland County, Republic of Liberia be, and they are hereby constituted a body Corporate and Politic under the name and style of the Baptist Union Sisters and shall be capable in law to receive hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars for the benefit of said Society and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members and may be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of law and equity in the Republic having jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that the said Society is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such By-laws, rules and regulations for their own government as they may deem expedient and necessary, provided such By-laws, rules and regulations are not repugnant to the laws or constitution of the Republic.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted. That the Land Commissioner for the County of Maryland be, and he is hereby authorized to order the Land Surveyor to survey for said Society, One Hundred Acres of land not otherwise appropriated, they paying all expenses.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1890.



An Act incorporating the Woman's Missionary Native Aid Society Grand Bassa County, Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, L. A. Morgan, C. A. Crusoe, E. L. Gross, H. J. Scott, all of the County of Grand Bassa, Republic of Liberia together with such others as now are or may hereafter become members of the Society called the Woman's Missionary Native Church Aid Society, Grand Bassa, Liberia be and they are hereby constituted to be a body Corporate and politic by the name of the Woman's Missionary Native Church Aid Society with power to take, hold and possess all property real and personal that they at present have or shall hereafter by grant, purchase

gift, demise or bequest, with full power to sell and convey the same subject to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2 The 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.

SEC. 3. That the said Corporation is hereby vested with power and authority to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for its own Government, and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies Corporate and politic as made and provided by law, not incompatible with the laws and constitution of the Republic.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted. That the Land Commissioner for the County of Grand Bassa is hereby authorized to order the Land Surveyor to survey for said Mission, Two Hundred acres of land on the St. John's River not otherwise appropriated, they paying all expense.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1890.

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An Act declaring the meaning of the 2nd. Section of the IVth, Article of the Constitution of Liberia, and defining the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court Judges under said Article.

Whereas a doubt exists in the minds of some people as to the true meaning of the language of the 2nd Section of Article IV of the Constitution, thereby giving rise to the issuing of Original writs in Actions of Habeas Corpus by the Judges of the Supreme Court, whereby the people are put to great expense and trouble, and which doubt ought to be removed,

Therefore ;

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the 2nd. Section of Article IV of the Constitution of Liberia shall be taken and held to mean, as formerly it was always held to mean, that the Supreme Court, and the individual Judges thereof shall have Original Jurisdiction, that is have power to issue original writs to commence a suit or action in law or in cases affecting Ambassadors or other public Ministers and Consuls, and those to which a County shall be a party.

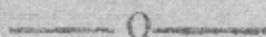
SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for the Supreme Court or any Judge or Judges thereof to issue any writ of Habeas Corpus, or any other Original Writ whereby a suit or action is commenced or to try or determine any such suit or action upon an original

writ so issued by him or them unless it be in one or other of the cases where they are authorized to take original jurisdiction by said IV Article so declared by this Act.

SEC. 3. Any Judge or Judges of said Supreme Court issuing the aforesaid writ or writs or trying the aforesaid cases contrary to the provisions of the Statute shall be demed guilty of high misdemeanor and on evidence thereof exhibited to the Chief Executive he shall suspend him or them from Office until he can lay the matter before the Legislature for their action, and such Judge or Judges shall also be liable in an action of damages to all parties against whom such writ or writs were issued.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1890.



An Act granting a Concession to Messrs Ellis Parr, Lathan Augustus Withall and Richard Pearson of London, England a concession to gather, collect and prepare Caoutchouc or Rubber and Gutta Percha within the Republic of Liberia and for other purposes.

Whereas certain proposals have been made to the Government of Liberia by George E. Parkinson representing Messrs Ellis Parr, Lathan Augustus Withall and Richard Pearson of London, England for the privilege of gathering, collecting and preparing Caoutchouc or Rubber and Gutta Percha and for other privileges connected therewith; and whereas said proposals have been favorably considered, 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 a concession is granted unto Messrs Ellis Parr, Lathan Augustus Withall and Richard Pearson of Liverpool England, for themselves and for others who shall join them, the sole right liberty and privilege of gathering, collecting and preparing the substance known as Caoutchouc, Rubber or Gum elastic and Gutta Percha in or on all public lands in this Republic except such reservations as shall be expressed in detail in an agreement hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, That should any portion of the public lands referred to in the previous section be required by the Government for any purposes of the State that is to say for allotment to emigrants, sale, bounty or other purposes the Concessionaires being so notified are to quit the same as early thereafter as possible.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted, That for the instruction of native labourers and the facilitation of the collection and prep-

aration of the products herein referred to the Concessionaires are granted the privilege of establishing depots in various parts of the Republic and of selecting five hundred acres of land in each County for this purpose out of any public lands.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted, That the said Concessionaires possess the privilege of felling timber for fuel and for building purposes.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted, That the right of building accommodation roads, bridges and wharves is hereby granted unto the said Concessionaires which roads, bridges and wharves shall be free to the use of the people without expense or charge. Nothing however in this Section shall be construed to mean that these roads &c, may be used by any person to the detriment of the Concessionaires.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted, That the Concessionaires shall have the right to import machinery and the appliances necessary to their business free of duty, any portion of which machinery or appliances may be landed at any part of the Coast nearest to or most convenient for them to reach the public lands granted them. A Customs Officer or duly authorized person must be applied for, however to supervise such landing and to see that the revenue laws are respected; Said supervision to be at the expense of the importers. This section shall not be construed to grant the privilege of landing goods, wares or merchandise at any other than the ports of entry and in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Liberia.

SEC. 7. It is further enacted, That the Concessionaires shall have the sole right of exporting all Caoutchouc or Rubber and Gutta Percha gathered or collected within this Republic.

SEC. 8. It is further enacted, That any violation of the foregoing section by any individual or individuals citizens or foreigner shall be deemed a misdemeanor punishable by fine in a sum not less than Five Hundred Dollars nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars by any Court having competent Jurisdiction and in default of payment, execution must be issued against the deferdant. Any such fine collected for violation of this Act shall be disposed of as follows: one third shall be paid to the informer, one third to the Concessionaires, and one third shall be paid into the Treasury of the Republic. Any one giving information of the violator of the previous section shall not be disqualified to appear as a witness in the case.

SEC. 9. It is further enacted, That all Caoutchouc or Rubber and all Gutta Percha intended by the said Concessionaires for export shall be by them shipped from the ports of entry of Liberia they observing in every case the shipping laws and Customs regulations of the Republic except that during the term of this Concession the Concessionaires shall not be required to pay any export duty—on said India Rubber or Gutta Percha.

SEC. 10. It is further enacted, That the President of Libe-

ria be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the parties herein referred to, or with their duly authorized Agent, specifying the Concession and reservations of this Act as well as the Bonus and royalty which are to be paid in gold agreed upon by the Executive and the agents of the Concessionaires, and hereby accepted by the Legislature, with such other details and provisions as are proper and necessary to be expressed in such agreement. The President is further authorized to appoint in each County a Commission not to exceed three persons, to inspect the operation of preparing the said substances for export as well as to ascertain the quantity of the Rubber and Gutta Percha gathered, collected and prepared.

SEC. 11. It is further enacted, That this concession is granted unto the said Concessionaires for a term of twenty one (21) years from the date of the agreement herein provided for. At the expiration of the said term a concession for another term of twenty one (21) years may be granted upon such terms as the Government and the Concessionaires may agree. The agreement authorized in Section 10 of this Act shall further require of the Concessionaires to commence their operations within eighteen months after the execution of said agreement as well as the payment of the bonus in English gold coin, to the Secretary of the Treasury at the Treasury Department in Monrovia within ninety days after said execution, otherwise this Concession and the agreement thereupon shall be null and void.

SEC. 12. And it is further enacted, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons except the Concessionaires to export from this Republic Caoutchouc or Rubber or Gutta Percha after ninety (90) days from the date of the President's Proclamation.

An Act passed at the last session of the Legislature entitled An Act granting a Concession to Benjamin L. Thompson and others, of London, England to gather, collect and prepare Caoutchouc or Rubber within the Republic is hereby repealed.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Janry. 21, 1890.

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Joint resolution repealing the present Act regulating the reshipment of goods and merchandise from one County to another within this Republic and reviving the Drawback Law.

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

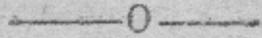
Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution that the present Act regulating the reshipment of goods and merchandise in this Republic be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Resolved that the Act regulating the transshipment of goods and merchandise, and authorising the drawback of du-

ties paid; be, and the same is hereby revived and in full force, provided however that no drawbacks shall be allowed on any goods landed into this Republic before the passage of this Resolution, and further recommend the adoption of said Resolution thus amended.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1890.



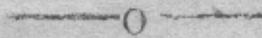
A Joint Resolution making an appropriation for the Inauguration of the President and Vice President of the Republic of Liberia for the term of Office 1890 & 91.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$ 300.00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to meet the Inaugural expenses of the President and Vice President of this Republic.

And that the Secretary of the Treasury be; and is hereby authorized to draw upon the Treasury for the same.

Dec, 23. 1889.



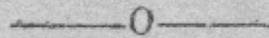
Resolution restoring George W. Hardy and James W. N. Yates of Maryland County to citizenship.

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, that George W. Hardy, and James W. N. Yates of Maryland County are hereby restored to all the immunities and rights of citizenship in this Republic.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24. 1890.



An Act to alter and amend the several Acts establishing the Judiciary and regulating the powers, common to the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas in the several Counties.

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

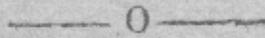
SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas in the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland shall not be restricted to the term of two weeks for the duration of its session as heretofore, but shall have authority to continue each of its Sessions in its discretion for a term of three weeks.

SEC. 2. The first two weeks of each Session of said Court

shall be used for the trial of Jury Cases Civil and Criminal, and on the Second Saturday of each Session all Jurors not then empanelled shall be dismissed and no Jury shall be empanelled after that day of the Session. The remainder of the Session shall be used in the trial of such cases as can be tried without a Jury, the hearing of arguments and the hearing of reports, arguments on motions in cases to be tried at a subsequent term, and such other business as the Court may have to attend to at that time.

All laws or parts of laws conflicting with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved January 24. 1890.



An Act granting one hundred Acres of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Liberia.

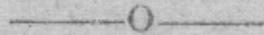
It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled.

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the President be and he is hereby authorized to direct the Surveyor of Montserrado County to survey One hundred acres of farm land in the vicinity of Careysburg, Montserrado County St. Paul's River, at Brown's Station, after which the President shall sign a deed for the same.

SEC. 2. Said parcel of land shall be deeded to, and held by the Trustees, Amos Brown, W. T. Hagan, and Rydan Boyce, and their successors, for Missionary purposes, under the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Liberia, to be used exclusively for Missionary purposes, said Trustees paying all expenses for surveying and plotting.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24. 1890.



Resolution restoring certain persons to citizenship.

Whereas Armstead Woods, James E. Butler and John Briggs of Montserrado County, having been convicted of Larceny, and having petitioned the Legislature for restoration, Therefore ;

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

SEC. i. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, Armstead Woods, James E. Butler, and John Briggs of the County of Montserrado, be, and they are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges granted all other good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24. 1890.

An Act to incorporate the M. E. Eddy's Chapel, Virginia, St Paul's River Montserrado County.

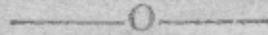
It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled.

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the Methodist Episcopal Eddy's Chapel of Virginia, St Paul's River, Montserrado County, Liberia, is hereby chartered, incorporated and declared to be a body politic, that is to say, F. O. Holderness, Pastor; A. Snorton, D. A. Snorton, Thomas Brown, W. H. Johnson, Jacob Harris, Charles Johnson, and C. H. Capehart, Trustees and officers of the aforesaid Church, and their successors in office, are constituted a body Corporate and Politic; to have perpetual succession, by the name of the Methodist Episcopal Eddy's, Chapel Virginia, St Paul's River, Montserrado County, 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 Thousand Dollars, and to have full right and privilege to do all other Acts and things done by similar bodies, Corporate and Politic.

Any laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24. 1890.



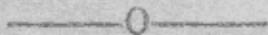
An Act to repeal an Act approved January 5th. 1879, amendatory and supplementary to an Act regulating the payment of duties passed and approved February 8th. 1878.

Whereas the above recited Act is of no benefit to the Government, and is not applied to the legitimate purpose as contemplated by said Act.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24th. 1890.



An Act supplementing the several Acts respecting the Post Office Department.

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 Postmasters shall give a separate bond with respect to said office, said bond to be fixed by the Postmaster General; subject to the approval of the President; the amount of said bond to depend upon the business of the office. The penalty of said

bond shall from the passage of this act be payable in gold.

SEC. 2. Any Postmaster failing to prepare and transmit his financial and statistical accounts within thirty days after the end of each quarter, together with the postal funds then in his possession, to the General Post office, shall be dismissed and his bond forfeited.

SEC. 3. The Postmaster General is hereby directed to conclude with foreign postal administrations such Parcel Post and Money Order Conventions as in his opinion will be useful and serviceable to the people of this Republic in connection with the Postal administration thereof. All such Conventions before being concluded are to be laid before the President of the Republic for examination, and they shall not go into force unless he shall assent thereto.

SEC. 4. No foreign money order shall be issued for a less sum than one dollar, or a greater sum than Fifty Dollars. The Commission to be paid at the post office in this Republic, for foreign money orders shall be as follows:—For sums of one dollar, and not over ten dollars Five per cent, for sums above ten, and not over twenty dollars, Four per cent, for sums above twenty, and over thirty five dollars, Three per cent, for sums above thirty five dollars two and a half per cent. All money order transactions to be in coin, current in the Republic of Liberia.

SEC. 4. The Postmaster General is further authorized to establish a uniform domestic Postal Order System, at such Post offices in this Republic as he may deem suitable therefor; and the offices that he shall designate for that purpose, shall be known as "Money Order Offices." No domestic Postal order shall be issued for a less sum than one dollar, or a greater sum than Twenty five dollars, for which the remitter shall pay the Post offices for sums of one dollar and not more than ten dollars, Four per cent, above ten, and not over twenty dollars, Three per cent, above twenty, dollars Two per cent

SEC. 6. After the establishment of the money order system, no letter containing coin shall be received in or allowed to pass through the mails.

SEC. 7. The Postmaster General is authorized as soon as practicable to establish Post offices at Robertsport and Marshall and Branch Post offices amenable to some post office, to be named by him in such Townships as he may deem best, for public convenience and utility; provided that for the present no such branch post office shall be established within Fifteen miles of a previously existing office. The Postmaster General may close any such office, if the business is in his opinion insufficient to warrant its continuance. He may also stop the issue of money orders by any office within the Republic.

SEC. 8. In case it is deemed expedient by the Government to levy a tax on parcels circulating through the parcel post over and above the charges laid down in any parcel post convention that may be concluded, the Postmaster General is authorized to fix the tax provisionally until the matter can be reg-

ulated by the Legislature. Postmasters are hereby authorized to detain all dutiable articles coming through the parcels post until the duty thereon shall have been paid.

SEC. 9. The General Post Office is hereby authorized to have a Seal similar to those in use, in the other Executive Departments,

SEC. 10. Any person or persons who shall within this Republic, counterfeit or forge the postage stamps of Liberia, or of any country belonging to the Union, or shall sell, cause to be sold, or circulate stamps so forged or counterfeited, shall on conviction, be imprisoned for three years with hard labor, and such counterfeit stamps shall be confiscated.

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

Approved January 25th, 1890.



An Act fixing a Tariff on goods wares and Merchandize imported into, and on produce exported from the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act the present regulations with respect to invoices and to the landing and shipment of goods, wares, merchandize and produce, and the time of payment of duties shall continue in force.

SEC. 2. The Collectors of Customs are hereby authorized in cases where there is a prospect of the payment of duties being evaded, or where there is a patent disposition to avoid the payment of duties, to detain the goods of any importer in bond until the legal duties have been paid.

SEC. 3. All invoices of goods imported into the Republic of Liberia must be verified and certified by the Consul of the Republic at the port of departure under the penalty of Confiscation of the goods affected. This section shall take effect from the first day of May of the present year;—The fee of the Consul shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents for invoices covering goods of the value of not more than fifty dollars, and two dollars and fifty cents for invoices covering goods of over fifty dollars value. The Secretary of the Treasury may issue such instructions from time to time to the Consuls of Liberia explanatory of this provision as he deems opportune and necessary.

SEC. 4. That from and after the first day of March 1890. Specific duties upon the following articles if imported into the Republic, shall be levied, assessed and collected at the following rates.

PROVISIONS.

Dried Fish per pound, one cent.

Pickled Fish in Barrels, one dollar	\$ 1.00
Bacon per pound, one cent.	" .01
Ham per pound, two cents.	" .02
Beef per Bbl. one dollar and twenty five cents.	" 1.25
Pickled Sausage per pound, three cents	" .03
Beef Tongues per barrel, two dollars.	" 2.00
Sugar (Brown) per pound, six cents.	" .06
Sugar (Refined) per pound, two cents.	" .02
Fancy Biscuits per pound, four cents.	" .04
Butter per pound, six cents.	" .06
Lard per pound, two cents.	" .02
Pig feet and Pig heads per Barrel, one dollar.	" 1.00
Gold Duty. Salt per 100 lbs. five cents gold	" .05
Tea per pound, ten cents.	" .10
" Rice per 100 lbs. thirty cents Gold.	" .30
Candy and Confectionery per pound, five cents.	" .05
FANCY COTTON AND WOOLEN GOODS.	
Prints, Croydons, White Shirting, Satin Stripes, Grey and Blue baft per yard one cent.	\$.01
Printed Cotton Hdkfs. in pcs. each Hkfs. one & one half a cent.	" .01½
Sheeting per yard, two cents	" .02
Oxford and other colored Shirting, Blue Drill, White Drill, Denims and Cotton Tweed per yard two cents.	" .02
Gold. Fancy worsted Tweeds, Cashmeres per yard, twelve cents Gold.	" .12
Gold. Broad Cloth per yard, twenty four cents Gold	" .24
" " Suits. each two dollars & fifty cents "	" 2.50
" " Cloth coats each one dollar Gold.	" 1.00
" " " Trousers each one dollar, "	" 1.00
" " " Vests each Fifty cents "	" .50
" Fancy Tweed Cashmere etc. suits each, one dollar and fifty cents Gold.	" 1.50
" " " Cashmere etc. Coats each one dollar	" 1.00
" " " " Trowsers each seventy five cents "	" .75
" " " " Vests each fifty cents Gold.	" .50
" Ladies Silk Costumes each three dollars "	" 3.00
" " Cashmere, Coburg, Merino and other worsted Costumes, each two dollars and fifty cents "	" 2.50
" " Printed Calico and other cotton costumes, each one dollar and twenty-five cents.	" 1.25
" Silk in pieces, per yard twenty five cents	" .25
Gold. Cashmere, Merino, and other Worsteds per yd six cents.	" .06
" Satins per yard six cents	" .06
" Flannel or Serge per yard five cents.	" .05
" " " Suits each one dollar.	" 1.00
" " " Coats " fifty cents	" .50
" " " Trousers " thirty-seven cents.	" .37
" Flannel or Serge Vests each twenty five "	" .25

" Woolen Shirts each twelve cents.	" .12
" Cotton " " " "	" .12
" Trimmed Hats " fifty cents.	" .50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paint per pound one cent	" .01
Gold. Kerosine per case of 10 gall. ea. forty cts. Gold	" .40
Common Soap per pound, two cents.	" .02
Fancy Toilet Soap per pound, six cents.	" .06
Starch " " six cents.	" 09

HARD WARE ETC.

Cutlasses or Billhooks per doz. twenty five cts.	" .25
Galvd. Iron and Capping per pound, half a cent	" 0.0 $\frac{1}{2}$
" Nails & Washers & Screws per pound half cts.	" 0.0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Steel in bars per pound two cents	" .02
Iron Pots Ovens and Spiders " " one cent	" .01
Gold. Percussion Guns each sixty cents Gold.	" .60
" Flint " " forty cents Gold.	" .40
" Brass Kettles per pound six cents.	" .06
" Powder " " five cents Gold.	" .05
" Leaf Tobacco per pound five cents Gold.	" .05
" Manufactured Tobacco per lb. twenty five cents	" .25
" Cigars each one cent Gold.	" .01
" Cigarettes each half cent Gold.	" 0.0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lumber per foot half cent.	" 0.0 $\frac{1}{2}$

CROCKERY WARE.

Trade Plates (not in sets) per doz, twelve cts.	" .12
" Basins not exceeding 12 inches per doz. 12 cts	" .12
Trade Basins, exceeding 12 inches per doz twenty five cts.	" .25

ALCOHOLIC, FERMENTED LIQUORS &c.

Gold { Brandy, Old Tom Gin, Jamaica Rum,	} \$ 1.00
Scotch or Irish Whisky and all other finer qual- ities of Alcoholic Liquors per gal. One Dollar	
" Common Rum or Gin " " Seventy five cts.	.75
" Wines, Champagnes Cordials and all liquors }	} \$ 1.00
" or Sweet Waters per gallon One Dollar,	
" Beer, Ale, Stout, Porter, Cherry Wine per gal. Fifty cts,	} \$.50
Gents and Ladies underclothing, Lace, Edging Embroidery &c. Advalorem Duty of (50 c/o) Fifty per cent.	} \$.50

FREE GOODS.

Seines, Lye, Thread, Agricultural implements and Machinery of all kinds, (cutlasses and Bill hooks excepted) Tools, Sewing Machines, Palm Kernel and Coffee, Bags, Shooks, Hoop Iron, Rivets, Tenter Hooks &c, Musical Instruments, Books for use of Missions and Schools.

Upon all other goods not enumerated in the foregoing there shall be levied and collected a duty of Twelve and one half

per cent advalorem; Transient traders not excepted; one half to be paid in Gold and one half in Liberian Currency.

EXPORT TARIFF.

Palm Oil	per gallon one cent	\$.01
Palm Kernels	" Bushel two cents	" .02
Camwood	" Ton Three 50/100 dollars	" 3.50
Rubber and Gutta Percha	per pound Six cts. Gold	" .06
Ivory	" " Five cts.	" .05

The foregoing export duties except Rubber and Gutta Percha to be paid in Currency. All articles of produce not hereinbefore mentioned shall pay no Export duty.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28th, 1890.

Martha K. C.

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