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An Act chartering the City of Buchanan.

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

SEC. 1. That the inhabitants of the city of Buchanan be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic under the name and style of Mayor and Common Council of Buchanan, and by such name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and do all other acts that are generally done by such bodies corporate.

SEC. 2. The Common Council shall consist of five members residents of the City of Buchanan in whom all legislative power shall be vested ; one of said members shall be Chairman of the body.

SEC. 3. The corporate bounds of the City of Buchanan shall be; commencing from the point on the North of the junction of the Saint John's and Benson's Rivers to the Southern extremity of Lower Buchanan known as Savage Point, and commencing at the sea beach and running one and one half miles in an easterly direction, and from thence North to the Benson River and on said line West along said Benson River to the place of commencement, within which the City authorities shall exercise jurisdiction, and execute the laws of the Corporation. In case it shall be necessary to execute lawful process without the bounds of said City, then and in that case any magistrate residing within the County of Grand Bassa may issue judicial process on representation of any City officer being made to him, and the same may be executed by any constable of the County.

SEC. 4. The Corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to make and fulfill contracts : take and hold real and personal estate to the value of one hundred thousand dollars (100.000.00 levy all such taxes as may be necessary for city purposes, and pass all necessary laws and ordinances. Said body politic shall have full power to settle its own rules of proceedings, to appoint its own officers, regulate their fees, and all necessary acts not incompatible with the general laws of the Republic.

SEC. 5. The Corporation aforesaid shall be required to appropriate three fourths of all moneys arising from taxes, license, fines and forfeitures, and from all other sources, to measures of improvements in the City or to purposes of benefit to the citizens and tax payers; the remainder, being one fourth of the net revenue may if necessary, be applied to the compensation of appointed officers of the municipal government.

SEC. 6. All ordinances and municipal laws established by the Common Council shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Mayor, if disapproved, his objections shall be made to the Chairman of the Council within three days, and if not returned in three days such delay shall be equal to his approval. The Common Council may nevertheless, by a vote of four fifths of its members, pass any law independent of the Mayor's approval. All laws and municipal ordinances previous to their final passage, shall have two distinct and separate readings on different days, and be voted upon in two meetings of the Council, before they shall become laws except in case where the vote in favor of the law is unanimous and has also the approval of the Mayor when it shall have the immediate force of law.

SEC. 7. The election of Charter Officers shall take place on the second Monday in January in each year excepting that of the Mayor which shall be biennial, and shall be conducted according to the law governing elections for state officers, under such modifications and restrictions as the Common Council may ordain. The Sheriff of the County or his deputy, shall when required by the Mayor or other authorized City officers at the expense of the Corporation, make all necessary arrangements to, and be present during all elections the same as required in elections under the General Government. The returns of all elections shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Common Council excepting the returns of the first election, which shall go to the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Grand Bassa County, who shall issue notices to the persons apparently elected as Councilmen and the persons so notified shall convene at the time ordained by law, as Common Councilmen and shall determine the election of its members, count the votes for Mayor, and declare who is thereby elected in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

SEC. 8. The elective or charter officers of the municipal Government, shall be a Mayor and five Common Councilmen, all of whom shall hold their office for the term of one year except the Mayor, who shall hold his office for the term of two years unless vacated by resignation removal, or death. Vacancies shall be supplied by special elections to be ordered by the Mayor, and in case of his resignation, removal or death, by the Chairman of the Council, none of whom shall receive any compensation for services.

No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor, who is not a resident of the City of Buchanan, and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of Five Hundred dollars. No person shall be a Common Councilman who is not a resident of said city and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of One hundred dollars. No person who does not possess real estate and reside in the City of Buchanan shall be allowed to vote.

SEC. 9. The appointed officers of the municipal Government shall be one Recorder, one Treasurer, and one or more Tax Collectors, one or more City Magistrates, one or more Street Commissioners, one Market Clerk who shall act as Inspector of weights and measures, and a suitable number of Policemen all of whom shall be nominated, and with the advice and consent of the City Council shall be annually appointed and commissioned by the Mayor. The duties of said appointed officers shall from time to time, as occasion may demand, be specified and determined upon by the City Council.

SEC. 10. For the election of Councilmen the City of Buchanan shall be divided into two districts, as near as may be, of equal population, from each of which districts at least two Councilmen shall be elected.

SEC. 11. The stated meetings of the City Council shall be on the third Monday in January, May and October, in each year, and the occasional meetings shall be regulated by its own ordinances. The Council shall have authority to compel the attendance of absent members, to fine its members for disorderly behavior and to expel a member with the concurrence of four fifths of the members and the member so expelled shall by such expulsion, forfeit all his rights and powers as a Councilman. The Mayor may when actually necessary or in case of extreme necessity, call a session of the Council not to exceed six days.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the Mayor, first to communicate to the Council at least once a year and oftener if he shall deem it expedient, a general statement of the situation and condition of the City in relation to its government, finances and improvements. Secondly, To recommend to the adoption of the City Council, all such measures connected with the police, security, health, cleanliness and ornament of the City, and the improvement of its government and finances as he shall deem it expedient.

Thirdly. He shall be chief Executive Magistrate of the City of Buchanan; and it shall be his duty to be vigilant and active in causing the laws thereof to be executed and enforced, and shall be the Conservator of the peace within said City. He may when actually necessary for the preservation of the public peace, or for the suppression of mobs, riots, quarrelling or insurrections of whatever nature, order out the Militia, which shall by force of arms, compel those engaged in such

mobs, riots, quarrels or insurrections to obedience, the Mayor alone being responsible for the abuse of this power.

Fourthly.- To exercise a constant supervision and control over the conduct and acts of all subordinate officers, and to receive and examine into all such complaints as may be preferred against any of them for violation or neglect of duty, and generally to perform all such duties as may be prescribed to him by the Charter and City ordinances, and the laws of the Republic of Liberia.

SEC. 13. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Mayor, and whenever the Mayor shall be absent from the City, or be prevented from sickness or any other cause, from attending to the duties of his office, the Chairman of the City Council shall possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor, during the circumstances of such vacancy, absence or disability.

SEC. 14. No money shall be drawn, from the City Treasury except the same shall have been previously appropriated to the purpose for which it is drawn and no bills against the Corporation shall be paid out of the City Treasury except accompanied by the signature of the Mayor.

SEC. 15. No money shall be expended by the Corporation for any election, procession or entertainment of any kind or on any occasion except for the celebration of the Anniversary of the National Independence, unless by the unanimous vote of the Council and the Mayor.

SEC. 16. All officers or other persons to whom the receipts or expenditures of the funds of the City Treasury shall be entrusted shall give sufficient security for the faithful performance of their duty in such form and amount as the Common Council may by ordinance prescribe, which shall be renewed annually.

SEC. 17. Any officer of the City Government, or person or persons employed in any department thereof who shall wilfully violate any of the provisions of this Charter, or commit fraud, or convert any of the public property to his use, or knowingly permit any other person so to convert it, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and in addition to the penalties imposed by law, shall forfeit his office, and be excluded forever after from receiving or holding any office under the City Charter.

SEC. 18. The common Jail of the County of Grand Bassa now situated in the City of Buchanan Upperward shall be at the service of the City authorities at any time that the use thereof shall be deemed necessary to the maintenance of the public peace, and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, or his deputy shall be subject to the order of the Mayor, in all cases in which for the public peace and security his services shall be demanded.

SEC. 19. That all moneys arising from license, petty fines,

poll taxes &c within the Corporate bounds of the City of Buchanan shall be, and the same are hereby appropriated and made payable to the City Authorities for the use and purposes of the Corporation of said City.

SEC. 20. If the Charter shall be found inconvenient or inadequate in any respect the same may be revoked, altered or supplemented on representation properly made by petition to the Legislature of Liberia.

SEC. 21. The Monthly Court of the County of Grand Bassa shall be authorized and requested to appoint Judges and Clerks of every stated City election, said Judges and Clerks to be notified by the Clerk of said Court. The said Monthly Court shall also be authorized and requested to take such steps as will carry out the provisions of this Charter; and said Court shall also make a temporary division of the City as provided in the 10th. section.

Sec. 22. Any Charter provisions or laws to the contrary be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved Jany. 13th. 1891.

An Act making provision for the inducement, encouragement and maintenance of Negro immigrants into the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas there appears to be an increased tendency of the Negro population of the United States of America, and other parts of the World to emigrate to Africa their fatherland. And whereas this Republic was founded by African descendants from the United States of America. And whereas there is a congenial feeling between the negro population of the United States of America and the citizens of this Republic. And whereas it is the policy of this Government to increase her population by encouraging Negro accessions.—And whereas under the view of our Declaration of Independence, Liberia is to throw open a wider and a wider door for thousands who are now looking with an anxious eye for some land of rest:—

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

Sec. 1. That as soon as information reaches this Government of the intended emigration of the colored people of America or elsewhere to this Republic by any Company or Companies, the President is authorized to appoint Commissioners of Immigration one for each County of this Republic whose duty shall be to superintend the landing of Immigrants, their stores and effects. And said Commissioner shall perform all such duties common to the office of an Agent of Immigrants, and shall report annually to the Secretary of the Interior. Provided nevertheless if there be no Secretary of

the Interior appointed, he the said Commioner shall report annually to the Secretary of State.

Sec. 2. The President is directed and authorized to appoint persons properly qualified to survey at the Northwest and Southeast boundaries of this Republic and at any other place where the Immigrants may prefer going. Twenty miles square of land more or less for the accommodation of said Immigrants to town lots and farm land agreeably to the existing laws granting land to Immigrants.

Sec. 3. That in all cases in which the President may be informed of an intended influx of an appreciable number of Immigrants into this Republic it shall be his duty and he is herein authorized to have suitable receptacles built for said Immigrants at any point or points where they may wish to locate, and that the sum of Five thousand dollars annually is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the provisions of this section.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany 13th. 1891.

Resolution to assist the Citizens of Virginia in building a Bridge and Causeway through a large swamp btween Vonswah and Zoda Kie's Mission.

Whereas it is deemed expedient for the encouragement of Agriculture in Virginia Section, Saint Paul's River.

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 the sum of Three hundred Dollars for the purpose of assisting the Citizens of Virginia, in building a Bridge and Causeway through a large Creek between Vonswah and Zoda Kie's Town.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th. 1891.

Resolution appropriating One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars to build a bridge across a Creek leading to Gardnersville.

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

That there be appropriated the sum of One Hundred and Twenty five dollars for the purpose of building a bridge across a Creek in the Public highway leading to Gardnersville.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th. 1891.

Resolution to restore John Ross and R. W. Watkins of Maryland County and William Taylor of Sinoe County to citizenship.

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

Being satisfied that it is proper to relieve persons who are penitent for previous violations of law, John Ross, R. W. Watkins and William Taylor, be from and after the passage of this resolution restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities of good citizens of this Republic.

Approved Jan. 13th. 1891.

An Act incorporating and chartering the Free Will Society, Number Three of Jimmerson Town, Caldwell, 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 after the passage of this Act Jas. H. Wilson Daniel Cowers, John D. Morris, William Roberts, James Butler, Ceasar Starkes, Charles Starkes, Henry Capehart, Robert Lyneh, Jacob Ricks, William Weaver, Henry Paxton, Robert Benson, and William Carr, citizens of Jimmerson town in Caldwell, Montserrado County, Trustees of the 'Free Will' Society Number Three of Jimmerson town of Caldwell in the County of Montserrado are hereby chartered and incorporated a body politic under the name and style aforesaid, capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the value of Five Thousand dollars, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded under the aforesaid name and style with full power to enact rules and by-laws for their regulation and government—Election of Officers to be annually.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13 1891.

Resolution for the relief of Thomas Curd of Montserrado County.

Whereas Thomas Curd has petitioned the Legislature showing his valuable services rendered the Government since 1861.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized to pay under warrant of the President to Thomas Curd

annually, the sum of Fifty dollars, out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th, 1891.

A Resolution providing for the apprehending and bringing to justice certain turbulent Kings and Chiefs of Grand Cape Mount, and Pondeh in the Ding Golah Country.

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 Superintendent of Grand Cape Mount, under the direction of the President is hereby authorized and directed to apprehend and bring to justice, King Darwarnar and his son of the Town of Cong-gar in the Goronammah section-Cape Mount; and all other hostile and turbulent chiefs within his jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. That the sum of Six Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby specially appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Resolution, and the President is hereby authorized to draw for the same from any moneys in the Public Treasury.

Sec. 3. That the President be and he is hereby requested to have Pondeh in the Ding Golah Country, and his followers apprehended and brought to justice, and required to pay a heavy fine, and all costs and expenses of his arrest, and undergo any other legal punishment necessary to be inflicted. The sum of Two thousand Dollars is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 13th. 1891.

An Act making Appropriation for cleaning out Ayres Creek, branch of the Stockton, in 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 after the passage of this act the sum of Two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for cleaning out the said Creek, and the President be and he is authorized to draw for same.

Any law or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th. 1891.

Resolution providing for laying out and running a road from the

main road at Sassy Town or from Congo Town five miles back of Louisiana, to the settlement of Fendall in Louisiana.

Whereas the new Settlement started in July by the American Colonization Society five miles from the St. Paul's River, called Fendall, Louisiana, being without a road except a winding native foot path, which increases the distance twice its length, and thereby causes great inconvenience to the settlers as well as preventing their use of ox-carts.

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 Resolution the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to enter into arrangements with any responsible person or persons to have a road surveyed and opened from the main road in Upper Sassy Town, or in Congo Town to Fendall, Louisiana, to be not less than sixteen feet wide, and to build bridges of durable poles across the Creeks which said road passes through.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of Seven Hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the above resolution.

Sec. 3. It is further resolved that should said road run through lands, owned by any citizens, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to purchase sufficient of said land for the road, paying Fifty dollars for every mile in length and sixteen feet in width for improved lands planted with Coffee, Cocoa or Sugar Cane, and Twenty dollars for every mile in length sixteen feet in width for unimproved lands.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th. 1891

Resolution making appropriations to assist the citizens of the several settlements in the County of Montserrado to throw up extended roads and to build bridges.

Whereas the Agricultural pursuits by many of the citizens in the County of Montserrado have become wide spread in the several settlements and the roads and Avenues much extended interiorwards. And whereas the said Citizens are greatly inconvenienced in conveying their produce to market, also in common travel to attend their daily avocations on account of the swamps and creeks in the several highways.

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 sum of Two thousand and three hundred dollars be and the sum is hereby appropriated to assist the

citizens of the several settlements in the County of Montserrado to construct bridges and make passable the roads and avenues hereinafter mentioned, that is to say the sum of One hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) to assist the citizens of Upper and Lower Caldwell, one bridge in Upper Caldwell near the estate of Mrs. Sophia Robertson, and one in Lower Caldwell near the estate of Calvin Douglas, across the Creek leading to the Parade ground.

Sec. 2. That the sum of Two hundred dollars, (200.00) to assist the citizens of of Virginia to erect a bridge near Isaac Capehart, and one over the Creek near A. H. Watson, and the sum of Four Hundred dollars (400.00) to assist the citizens of Brewerville to throw up the swamps and construct bridges across creeks in East, West and North Avenues. That is to say One hundred Dollars (\$ 100.00) on East and one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) on West Avenue, and two hundred dollars on North Avenue as they are now extended, also the sum of Fifty dollars (\$ 50.00) more, to assist in throwing up the swamps, and to bridge the creek in the road from the waterside to the town of Brewerville.

Sec. 3. That the sum of Four hundred dollars (\$ 400.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to assist the citizens of Clay-Ashland to throw up a causeway in Johnson's Avenue near John H. Rix, also to throw up a Causeway in Cross Avenue Number one (1) West of Johnson's Avenue and erect three bridges in said cross Avenue; and fifty dollars (\$ 50.00) to be used on Avenue Number one (1) East of Johnson's, that is to say Fifty dollars for Causeway near John H. Rix, and the remaining three hundred for cross Avenue Number one (No. 1) west of Johnson's.

Sec. 4. That the sum of one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) to assist the citizens of Millsburg to repair the bridge on the road leading to Muhlenburg, and the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$ 250.00) to assist the citizens of Arthington to throw up the swamp and erect a bridge over a creek in North Avenue in said settlement.

And the sum of Eight hundred dollars to assist the citizens of Crozerville, Bensonville and Careysburg to build bridges on the road across the creeks to Careysburg commencing at the Creek known as Zemahdoo's, and ending at the Creek known as Zoda-qui's Creek.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 16th. 1891.

An Act amending An Act requiring the aborigines to pay duties on their earnings.

Whereas the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia did in the year 1867-8 pass An Act requiring all Aborigines returning home with their respective earnings to pay duties on the said earnings as though the same were duly imported into the Republic, which is against all legal reason and common policy.

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 aborigines whatsoever, returning from any foreign Port or place as common laborers, shall not be required to pay duty or tax upon any merchandise whatsoever, Guns, Powder and other ammunition, Tobacco and Alcoholic Liquors excepted.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that in no case shall any person or persons interfere with said aborigines unless for the inspection of their respective articles which shall be done only by the proper officer or his deputy. Any person or persons thus interfering by demanding of them any perquisites or presents shall be deemed guilty of extortion, and if found guilty in any Court having jurisdiction shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars, nor more than Three Hundred Dollars, or to be imprisoned in the Common Jail for a space of not less than Three months nor more than one year subject to hard labor in Irons.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 23 1891.

Resolution disposing of the balance of the Bonus, in the possession of the Secretary of the Treasury, and authorizing the purchase of a Steam Gun Boat with arms and outfit, and the placing of the several Counties in a state of defence, with suitable Infantry Rifles and ammunition.

Whereas the purchase of a Gunboat is necessary for the purpose of protecting commerce, and the enforcing of the Revenue Laws of this Republic.

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 Resolution, the President be and he is hereby authorized to purchase as soon as possible, a Steam Vessel, of not less than Two hundred and fifty Tons Burthen, to be armed for the protection of the Government. The President shall have the power to appoint one Agent to proceed to England or any other foreign port to purchase the said Steam vessel, and guns of sufficient size for the accommodation of the vessel aforesaid, or he may negotiate and contract for the purpose of carrying into effect

this Resolution, with any good and responsible Foreign House resident within this Republic. And sufficient munitions, i. e. Military Stores, Powder, Ball, Bombs, &c. and to employ one Navigator, not above the rank of a Chief Mate's certificate, and one Gunner, and two Engineers, one of whom shall be a first class Engineer, the other a second class Engineer, for a term of three years from the date of their Engagement, under such Liberian officer as the President at his pleasure may appoint.

SEC. 2 It is further resolved that the President be, and he is hereby authorized to empower the Agent aforesaid, or the Foreign House Contractor to purchase in addition to the Steam vessel, ammunition, and a sufficient number of Infantry Rifles, not more than One Thousand pieces, and ammunition to place each of the Counties in a state of defence.

SEC. 3. For the better carrying into effect the provisions of this Resolution, the President be, and he is authorized, to draw on the Treasury of the Republic for the sum of Thirty thousand dollars out of the Bonus, and if the said sum be not sufficient, the residue shall be paid from monies arising from the Revenue of this Republic, to be paid over to the Agent or Commissioner who shall forthwith proceed to England or to some other foreign Country for the requirements of this Resolution, or to the said Foreign Contractor.

Any law or parts of law conflicting with this Resolution, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 23 1891.

Joint Resolution respecting Public Records.

Whereas it is necessary to the preservation of various Public Records in the Department of State, that they be transferred to more durable volumes.

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 authorized and directed to procure a sufficient number of blank books, properly ruled, paged and labelled with an Index to each, and that each be bound in leather.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of State is authorized to procure the services of a competent person to faithfully transcribe into the books procured by the Secretary of the Treasury in a fair and legible writing, the old records in the Department.

SEC. 3. The sum of Three Thousand Dollars is hereby appropriated to carry out the object herein stated.

Approved January 23, 1891.

Resolution providing for the Surveying and Plotting of the Counties of Maryland, Sinoe and Grand Bassa.

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

Sec. 1. That the President of the Republic be, and he is hereby requested, to employ a competent Surveyor, for the purpose of surveying and plotting, and to put in order the land records of the several Counties aforesaid, viz: Maryland, Sinoe and Grand Bassa.

For this purpose the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid one half out of General Government, and one half out of County funds.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23rd. 1891.

Joint Resolution authorizing a special Election to be held on the Second Tuesday in March A. D. 1891 in the City of Greenville.

Whereas the City Court of Greenville in the County of Sinoe, failed to order the Marshal to post notices for the regular Election of One Mayor, Five Common Councilmen, and Four Aldermen for the year A. D. 1891, thereby causing the City to become inactive.

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 Resolution a Special Election shall be held in the City of Greenville, in the County of Sinoe, on the Second Tuesday in March A. D. 1891. And the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court is hereby authorized to appoint Judges and Clerks for said Election according to law, to elect a Mayor, Four Aldermen, and Five Common Councilmen.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23. 1891.

An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to put the Light House of Monrovia in proper repairs.

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, and he is hereby authorized and required to put into proper repair the Light House of Monrovia.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that there be an amount of Eight Hundred Dollars appropriated to carry on said repairs above mentioned. Also the amount of Six Hundred Dollars for the purpose of having the Fort Hill properly cleaned up, and the fort put in proper order and condition.

Approved Jany. 23. 1891.

Resolution making provision for the pay of William Henry Taylor, school teacher at Grand Bassa County, Republic of Liberia.

Whereas William Henry Taylor a citizen of this Republic resident of Bexley, Grand Bassa County, has been according to a petition liberally signed by the citizens of that locality successfully engaged in teaching the children of said place, during the present year.

And whereas the said petitioners complained that the Government school commissioner for Grand Bassa County refused to pay the said William Henry Taylor for said services. And Whereas the petitioners declare that the said William Henry Taylor was called upon and brought into said service of teaching school by them and that he has during the present year successfully taught their Children and ought to be paid for said services of this year.

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 Resolution the sum of one hundred and seventy five Dollars be and the same is hereby specially appropriated for William Henry Taylor school Teacher at Bexley, for his efficient and faithful services in teaching the Children of said locality during the year 1890.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23. 1891.

Joint Resolution extending the provisions of the Drawback Law to the District of Robertsport.

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

That the provisions of the Drawback law are hereby extended to the District of Robertsport.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23. 1891.

Resolution providing an Annual pension for Ceasar Kingsly of Grand Bassa County, Republic of Liberia.

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, there be appropriated the sum of Forty five Dollars as an Annual pension for Ceasar Kingsly.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23. 1891.

A Resolution fixing the day of Adjournment of the Twenty Second Legislature, Second Session.

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

That the Second Session of the Twenty second Legislature adjourn its present session *Sine-die* on the Twenty sixth day of January 1891.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 29th, 1891,

An Act to encourage Interior trade to Greenville by use of the Sinoe River.

Whereas it is the aim of the Legislature to encourage and protect as far as practicable, the mercantile interest of the Country so necessary to create a revenue adequate to the growing wants of the Government. And as the opening of Factories interiorward along the banks of the Sinoe River as far as traders may deem it safe to ascend would greatly increase the revenue of that County, by bringing to the Port of Entry—Greenville; from far interior (too far to be brought except by water,) such valuable produce as Cam Wood, Ivory, Rubber, Palm Oil and Kernels, Gum and other African products, now kept out of the market for want of easy transport, or conveyed to nearer points not ports of Entry for sale and shipment in contravention of the Port of Entry laws of the Republic, thus encouraging the smuggling of return goods by Steam Ships into 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, it shall be lawful for Merchants or Traders, Liberians or Foreigners resident in Sinoe County, to conduct trade and establish factories along the banks of the Sinoe River on Public domain, within one quarter of a mile distant from said river, as

far interiorward as they may desire, consulting their convenience and safety. Said traders are, required to establish, and if possible maintain peaceable and friendly relations towards the tribes with whom they trade, and as far as possible unite them in interest stronger to the Government and people of this Republic.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that said traders may open roads along the banks of said River, on Public domain, to be used as public highways, cut Canals around Rapids as well as open Creeks leading to native Villages contiguous to said river, with a view of rendering transportation easy. Nevertheless, all produce brought to these factories shall be shipped abroad, if shipped, from the Port of Entry Greenville; upon which the lawful Export Duties shall be paid. Any and all attempts to ship or export said produce otherwise, shall render said produce liable to seizure and confiscation to the Republic, as well as the owner liable to a fine of Five hundred Dollars for each offence, recoverable before any court of competent Jurisdiction of this Republic. The term of this privilege is hereby extended to Ten Years from the passage of this Act, and the Government reserves to herself the ownership of all minerals discovered under the operation of this enterprise.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the Republic of Liberia shall render from time to time such aid and protection to this enterprise as necessity may require, however nothing in the foregoing shall be so construed as to prevent traders from protecting their factories against robbery, and other Acts tending to destroy or lessen their security or to render Government liable for the payment of any loss, in the prosecution of the trading business herein allowed, and in all cases the acceptance of the privileges herein granted, are to be at the risk of the party accepting them, provided however, when it becomes necessary, the President shall make such order, or take steps to enforce order on the highway leading to interior factories thus established, and may when the exigency require it, order an armed force to protect the lawful trade along said River banks, and at said factories.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 1891.

Joint Resolution endowing Scholarships in Liberia College.

Whereas fifteen hundred dollars from the Bonus were loaned by the Government to the County of Montserrado and is to be returned from the County revenue.

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

That the above named sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars be appropriated and set aside for the support of deserving youths.

desiring a collegiate education but unable to meet the necessary expense themselves : that is to say three from Maryland, three from Bassa, three from Sinoe and one from St. Paul's River, Marshall or Robertsport.

That when these youths have been received according to the rules of the College the President of Liberia College is authorized to draw in their favor orders on the Secretary of the Treasury to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars for each.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 1891.

An Act authorizing and granting a Public Road in the Vey Country.

Whereas the leading chiefs of Tawoh and Golah countries have in their Representative character made strong appeals to the Republic of Liberia through her chief Public Functionary presiding over the Warkorrah or Grand Cape Mount District.

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 the Secretary of the Treasury be and he hereby authorized to enter into arrangements with any person or persons to carry into execution the provisions of this Act as follows :

To open a road starting from some convenient and eligible point on the Mannie or Marfa branches of the Boma river and to extend interiorward in a northeasterly direction through the Tawoh and Golah countries next adjacent, and onward to a distance of not less than one hundred miles, said road to be laid out twenty feet wide, all of which space shall be under bushed in such places where it runs through heavy forests or thick bush, and where it lays through old farms or wild cane fields or old prairie land the grass, cane and bush shall be cut down grubbed and cleared of all stumps, roots, or other obstructions and all ruts filled. It shall be well drained and levelled as far as practicable and necessary to make it a convenient foot path to build substantial wooden bridges of such durable materials as will stand the alternation of wet and dry, and above highwater mark. And when causeways can be made more available than bridges or will answer instead, to throw up causeways not less than fifteen feet wide and above highwater mark. There shall be erected on said road not less than three substantial block houses at equal distance from each other, and of such dimensions as may be agreed upon between the Secretary of the Treasury and contractor or contractors. Around each block house there shall be a clearing of not less than forty acres which shall be planted down partly in Palm Trees and lastly in coffee trees ; and on each of these farms there shall

be located an industrial school of Americo-Liberians and native youths which school shall be maintained at the expense of Government for a term of not less than Five years, or until they are able to maintain themselves under the direction and control of the Secretary of the Interior or Commissioner of Education and Superintendent of Robertsport in the absence of the Secretary of Interior.

Sec. 2. That the sum of three thousand dollars annually is hereby appropriated to carry into execution such portion of the work as can be prosecuted with success in each year, and that the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to draw under warrant of the President from the Public Treasury for said amount.

Any laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29th. 1891.

Joint Resolution repealing the first section of An Act providing for the support of the General Government, Approved January 18th.—1875.

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, that two fifths of the Revenue arising from Imports and Exports in each of the Counties of this Republic be, and the same is hereby set apart for the support of the General Government and the other three fifths shall be used for County purposes in carrying out the requirements of the Appropriation bill.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that any laws or parts of laws conflicting in any way with the provisions of this Joint Resolution be, and the same are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

Approved January 1891.

Resolution appropriating Two Hundred Dollars to assist the Citizens of Paynesville to build a Bridge and Causeway between Paynesville and Old Congo Town.

Whereas it is deemed expedient for the encouragement of Agriculture in Paynesville.

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 the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for the purpose of assisting the citizens of Paynesville in building a bridge and causeway through a large swamp which separates Old Congo Town from Paynesville.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 1891.

Resolution appropriating Five thousand one hundred and forty dollars to assist the Citizens of Sinoe County in building a bridge and Levees, and to survey certain Creeks and Rivers in Sinoe County.

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 One Hundred and forty dollars, for the purpose of assisting the citizens of Farmersville, Sinoe County, in throwing up a Levee across the large swamp situated and lying between the Settlement of Farmersville and Po River.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of Two thousand dollars be appropriated to erect and build a substantial bridge and Levee over the Lexington Creek and adjoining flat, (out of good and durable wood) from bank to bank.

Also the sum of Three Thousand dollars are appropriated to survey and connect Wyatt's Creek in Sinoe County, with the Plassa and Pettow Rivers.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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