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ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT GRANTING CAREYSBURG AND MARSHALL RESPECTIVELY A PROVISIONAL MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT; AND ALSO REGULATING APPEALS FROM JUSTICES COURTS.

*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 power of the several Provisional Monthly and Probate Courts authorized and established by law in this Republic, shall be as follows: They shall have original jurisdiction in all cases of Debt, where the amount in litigation is not more than Two Hundred Dollars, nor less than Thirty Dollars, in all cases of Misdemeanor equal to petit larceny in all actions of Trespass, Trover, Slander, Detinue, Ejectment &c. where the amount in litigation is not more than Thirty Dollars, or less than Ten Dollars; and in all infractions of the Peace where the fine is not more than Thirty Dollars nor less than ten.

Sec. 2. It is further Enacted,—That the Monthly Court for the settlement of Marshall shall be held on the third Monday in each month.

Sec. 3. It is further Enacted,—That any person or persons wishing to appeal from decision of a Justice of the Peace, shall take out said appeal within fifteen days after the decision of the Justice.

Sec. 4. It is further Enacted,—That any person or persons failing to avail himself, or themselves of the provisions of this Act, within the time specified; shall be debarred the privilege of an appeal, and the decision of the Justice shall be final.

Sec. 5. It is further Enacted,—That all law, or parts or laws militating against the above, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 29, 1863.

A RESOLUTION, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXTRA SERVICES RENDERED BY THE VOLUNTEERS AT ROBERTS PORT.

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

That Daniel Barker, Henry Nesbit, John Smith, Collin Barker, John Green, Alfred Spencer, Saunders A. Campion, Jack Paul, William Hill, John Miles, Daniel Dunbar, James Miles, Barker A.

John, Robert Adams, William T. Cole, George Williams, George McCready, Josiah Jordan, Ralph Moore, Morris Dent, Henry Russell, John Steward, Willis Houston, Richard Morris, G. J. Hargraves, William Williams, Philip Crawford, W. T. Hammond, Harry Winkle, R. E. Jones, R. Ford, J. McKennedy, and all volunteers, who served three months at the settlement of Robertsport, in the year 1856, after their time of enlistment had expired, whether commissioned or non-commissioned officers, musicians or privates, be paid for services for the term of three months, according to the grades of such officers and privates, as by Law already made and provided. The President is hereby authorized to draw on the public Treasury for the amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Approved January 29, 1863.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS.

*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, every commissioned and non-commissioned officer, musician or private, who are or shall be disabled by having been wounded, while in the line of duty in actual service, called out by the Laws of this Republic since the year eighteen hundred and fifty, whether of the Militia or volunteer company, shall be placed on a list to be styled "*Pension List*" at the rates of payment and under such regulations as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted,—That the pension for such disabled, shall be for a commissioned officer, Sixty Dollars per annum; for non-commissioned officers, privates, musicians, forty-nine dollars and fifty cents, per annum.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted,—That this act shall not be so construed as to extend to persons who have been disabled since year eighteen hundred and fifty, who have been pensioned.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted,—That no person or persons shall be entitled to the benefits of this act unless he or they shall make oath before some Justice of the Peace of the County, in which they reside that by reason of having received wounds from which they are disabled, they are entitled to the privileges of this act, the said oath being recorded, and a copy of the same forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, he shall immediately place names of said persons upon the "*Pension List*" as provided for by the first section of this act.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted,—That in the event of the death of any officer, musician or private the widow or widows of the person

or persons so demised, shall have the benefits of this act extended to them, until she or they are married; and in the event of marriage then the heirs, (if minors) of said pensioners shall be entitled to the provisions of this act; until they attain their majority; and that the widow or widows be required to furnish a certificate from any of the commanding officers, to establish her rights to the same, instead of making oath.

Approved January 27, 1863.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A STEAM VESSEL FOR REVENUE SERVICE AND TO ABROGATE THE FORMER RESOLUTION FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

Sec. 1. That immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the President is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, on the most reasonable terms, a good, substantial Ocean Steam Vessel, capacitated, in every respect, for burning wood or coal, fully armed and equipped for naval purposes: said vessel not to exceed two hundred tons burthen.

Sec. 2. Said steamer shall be subject to the regulations now established for Revenue vessels, with this additional rule, that is to say, she shall visit every port of entry, at least once every month, and remain at each port of entry during the pleasure of the Superintendent; provided nevertheless, that the Superintendent shall detain the steamer not less than six hours nor more than twenty-four hours day light, or in the case of emergency, in which case, said rule shall not apply: Provided, nevertheless, that the regular service above ordained, shall be suspended whenever, in the judgment of the President, the public good requires the exclusive use of said steamer for special naval purposes, until the exigencies causing said suspension shall cease, when she shall resume the usual routine of duties assigned her as above provided.

Sec. 3. Said steamer in addition to other duties usual for revenue vessels to do, shall convey the members of the Legislature to and from the seat of Government when the time arrives for their annual meetings, as also whenever the President shall convene an extra session.

Sec. 4. That for carrying into effect the foregoing provisions, that is to say, the purchase equipment and bringing to Liberia said steamer, the sum Thirty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated.

Sec. 5. That the President is hereby directed to cause the schooner "Quail" to be put in the best possible repair at home; and that

the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the same.

Sec. 6. That the Act passed at the called session (April 1857) entitled "An Act to provide for a Steamer and appropriating Forty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby repealed; and any laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby abrogated.

Approved January 27, 1863.

### AN ACT PERTAINING TO BOUNTY LAND.

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

Sec. 1. That each commissioned or non-commissioned officer, musician or private, who has served in any of the wars or military expeditions of this Republic, since the year 1856, is entitled to Bounty Land, as follows: for serving from two days to one week, five acres; for serving fifteen days ten acres; for serving over twenty days and less than one month, fifteen acres; for serving one month and less than three months, thirty acres; and each commissioned or non-commissioned officer, musician or private, who may in future, serve in any war or military expedition of this Republic, shall be entitled to Bounty Land in the same proportion.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted,—That each officer, private or musician, for whom provisions are made in the first section of this Act, shall receive a certificate from his commander; or if the commander be dead, then such officer, musician or private shall make oath that he served in the war or expedition for which he is entitled to Bounty Land. If the claimant be dead, then his widow or heirs, if of age, may make oath that the deceased served in such war or expedition. If the deceased claimant leave no widow, or his heirs be minors, a competent evidence shall make oath to the fact, before any Justice of the Peace, or any officer competent to take such oath. All certificates shall be filed in the office of the Land Commissioner of the County where the claimants reside. Upon the filing of such certificates, the Land Commissioner, under the direction of the President, shall order the land surveyed from any public lands, not otherwise appropriated, at the expense of the claimant or claimants.

Sec. 3. The Land Commissioner shall have the lands located on farming districts, as may be designated by the claimants; and as soon as the lands are surveyed and plotted, and returns are made to him by the surveyors, that the Land Commissioner shall grant to each claimant, a deed in fee simple, countersigned by the Land Commissioner; for each deed thus given, the Land Commissioner shall receive from the claimant fifty cents. The President shall place in

hands of the Land Commissioner in each County, a number of deeds, signed by himself in his usual manner of signing for land.

4. It is further enacted,—That the provisions of this act not apply to any officer, musician or private, who may hereafter be draughted to serve in any war or expedition of this Republic.

Approved January 13, 1863.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTARY TO "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SURVEYORS FOR EACH COUNTY, AND DEFINING THEIR DUTIES."

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

Sec. 1. That it shall be lawful for any, and all persons who may have acquired the knowledge of surveying, to practice the same within the Republic of Liberia, under the following provisions.

They shall present to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County where they reside, a well authenticated certificate from a regular Professor of Mathematics, or from a respectable Institution of Learning, in which Mathematics are taught, that the applicant is well acquainted with the arts, and mysteries of surveying which ascertainment has been made on due examination. Said certificate being approved by the Court aforesaid, said Court shall order the registration of said certificate, and grant the person thus presenting it, a license as Surveyor within the Republic of Liberia.

Said Surveyors shall be sworn by the Court aforesaid to perform the duties of a surveyor according to the best of their ability, and upon receiving a certificate as surveyor shall pay into the Treasury the sum of Fifteen dollars, (\$ 15,) and shall be subject to the same penalties and forfeitures for neglect of duty as Government surveyors. Government surveyors shall enjoy the preference and refusal of all Government surveys; nevertheless, should they fail to attend to an application for the survey of public lands, for the space of fifteen days, such surveys shall be free and open to the surveyors created by this Act.

Approved Jan. 23, 1863.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO SELECT A SITE IN THE INTERIOR FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

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

SEC. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized and

requested to appoint two discreet persons from each of the several Counties, Montserrado excepted, which shall have three Commissioners, to be styled, "Commissioners for the Seat of Government." The duty of the Commissioners shall be to select a site for the seat of Government, that is strong from its natural positions, by its mountains and rivers. Two of the Commissioners shall be Surveyors, the Commissioners shall be governed by this Act.

Said Commissioners shall, as soon as they have received their Commissions, be conveyed by sea, to the center of this Republic, or near the Sanguin River, and the Commissioners shall operate within a space of not less than fifty miles nor more than seventy five miles from the sea board, and not more than fifty miles northwest and fifty miles southeast of the Sanguin River. Said Commissioners shall be furnished with a suitable outfit, and a sufficient number of baggage carriers, guides and other attendants as the exigencies of the case may require.

SEC. 2. This Act shall go in force immediately. The Commissioners shall as soon as they have completed their selection report to the President, the result of their deliberations with the considerations that influenced their choice, before the meeting of the next Legislature. The Commissioners shall receive the sum of Three Dollars (\$ 3.) per diem for their services from the day of their embarkation, up to the day of dismissal at their respective homes.

SEC. 3. It is further Enacted, that all Laws, or parts of Laws, conflicting with this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved February 4. 1863.

AN ACT DIVORCING REBECCA OVERTON AND EDWARD OVERTON.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediate after the passage of this act, the matrimonial or civil contract of marriage between Rebecca Overton and Edmond Overton, her husband, shall be completely annulled, set aside and dissolved as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if no such contract had heretofore been made between them.

Approved December 31, 1863.

ACT APPROPRIATING FORTY DOLLARS, ANNUALLY,  
TO WILLIAM MORRIS, OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA.

*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  
Forty Dollars, annually, be and the same is hereby appropriated as  
pension for William Morris aforesaid, and the President be and he  
is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any moneys in the  
Public Treasury.

Approved January 25, 1863.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT CHARTERING THE TOWNSHIP OF EDINA.

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

SEC. 1. That the boundaries of the Township of Edina be estab-  
lished as follows: The corporate bounds shall be, commencing from  
the South East point, fronting Buchanan; thence running parallel  
with the beach, three miles in a North West direction to "Big Rock"  
thence due North to the Mechlin River; and thence running parallel  
with the Mechlin River to the place of commencement. All laws or  
parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 24, 1862.

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING "PRINTING STREET" TO "SHEPPARD'S LAKE," IN THE COUNTY OF MARYLAND.

*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 and requested to cause  
"Printing Street" to extend to Sheppard's Lake" by authorizing  
the Superintendent of Maryland County to cause a survey and  
extension of the Street aforesaid.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that the Methodist Episcopal  
Mission shall receive, in return for the land used in the extension  
"Printing Street" to Sheppard's Lake," double the amount in  
public lands, not otherwise appropriated. All laws or parts of laws  
to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1863.

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF ENGRAVED BILLS.**

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

**SEC. 1.** That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to put into circulation the amount of Forty thousand dollars, of the Engraved Bills of this Republic.

**SEC. 2.** It is further resolved, that one eighth at least of the amount issued, shall be deposited in each of the Sub-Treasuries of the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe, and Maryland, to carry on the operations of the Government.

Approved February 3, 1863.

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING UP THE RECAPTURED AFRICAN BUSINESS.**

*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 is directed to close up the Recaptured African business immediately after the passage of this Act by selling out, at auction, the residue of the goods and wares, which may now be on hand and to institute suits at law, against all persons, and their sureties who have been charged with the custody of the moneys, goods and wares of said business and have proved themselves defaulters either by negligence, or wilful dishonesty.

**SEC. 2.** That in order to carry out the provision of the 1st section of this Resolution, one fifth of the goods, wares, and merchandize, shall be deposited in each of the counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland, and shall be sold at public auction; the proceeds of the goods so disposed shall be subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury.

**SEC. 3.** That the Secretary of the Treasury shall collect from all sources the amounts due for account of the Recaptured African business, together with the proceeds of the sale by auction and shall forthwith carry out the provisions of the Act providing for the care, and support of Recaptured Africans as it relates to the *pro rata* dividend, any Law conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved February 4, 1863.

AN ACT CONFINING AND RESTRICTING FOREIGN VESSELS TO PORTS OF ENTRY.

*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 first day of January A. D. 1865. (Eighteen hundred and sixty five) no foreign vessel, or vessels arriving on the Coast of Liberia, from any port or place, or Liberian vessels engaged in the foreign trade shall be allowed to trade at any point or parts, but at Ports of Entry that are now or may hereafter be created by the Legislature of this Republic.

SEC. 2. It is further Enacted, that from and after the first day of January 1865 (Eighteen Hundred and sixty five) all foreign vessels are by this Act prohibited from landing or delivering any goods wares, or merchandize of whatsoever kind, at any point or part of the coast of the Republic of Liberia; except at such point or part of the Coast of this Republic as are now, or may be declared by the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia to be, ports of Entry and Delivery.

SEC. 3. It is further Enacted, that any foreign vessel or vessel violating any of the provisions of this Act, shall be seized by any Revenue or Naval Officer of this Republic, and brought to the nearest Port of Entry and Delivery, (as in the opinion of the Revenue or Commanding Naval Officer may be deemed expedient and delivered into the Custody of the National Officer of the Admiralty Court of the County into which said vessel, or vessels shall be brought and upon adjudication and conviction before said Court the master of said vessel shall be fined in a sum of not less than Five Thousand nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars.

Approved February 4. 1863.

AN ACT FOR THE RESERVATION OF PUBLIC LANDS.

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

SEC. 1. That the President be and he is hereby authorized, and requested to have surveyed and laid out, six acres of Public Park in the different Cities, and Towns, where the Law makes it necessary or may hereafter be designated by law for the Regimental Parade Ground. In the event of there being no public lands suited to the purpose of a Parade Ground, or Park in any City, Town or Settlement, the President is hereby authorized to procure the same from any private individual: provided the holder, or holders, be disposed to sell, or exchange

said lands for any public Lands.

Sec. 2. It is further Enacted, That the Land so desired, shall be assessed by disinterested persons, to be appointed by the President, and the proprietor, or proprietors, (if they be willing,) to be paid from any moneys arising from sale of public lands, in the County in which said lands are situated. The President may procure the desired lands by exchanging public lands of equal value, in lieu of the lands so obtained.

Approved January 23, 1863.

#### AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF MILITARY OFFICERS

*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 members of the Courts Martail, General and Regimental, shall receive for every day they sit at said Courts, one dollar *per diem* and Mileage *ten cents per mile*, provided, nevertheless, said courts do not sit more than three days at any one term. The compensation of the officers herein mentioned shall be paid out of the moneys in the Treasury, arising from Military fines.

Sec. 2. Notices shall be posted up in three of the most public places of each of the settlements of the county by the Adjutant of the Regiment at least ten days before the Session of the Courts Martial, for all delinquents to make their appearance, including in said Notices a list of Delinquents of each settlement or township respectively, in which the notices are posted; and a general notice and Catalogue of delinquents, in the Superintendent's Office and Post Offices of the County, shall be full and sufficient notice for all delinquents. The Adjutant shall receive for each Notification written and posted as above, the sum of twenty five cents, and twenty cents for each citation to the "Officers of the Courts Martial," said amount to be paid, also out of the moneys in the Treasury arising from Military fines.

Sec. 3. Any laws or parts of laws militating against this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 27, 1863.

#### AN ACT DIVORCING JACOB M. MOORE JR., AND ANN M. MOORE HIS WIFE.

*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 matrimonial or civil contract of marriage between Jacob M. Moore, Jr. and Ann M. Moore, his wife, shall be completely annulled, set aside and dissolved, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if no such contract had heretofore been made and entered into between them.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that the said Jacob M. Moore, Jr. and his wife Ann M. Moore, in future, shall be deemed and considered, as distinct and separate persons, altogether unconnected by any mystical union or civil contract whatsoever, at any other time made or heretofore entered into between them.

Approved Dec. 30. 1862.

AN ACT TO DIVORCE THOMAS E. DILLON AND ELIZABETH DILLON.

*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 matrimonial or civil contract of marriage between Thomas E. Dillon and Elizabeth Dillon, his wife, shall be completely annulled, set aside and dissolved, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes; as if no such contract had ever heretofore been made and entered into between them.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that the said Thomas E. Dillon and Elizabeth Dillon shall be deemed and considered as distinct and separate persons, altogether unconnected by any mystical union or civil contract at any other time made or heretofore entered into between them.

Approved December 30, 1862.

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RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION, BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, AND THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS.

*Resolved by the Senate of the Republic of Liberia.* That the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, between the Republic of Liberia, and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, concluded the twentieth day of December Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-two by Gerard Ralston, Esq. Consul General for the Republic of Liberia resident in London, and His Excellency Arnold Adolph Baron Bentinck, Commander of the Order of the Netherlands Lion, Grand Cross of the Order of the Oak Leaf Crown, His Majesty's Chamberlain, Minister of State, and Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, to Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, be and the said Treaty is here ratified, established and declared to be in force, in manner, term and order, as all other Treaties now existing between the

Government of the Republic of Liberia and foreign powers.  
Approved Jan., 29, 1863.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT TO REGULATE THE MILITIA.

*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 following named persons shall be exempt from doing military duty, in addition to those mentioned in the second section of "An Act to regulate the Militia," except in cases of invasion or insurrection, or whenever other public exigences may require their services; that is to say; Chairmen of Monthly and Provisional Courts, Clerks of Courts, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Registrars, Physicians, Attorneys, ex-members of the Legislature, Collectors of Customs; Treasurers, and Sub-Treasurers, Surveyors, Public School Teachers, Ministers of the Gospel, all Secretaries of Departments of Government. Provided, always that no person shall enjoy the privileges of this act who may now hold an office above the rank of first Lieutenant in this militia of the Republic.

SEC. 2. It is further Enacted: That the sixth section of the supplement to An Act entitled An Act to regulate the Militia, is hereby repealed.

Approved Jan. 27 1863.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTARY TO AN ACT CREATING POST OFFICES AND POST MASTERS IN EACH COUNTY OF THIS REPUBLIC.

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

SEC. 1. That Captains of vessels delivering letters at the Custom Houses in this Republic, according to the provisions of the Act Entitled an Act creating Post Offices in each county of this Republic shall receive one cent for each, and every letter thus delivered.

Any Captain failing to deliver the letters, and papers required by the above act, shall suffer a penalty of five Dollars for the first offence, and for every succeeding offence, a fine of ten Dollars shall be levied.

Approved February 8, 1863.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF JAMES McCRAE.

*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 allow Twenty Four (\$24) Dollars a year, for the term of two Years, for the support of James Mc Cray; the said amount to be drawn for out of any moneys in the Public Treasury.

Approved February 4. 1863.

A RESOLUTION RESTORING JOHN HOUSTON OF CLASHLAND TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

Sec. 1. That from, and after the passage of this Resolution, John Houston be, and he is hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all good citizens of the Republic.

Approved

AN ACT CHARTERING THE UNION MECHANIC ASSOCIATION OF MONROVIA.

*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, Henry E. Fuller, Gaston Killian, Thomas Roe, R. A. Sherman, S. C. Fuller, John Fuller, Thomas G. Fuller, Beverly R. Wilson, Edward C. Brown, F. P. David, I. Brown, Robert Hill, Henry Underwood, Jesse Sharp, D. B. Warner, J. W. Hilton, G. H. Mason, all of the County of Montserrado, together with others as now are, or may hereafter become members of the Association called the "Union Mechanic Society of Monrovia," be, and they are hereby declared to be a Body Corporate and Politic, under the name and Style of the "Union Mechanic Society of Monrovia," and shall be capable in Law to receive, hold and enjoy Real and Personal Estate to the amount of One hundred thousand dollars, for the use and benefit of said Institution; and shall have perpetual succession of Officers and accession of members, and may have and use a Common Seal; and under the name and style aforesaid may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in any Court of Law or Equity in this Republic having the requisite jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. And be it further Enacted, that the said Society shall be capable in Law, of receiving by bequest or donation, whether of money or other things, for the benefit of said Institution by whomever

or name or style the same may be made, and under their name or style aforesaid, may, when the interests of the Society and its prosperity seems to require it, sell, lease, or exchange any Estate by them acquired, whether by purchase bequest, or donation.

SEC. 3. And be it further Enacted, that the "Union Mechanic Society of Monrovia," aforesaid, 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 be not repugnant to the Laws and Constitution of this Republic.

SEC. 4. And be it further Enacted, that for the purpose of carrying more fully into effect the designs of the aforesaid Institution, there shall be elected annually on the fourth Monday in August, by a majority of the members of the Institution, a President, and Vice President, and a Standing Committee, of nine members who shall have the management of the Affairs and property of said Institution; all elections of Officers shall be by ballot, and the vote of a majority of the members of the Institution shall be necessary to elect the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Standing Committee, of the said Association. All other officers necessary to the furtherance of the objects of the incorporation and not provided for in this Act, shall be named and appointed by the By-Laws of the corporation. All Officers of the Institution shall be elected from among the members thereof.

Approved Dec. 26. 1863.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO ADOPT MEASURES  
FOR ENTERING INTO FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND HOLD-  
ING REGULAR OFFICIAL INTERCOURSE WITH THE  
NATIVE TRIBES IN THE DIFFERENT COUNTIES

*It is Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
Republic of Liberia, in Legislative Assembly*

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the President be, and he is hereby authorised to appoint in each County of the Republic, a Commissioner—Montserrado County excepted, which shall have two Commissioners, one of whom shall reside at Robertport—to be styled Commissioner for aborigines, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the President and the Superintendents of the Counties, respectively, to have the oversight of all matters—except such as belong to the Judiciary—pertaining to the aborigines. He shall be the medium between them and the Superintendent and the General Government. He shall twice during the year itinerate among the native tribes within the County, and visit officially the lead

the Chiefs, furnish them with information on the state of the Republic, and of the laws passed by the Legislature from time to time about to be passed, so far as such laws may affect them. And in connection with this, he shall carry out any other instructions which from time to time the President may see proper to enjoin.

Sec. 2. And it is further Enacted,—That the Commissioners shall make quarterly or semi-annual reports as the President may direct, for Montserrado County, to the Secretary of State; and those in the other Counties in this Republic, to the Superintendents of the several Counties, respectively. Said report shall state the regions of country visited, number of towns, names of Chiefs, physical and political condition of the country, disposition of the tribes towards Liberia, state of Agriculture, manufacture, &c. The Commissioners shall receive severally the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300 00) per annum; for their services, until the same shall be altered by law.

Sec. 3. And it is further Enacted—That whenever the President shall deem it most expedient, he may invite the leading Chiefs of each County to visit the Capital during the session of the Legislature, or at any other time he may think it necessary. The said Chiefs shall be received by the Commissioners for Montserrado County and boarded at the expense of Government, and be treated in every way that shall best carry out the spirit and intention of this Act. The President is further authorised to draw out of the public Treasury any, and all amounts required to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 4. And it is further Enacted,—That all laws and parts of laws conflicting with the regulations of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, Jan. 25. 1864.

AN ACT INDUCING CITIZENS OF OTHER PARTS OF LIBERIA TO EMIGRATE TO THE COUNTIES OF MARYLAND AND SINOE IN 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 grant any male citizen at and above the age of Twenty one years, who may migrate from any part of Liberia, under the provisions of this Act, fifty acres of farm land, (and one town lot) on the Cavalla or Sinoe River, with the consideration, that such citizen or citizens, shall be required to reside in the Counties of Maryland and Sinoe, for a term of not less than ten years, or forfeit his or their lands.

Sec. 2. It is further Enacted, That those wishing to be benefited by this Act, shall get a Certificate from the President; (if from the

... or monse-rado) or from the Superintendents of the Counties adjacent, and shall deliver the same, on his or their arrival at the Counties of Maryland and Sinoe to the Superintendents of the said Counties.

Sec. 3. It is further Enacted, That the President shall instruct the Superintendents of Maryland and Sinoe Counties, to cause a survey of Lands for each person, or persons, on the presentation of a Certificate, according to the provisions of this Act, the President granting deeds for such lands agreeably to the latter clause of the first section of this Act.

Sec. 4. It is further Enacted; That all lands surveyed and granted under the provisions of this Act, shall have a breadth of five acres only on the front, and a space left for a road 30 feet wide, which shall intercept every lot run out agreeably to this Act.

Approved July 14. 1864.

— *Revenue* —

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EMPLOY THE  
VESSELS OR BOATS OF CITIZENS OF LIBERIA IN THE  
SERVICE, AND COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR THE SAME.

*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 president be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to Commission the Captains of any vessel or boat, belonging to Citizens of this Republic or some one else, and give them authority to enforce the Revenue Laws, upon any Captain, Super-cargo, Agent, or Owner of any Foreign vessel, or vessels, that may be known to be trading unlawfully any where within the limits of this Republic.

Sec. 2. It is further Enacted, that the pay of said Officer shall be that of First Lieutenant, in the Navy Department, and in all cases reasonable amount, shall be paid the owner or owners of said vessel or vessels, for any services that may be rendered this Government, in enforcing the Revenue Laws of the same.

Sec. 3. It is further Enacted, that all vessels, or boats, commissioned as above, it shall be the duty of the Government to furnish said boats, or vessels with one or more cannons, and with as many small arms and as much ammunition as may be deemed necessary for the use of said vessel or vessels: and all vessels or boats, thus commissioned shall wear a "Pendant," while engaged in the "Revenue service."

Sec. 4. It is further Enacted; that the Superintendent of Bassa noe, and Maryland Counties shall, under the direction of the president, cause the provisions of this Act to be carried out. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1864.

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RESOLUTION RATIFYING A TREATY OF "AMITY, COMM  
AND NAVIGATION" BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBE  
RIA, AND HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF SWEDEN AND  
NORWAY.

*Resolved by the Senate of the Republic of Liberia;*

That the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation between the Republic of Liberia, and His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway concluded the first day of September, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty three, by Gerard Raibston Esq. Consul General for the Republic of Liberia, resident in London, and Charles Count Wachtmeister, Commander of His Majesty's order of the Polar Star, an Saint Olaff, Grand Cross of the Dannebrog of Denmark, Great Officer of the Order of St. Mauritius and Lazarus of Italy, of the Order of Constantine of Italy, and of the Lion of the Netherlands, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Great Britain, be and the said Treaty is hereby ratified, declared and established as the Treaty of "Amity, Commerce and Navigation" between the Republic of Liberia and His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, to be in force in manner and order as all other Treaties now existing between the Government of the Republic of Liberia, and Foreign powers.

Approved, Jan. 14. 1864.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR FURNITURE  
FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MANSION.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Eleven hundred Dollars \$ (1100,00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to furnish the President's Mansion with suitable furniture, and other indispensables suitable to the comfort of the President. And that the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby directed to purchase, under the direction of the President, the same.

SEC. 2. He shall also take a correct account of all furniture bought for the use of the President's Mansion, and make an annual report thereof to the Legislature. He shall also make annual reports of the condition of said building as well as the quantity of furniture therein belonging to Government; and the President be, and he hereby authorized and directed to draw on the Public Treasury for the same. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1864.

AN RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE REPAIRS OF THE "LIBERIA SCHOONER QUAIL."

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President be, and he is hereby authorized to have the *Liberia Schooner Quail*, carried into the Saint Paul's River, if possible, and put immediately under repairs.

And that the best workmen in Liberia be employed for the purpose, on the most advantageous terms.

SEC. 2. And it is further resolved; that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (3000,00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan, 19 1864.

AN ACT REPEALING AN ACT, ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT REGULATING THE MILITIA.

*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 Act Amendatory to the Act regulating the Militia be, and the same is hereby repealed, (with the exception of Ex-members of the Legislature.) And it is further enacted: That this Act shall not be construed to have reference to any Act regulating the Militia; except that amendatory Act which was approved January 27th 1863.

SEC. 2. And it is further enacted: That any laws or parts of laws militating against the spirit of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 19, 1864.

RESOLUTION SUSPENDING FOR FIVE YEARS, AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL FAIR.

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

SEC. 1. That the Act Entitled An Act Providing for a National Fair be, and the same is hereby suspended for five years, that is to say until 1868.

Sec. 3. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY TO EFFECT A LOAN OF CURRENCY NOW IN CIRCULATION TO THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

*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 is hereby authorized and directed to borrow of citizens of the Republic, who may be disposed to loan the Government any amount of currency at an interest of 5 per cent for 3 Years, and 6 per cent from 5 to 8 years—over 8 years, and up to 12 years, 7 per cent, i. e., for the term of three (3) to twelve (12) years from the date of deposit. The amount so borrowed shall not exceed the sum of seventy five thousand Dollars. The amount borrowed shall be devoted to liquidate the liabilities of Government.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that any person or persons who may be disposed to loan the Government amounts of currency under the provisions of this Act, being residents in the counties of Bassa Sinoe and Maryland, may deposit the same in the Sub Treasury department of said counties and receive interest thereon as above stated.

Sec. 3. And it is further enacted, that the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to open accounts with such persons who may loan currency to the Government under the provisions of this Act, and shall pay in every case the interest due thereon annually.

Sec. 4. Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.  
Approved Feb, 19. 1864.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO SETTLE TWO HUNDRED RECAPTIVE AFRICANS IN MARYLAND 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 President be, and he is hereby authorized to forward from time to time from Montserrado County, in the Government Schooner Quail, or any other vessel employed in Government Service, Recaptured Africans, (who may desire to emigrate) free of charge, to Maryland County, until the number of Two Hundred shall have been forward

ed to said County.

Sec. 2. It is further Enacted, that the Superintendent of Maryland County, shall by the direction of the President, cause Farm Lands, or Town Lots, to be surveyed, to settle said "Recaptive Africans," as the case may require.

Sec. 3. It is further Enacted, that all laws or parts of laws to the contrary be and the same are hereby repealed.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM CURRENCY."

*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 Secretary of the Treasury, with the consent and under the direction of the President, be, and he is hereby authorized to issue for the convenience of a circulating medium, between the copper coins of one and two cents, and the engraved bills of fifty cents, the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS in printed promissory notes, of the denominations of Twenty five and Twelve and a half cents.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted, that Six Hundred Dollars of the said notes be put in circulation in Montserrado County, and three hundred dollars in each of the leeward Counties.

Sec. 3. And it is further Enacted, that when the said promissory notes shall accumulate in the hands of any individual to the amount of Twenty-five dollars such individual may demand an exchange of them for currency at the Treasury Department in the County of Montserrado; and from the Sub-Treasurers in the other counties.

Sec. And it is further enacted that the said promissory notes shall be of the following form:

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On Demand at the Treasury Department the Treasurer of the Republic of Liberia will pay to Bearer in Engraved Bills the value of Twenty Five Cents whenever these promissory notes shall be presented to the amount of  
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Sec. 5. All Laws or parts of Laws conflicting with this Act are hereby repealed,  
Approved, Feb. 18, 1864.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO REIMBURSE,  
J. T. GIBSON SUPERINTENDENT OF MARYLAND COUNTY,  
FOR MONIES EXPENDED IN PURCHASING STATION-  
ERY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC.

*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 and instructed to reimburse the Superintendent of "Maryland County," in the sum of two Hundred and Seventy Six Dollars, Sixty Six and two third cents, for Stationery used for Government purposes, Maryland County, during the period of Seven Years, less one month, out of any monies in the Public Treasury.

Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO  
BEAR ALL EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUR-  
IAL OF SENATOR ST. JAMES GILCHRIST.

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

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to pay all expenses of the Burial of Senator St. James Gilchrist, and that said expenses be included in the amount appropriated for the present Session of the Legislature.

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An Act Suspending that part of an Act entitled An Act Granting Careysburg and Marshall respectively a Provisional Monthly Court;

*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 Act establishing the Provisional Courts of Carysburg and Marshall be, and the same is hereby suspended for the period of four (4) years from the passage hereof.

Approved Feb. 18, 1864.

A Resolution to relieve Henry P. Taite of Montserrado County, an Emigrant, from the West Indies.

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

Sec. 1. That the sum of One hundred Dollars and fifty acres of Farm land be, and the same are hereby appropriated to the use of and exclusive benefit of Henry P. Taite and his family, recent emigrants from the West Indies, and the President is hereby authorized and requested to draw the said One Hundred Dollars out of any monies in the Public Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and to grant him a Deed in fee simple for said fifty acres of Land to be surveyed according to Law.

Approved Feb, 18, 1854. 1864

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO ADOPT MEASURES  
TO ENCOURAGE EMIGRATION TO LIBERIA FROM  
THE WEST INDIA ISLANDS

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

Sec. 1. That as soon after the passage of this Act, as possible, the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to enter into such arrangements as shall, in the most economical manner, in view of our pecuniary embarrassments, increase the population of Liberia, by renewing the invitation extended in 1862 to persons of African Descent in the West India Islands, to Liberia, aiding worthy and industrious persons in the said Islands to emigrate to this Republic.

Sec. 2. And that all emigrants immigrating to Liberia under the provisions of this Act, and desiring to leave the Republic within four years after arrival, shall be required to pay to the Government all expenses of his or their passage to Liberia.

Sec. 3. That as an additional inducement to persons to emigrate to Liberia, from the West Indies a grant of Ten acres of land be assigned to each single individual, and of Twenty five acres to each family. \*

Sec. 4. That the sum of Four Thousand dollars be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act, and the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any monies in the Public Treasury.

Approved Feb'y 16 1854. 1864

Resolution Authorizing the President to adopt such measures as effect the purpose of placing the inhabitants of the County of Maryland and other portions of the Republic of Liberia permanently in the possession of their farm lands.

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

SEC. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested, that upon the adjournment of the present Session of the Legislature, that he will adopt such Measures as will best effect the purpose of placing the inhabitants of the County of Maryland and other portions of the Republic, permanently in the possession of their farm lands, said means if possible will be adopted upon the most pacific footing; and if practicable, and cannot be otherwise ordered, an immediate resort to Military force must be adopted, to secure the object contemplated by the Resolution.

SEC. 2. Resolved That the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any Moneys in the Public Treasury to carry out the provisions of this Resolution. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1864.

“An Act Amending An Act Establishing the Judiciary, and fixing the Powers Common to the several Courts and repealing portions of An Act for the punishment of Larceney.

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

SEC. 1. That Section 5, &c., of Article 6, of “An Act Establishing the Judiciary and fixing the Powers common to the Court,” styled “An Act defining certain Crimes and relating to the punishment of Crimes,” be so altered and amended, as to read not more than Ten Dollars.”

SEC. 2. It is further Enacted, that “An Act for the punishment of Larceney,” be so altered and amended, as to strike out all the words after “Crime,” in the second Section, eighth line, which reads: “and an dismissal from Prison, he, she, or they shall receive thirty nine lashes, on the bare-back,” All laws or parts of laws conflicting with this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved February 17 1864.

Resolution Authorizing the President to sign a sufficient amount of Engraved Bills to defray the entire expenses of the Present Session of the Legislature.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
A. R. of Liberia in Legislature Assembled.*

SEC. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby authorised and requested to sign a sufficient amount of Engaved Bills to pay off the entire expenses of the present Session of the Legislature.

An Act Restoring Allen Brown, Elijah Dill, S. A. Campion  
John A. Rolin, and others to citizenship.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Allen Brown, A. Campion, Elijah Dill, John A. Rolin, of Montserrado County; Jacob Purvis, of Grand Bassa County; Sandy Coffee, Prince Keady, Charles Green, of Sinoe County; Francis Ross, of Maryland County, are hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Approved Feby. 17. 1864.

AN ACT RESTORING GILBERT AUSTIN TO CITIZENSHIP

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Gilbert Austin be, and he is hereby restored to the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Approved Feby. 18. 1864

AN ACT CHARTERING THE UNION AGRICULTURAL ENTER-  
PRISE COMPANY ON THE ST. PAUL'S RIVER

*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, Peter M. Page, David Carter, David Kelley, S. George, G. R. Brown, G. W. Dixon, Thomas Howland, G. W. Moore, A. Washington; and all others who now are, or may become members of the Company called the Union Agricultural Enterprise Company on the St. Paul's River—be, and the same are hereby declared to be a Body corpo-

rate, and Politic, under the name and style of the "Union Agricultural Enterprise Company" on the St. Paul's River, Montserrado County.

And shall be capable in Law to receive, hold and enjoy Real and Personal Estate to the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$50,000,) for the use and benefit of said Company; and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members: and may have and use a common seal; and under the name aforesaid may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any Court of Law or Equity in this Republic having the requisite Jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, That the said Company shall be capable in law of receiving by bequest or donation—whether of money, or other things for the benefit of said Company by whatever name or style the same may be made, and in their name and style as aforesaid, may, when the interest of the Company and its propriety require it, sell, or exchange any Estate by them acquired, whether by purchase, bequest or donation.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, That the said Company is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and to establish such By-laws, Rules and Regulations, for their own Government as they themselves deem expedient; provided such By-laws and Regulations are not contrary to the provisions of this charter.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted, That for the purpose of carrying fully into effect the designs of the aforesaid Company, there shall be three Managers of the Company, chosen from the members active or honorary, or their successors by as many of them as shall assemble at their place of rendezvous, or other convenient place according to notification, on the first Thursday in May, August, November, February in each year—when a majority of those present, shall have full power to elect by ballot or otherwise, as may be directed, by the By-laws of said Company; and said Managers thus selected shall at their first regular meeting thereafter, elect President, Vice President, a Secretary, an assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, and if desired a Corresponding Secretary.

Any laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, Feby. 18. 1864.\*

"An Act authorizing the clearing out the Creek and its tributaries, known as Congoe-creek, in Montserrado County: also that part of Poor River adjacent to Grand Butaw, and Wyet Creek running from the Sinoe River to Settra-Kroo, in Sinoe County—and a Creek or River near Grand Bassa point, Lower Buchanan: and constructing a Bridge over Big Creek in Maryland County."

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized, and instructed, under the direction of the President, at an early day as practicable to make arrangement for, and cause the removal of as many of the obstructions from the Creek and its tributaries known as Congo Creek in Montserrado County, as well as that part or branch of Poor River, Sinoe County, adjacent to Grand Butaw, and Wyet Creek, running from the Sinoe River, to Settra Kroo, and the creek or river, near Grand Bassa point, Lower Buchanan, as may be necessary to the safe navigation of Boats and Canoes, also for the building of a Bridge over the Big Creek, in Maryland County.

SEC. 2. That the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act, as follows; Two Hundred Dollars, for Congoe Creek, and its tributaries, in Montserrado County; Two Hundred dollars, for Wyet Creek, running from the Sinoe River, to Settra Kroo; Two Hundred dollars, for Creek or branch of Poor River, Sinoe County; One Hundred and Fifty dollars, for river or creek near Grand Bassa point, Lower Buchanan; and Two Hundred dollars for building a Bridge over Big Creek, in Maryland County; and the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Public Treasury for the same, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated.

Approved Feby. 19. 1864.

An Act divorcing John Luca and Sarah Luca, Urias A. McGill and Angeline E. McGill, R. R. Savage and Marion L. Savage, Samuel Powers and S. E. Powers.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediatly after the passage of this Act, the matrimonial and civil contract of marriage between John Luca and Sarah Luca his wife, Urias A. McGill and Angeline E. McGill his wife, R. R. Savage and Marion L. Savage his wife, and Samuel S. Powers and S. E. Powers his wife, shall be completely annulled, set aside, and dissolved as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if no such contract had been made and entered into between them.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that the above named persons in future shall be deemed separate persons, altogether unconnected by any civil contract or mystical union whatever, at any other time made heretofore entered into between them. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feby. 19. 1864.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTARY TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT  
TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS OF OTHER PARTS OF LIBERIA  
TO SETTLE IN MARYLAND AND SINOE COUNTY.

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

Sec. 1. That should any citizen or citizens of This Republic pursuant to the above mentioned Act, settle in either the County of Maryland or Sinoe, and die before the expiration of the Ten years settlement required by said Act, that a deed in fee simple be granted agreeably to the provisions, of said Act, in favor of the heirs, executors, administrators or assigns of said settler or settlers.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feb. 19. 1864.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT REG-  
ULATING TAX AND LICENSES.

*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 President be, and he is hereby authorized to enforce vigorously the Tax Law [which was approved in 1858] throughout this Republic, wherever it is applicable, and there shall be a Tax of half per cent, on all Real Estate, instead of one quarter per cent.

Sec. 2. It is further Enacted, that the moneys accruing from said Tax as specified in the first section of said Act, shall be applied to "Common Schools," within the Republic; and further should the monies thus accruing be more than sufficient for Common School purposes, the residue shall be applied to any other purposes of Government.

Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved. Feby 19. 1864.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIRS OF THE SEN-  
ATE CHAMBER.

*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 President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to have the Senate Chamber put in good repair by having the roof re-shingled, sash

placed in the windows, and the walls ceiled five feet from the floor, &c, to protect the members from the injurious effect produced by the dampness of the walls.

Further that the sum of Four Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Public Treasury, to complete said work.

Approved Feby. 20 1864.

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AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF FRANCIS DAVIS,

*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 said Francis Davis be and he is hereby entitled to be allowed an annuity of Twenty four Dollars (\$24.00.) to be paid out of any money in the Public Treasury.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted that the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasury for the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved. Feby 20 1864.

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AN ACT RESTORING LAURINA GOODE TO THE RIGHTS &c, OF CITIZENSHIP.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Laurina Goode be and she is hereby restored to all the rights, privileges, and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Approved Feby, 20. 1864.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF THE FLOATING DEBT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF TREASURY NOTES OF THE REPUBLIC, AND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE SAME.

*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 directed to solicit, and to receive on deposit into the public treasury from any citizen or citizens or from other sources,

loans in the demand notes now in circulation and issued under former Acts of the Legislature, any sum in said notes not less than twenty dollars. The loans effected under this act shall not be for a less period than Ten years from the date of deposit.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, That, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to fund the said "demand notes" now in circulation, he is hereby authorized to issue, on the faith and credit of this Republic, printed registered bonds to an amount not to exceed, in the aggregate, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) redeemed at the pleasure of this Republic after five years, and payable ten years from their date, in gold, silver or copper coin, and bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum payable annually in coin.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, That the bonds herein authorized shall be of such denominations, not less than twenty dollars, as may be determined upon by the Secretary of the Treasury. And he shall be authorized to dispose of such bonds at any time for coin, or its equivalent, that is to say, for such produce as in his discretion can be made available to government in funding demand notes, checks or orders, that have been drawn on the Treasurer or Sub-Treasurers of this Republic and now in circulation.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted, That there shall be an accurate account taken, kept and preserved in the Treasury department of all the demand notes, checks and orders taken in from time to time, so as to show at the expiration of each quarter, the amount received, together with their dates and numbers; and shall be reported upon quarterly, as other matters of accounts. The demand notes, such as may not be defaced, shall be carefully preserved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and shall not be re-issued but kept subject to the order of the Legislature, as to what final disposition shall be made of them. The checks and orders and defaced notes herein before mentioned shall be destroyed at the expiration of each quarter agreeably to the provisions of an Act authorizing the destruction of defaced currency and checks and orders taken in at the Treasury department.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted, that from and after the 31st day of March, A. D. 1865, all duties on imported and exported goods shall be paid in gold, silver or copper coin, or in the demand notes payable in coin, heretofore authorized to be issued and the coin so paid shall be set apart as a special fund and shall be applied as follows: *First*, to the payment of the interest on the bonds issued under this act; *Secondly*, that from and after the first day of October A. D. 1865, one eighth of the entire revenue arising from imports and exports to be set apart, in coin, as a sinking fund for the payment or redemption of the bonds authorized by this Act; Provided that one eighth of the amount of the bonds shall only be set apart as sinking fund for the purpose aforesaid.

*Thirdly*, the residue thereof shall be applied to meeting the current annual expenditures of the Government.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted that in line of the "demand notes" now in circulation, and to supply a circulating medium to the citizens of this Republic, the Secretary the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to procure for the purpose suitable plates and paper, and to issue on the faith and credit of this Republic, treasury notes, not bearing interest, "payable to bearer" at the Treasury department, and of the denominations of 5\$ 3\$ and 50 cents to the amount of thirty thousand dollars; provided however, that no amount in said Treasury notes shall be issued and put in circulation at any time to exceed one half of the demand notes received and taken in from circulation. Said Treasury notes shall be legal tender for all debts due to and from the Republic, except for duties on imports and exports and for interests on, and for redemption of the bonds issued under this Act; and shall also be lawful money for all debts, public and private, of whatever nature, in this Republic, except for duties and interests as aforesaid. Holders of said "Treasury notes" shall have the privilege of depositing any sum not less than fifty dollars in the public treasury, and shall receive from the Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer, as the case may be, duplicate receipts therefor, one of which receipts being transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, he shall thereupon issue to the holder an equal amount in bonds of the Republic, as may by said holder be desired, bearing interest at six per centum per annum, payable annually, and redeemable at the pleasure of this Republic after six years, and payable twelve years from the date thereof. And all such Treasury notes may be re-issued from time to time as the exigencies of the public interest shall require; all such Treasury notes aforesaid on being issued shall be signed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and by the Treasury of the Republic.

SEC. 7. There shall be an accurate account regularly kept and preserved in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury of the amounts, dates and numbers of all Treasury notes issued under this Act, and a similar account of said notes shall be taken, kept and preserved by the Treasurer of the Republic in his office.

SEC. 8. It is further enacted. That if any person or persons shall falsely make, forge, counterfeit or alter, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged, counterfeited or altered, or shall willingly aid or assist in falsely making, forging, counterfeiting or altering any note, bond or other security, issued under the authority of this Act, or heretofore issued under acts to authorize the issue of Treasury notes &c; or shall pass, utter, publish or sell, or attempt to pass, utter, publish or sell, or bring into this Republic from any foreign place with intent to pass, utter, publish or sell; or shall have or keep in possession or conceal, with intent to utter, publish or sell any such false, forged, counterfeited or altered note, bond or other security, with intent to defraud any person having the custody of any plate or plates from which any notes or bonds mentioned in

this Act, or any part thereof shall have been printed, or which shall have been prepared for the purpose of printing any such notes or bonds, shall use such plate or plates, or knowingly permit the same to be used for purpose of printing any notes, or bonds, except such as shall be printed for the use of the Republic by order of the proper officer thereof, every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall on conviction thereof, be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and imprisonment and confinement to hard labor not exceeding five years, according to the aggravation of the offence.

Sec. 9. It is further Enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is authorized to issue orders agreeably to this Act, to the Treasurer, and Sub-Treasurers of the Leeward Counties not to put in circulation any amount or amounts of currency taken in by them on deposit under a penalty of one thousand dollars. And should the Secretary of the Treasury put in circulation any of said bills, &c, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of Three thousand Dollars.

Sec. 10. It is further Enacted, That should any Collector of customs fail to receive the duties on imports and exports agreeably to the provisions of this Act, in gold, silver, copper coin, &c., as mentioned in this Act, and to pay over the same to the Treasury department forty eight hours therefrom, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars, recoverable before any court having jurisdiction.

Sec. 11. It is further Enacted, That the Collector of Customs shall present a copy of the bill of sales, of all business transactions, of vessels, or merchants or other persons engaged in trade in this Republic, which he shall submit to the Treasurer or Sub-Treasurers. The same he shall make oath to, as a correct account, before said Treasurer, or Sub-Treasurer, and the Treasurer or Sub-Treasurers, shall send said Copy of Copies of bills of sale, with their Quarterly Reports to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 12. It is further Enacted, That all laws, ordinances, and regulations repugnant to this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved Jan. 2. 1865.

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE  
PRESENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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

That the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn its present Session *sine die* on the second day of January 1865.

Approved 14th, Dec. 1864.

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE BUILDING OF  
A REVENUE CUTTER AT HARPER, MARYLAND 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 Secretary of the Treasury shall cause, under the direction of the President, a Revenue Cutter to be built at Harper, Maryland County, of the following dimensions: length of keel sixty feet:—breadth eighteen feet;—Depth not less than eight feet nor more than ten feet;—Timbers six inches square;—Planking three inches thick;—the whole to be of the very best materials; and her name shall be called "PALMAS."

SEC. 2. It is further Enacted; That the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ( \$ 15 000 ) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act, Said amount to be increased or lessened as the case may require.

Approved December 22, 1864.

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PROGRESS OF THE ARTS,  
MANUFACTURES, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

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

SEC. 1. That there shall be established an Office to be termed the Patent Office, which shall be under the control of the Secretary of State, whose duty it shall be to superintend, execute, and perform all such acts and things touching and respecting the granting and issuing of Letters Patent for new and useful discoveries, Inventions, and Improvements, as are herein provided for, or shall hereafter be by law directed to be done and performed, and shall have charge and authority of all Books, Records, Papers, and all other things belonging to the said Office.

SEC. 2. It is further Enacted, That all Patents issuing from the said Office, shall be issued in the name, and under the Seal of the Republic of Liberia, and be signed by the President of the Republic, and countersigned by the Secretary of State, and shall be recorded together with Descriptions, Specifications, and Drawings in the said Office, in Books to be kept for that purpose.

Ever such patent shall contain a short title of the Invention or Discovery, correctly indicating its nature and design, and its terms, grant to the Applicant or Applicants, his or their Heirs, Administrators, Executors, or Assigns, for a term not exceeding Twenty Years, the full and exclusive right and liberty of making, using, and vending to others to be used the said Invention or Discovery, referring the Specifications for the particulars thereof, a copy of which Spec-

ifications with the Illustrative Drawings shall be annexed to the Patent specifying what the Patentee claims as his Invention or Discovery.

SEC. 3. It is further Enacted, That any Citizen or Citizens having discovered or invented any new and useful Art, Machine Manufacture, Process, Composition of Matter, or any new and useful Improvement in any Art, Machine, Manufacture, Process, or Composition of Matter, or having invented or discovered a new and useful application of any known substance, or matter, or Composition of Matter, or any new and useful application of any known article of Manufacture, device, or apparatus, to any Art, Manufacture, Machine, Process, or Composition of Matter; such Invention, or Discovery, or such application not being known, or used by others within the limits of this Republic, and not being described in any Book or other Publication in this Country, before his or their Discovery thereof, may make application in writing to the Secretary of State, expressing such desire, and the Secretary of State may on due proceedings, had grant a Patent therefor. But before any Inventor shall receive a Patent for any such Invention, Discovery, or New Application, he shall deliver a Written Description thereof, and of the manner and process of making, constructing, using, applying and compounding the same, in such full, clear, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the Art or Science, to which it appertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make construct apply, compound, and use the same and shall particularly specify and point out the part, improvement, or combination which he claims as his own Invention or Discovery. He shall furthermore accompany the whole with a Drawing or Drawings, and Written References, where the nature of the case admits of Drawings. The applicant shall furthermore make Oath or affirmation that he does verily believe that he is the Original and First Inventor or Discoverer of the Art, Machine, Composition, Application, or Improvement, for which he solicits a Patent, and that the same was not known or used within the limits of the Republic of Liberia, prior to his said invention, and that he is a citizen of this Republic; the said Oath or affirmation to be taken before any person authorized by law to administer Oaths.

SEC. 4. It is further Enacted, That on filing such application, description, and specifications, and the payment of the fees herein after provided, the Secretary of State shall make or cause to be made an examination of the alledged new invention or discovery, and if it should appear to the Secretary of State that the same had not been invented or discovered, or known by any other person in this country, and had not been described in any Book or other Publication in this Country prior to the discovery thereof by the applicant, then it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to issue a Patent therefor. But whenever it shall appear to the Secretary of State that the applicant was not the first Inventor or Discoverer thereof, or that wh

is claimed as new had been known to others in this country, or had been described in some publication in this country prior to the time of the alledged Invention or Discovery of the applicant, then it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to refuse the grant of Letters Patent to the Applicant therefor.

Sec. 5. It is further Enacted, That if any Alien or Aliens shall have invented or discovered any new Art, Machine, Manufacture, Process, or Composition of Matter, or any new and useful Improvement of any Art, Machine, Manufacture, Process, or Composition of Matter, or has invented or discovered a new and useful application of any known substance or Machine, or Composition of Matter, or any new and useful application of any known article of Manufacture, Device, or Apparatus, to any Art, Manufacture, Machine, Process, or Composition of Matter, such Invention or Discovery, or such application, not having been known or used by others within the limits of this Republic, or if any Alien or Aliens shall be the legal owner or owners of such invention or discovery, or application, and shall express a desire to introduce the same and put it into active operation in this country, then it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State on due proceedings held, as provided for in third Section of this Act, to issue Letters Patent therefor. But before letters patent can be granted to such Applicant, he shall deliver, with the Description of the Invention or Discovery claimed, a certificate signed and sealed by the Mayor or Governor of the City or State, in which he resides, or by a duly authorized Notary Public, which certificate shall set forth that he Applicant is the Original and First Discoverer of the thing claimed, or that he has purchased the right, title, and interest in this country to the said Invention or Discovery.

Sec. 6. It is further Enacted, That when any alien, or aliens shall have obtained Letters Patent for any invention or discovery, it shall be his or their duty to put the same in active operation in this Republic within three years from the date of the said Patent, and by refusal or neglect on the part of the Patentee to do this, shall be considered as an abandonment by him and his Patent to the public.

Sec. 7. It is further Enacted, That before any application for a patent shall be considered by the Secretary of State, the applicant shall pay into the Treasury, or into the Office of the Secretary of State, to the credit of the Treasury if he be a citizen of this Republic, the sum of Twenty Five Dollars; if he be an alien, the sum of fifty Dollars; and the moneys received under this Act shall constitute a fund for the payment of Salaries of such Assistants as the Secretary of State may deem necessary for carrying this Act into effect.

Sec. 8. It is further Enacted, That every patent shall be assignable in Law, either as to the whole interest, or any individual part thereof, by any instrument of writing; which assignment, and also every grant and conveyance of the exclusive right under any patent

to make and use, and to grant to others to make and use the thing patented, within and throughout the whole or any specified portion of the Republic of Liberia, shall be recorded in the Office of the Secretary of state, within one year from the execution thereof.

Sec. 9. It is further Enacted, That all actions for damages for making, using, or selling the thing whereof the exclusive right is secured by any patent, and all suits, controversies, and cases arising under this Act, shall be cognizable, as well in equity as at law, by the Supreme Court of the Republic Liberia.

Sec. 10. It is further Enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to make, or cause to be made, exact copies of all patents issued, and also of all drawings appertaining to the said Patents, which copies shall be properly classified and shall be retained as Permanent Records in the Office of the Secretary of state, and the said copies shall be open for inspection at reasonable hours, to all who may desire to peruse the same. And it shall further be the duty of the Secretary of State to furnish on reasonable terms, certified copies of any Patents or Drawings relating thereto.

Approved Dec. 23, 1864.

An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to destroy by burning, all the checks and the defaced, and otherwise damaged currency, now in the Treasury department, and any other of that description that may in future be received.

*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 Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to destroy, by burning, all checks and defaced and otherwise damaged currency, now in his department in the presence of the Auditors of Public accounts, and the Secretary of State; and make out a certificate of the denominations and amount of the same, in duplicate; to be signed on the same day by each of the aforesaid persons present, and to be deposited in the Secretary's department.

Sec. 2. It is further Enacted, That all checks of every description, and all defaced currency coming into the Treasury, shall, on the day of their receipt, be stamped in large letters by the Secretary of the Treasury, with the words "Condemned." And the said Secretary shall keep an accurate account, of the amounts of the same, and deposit them safely in his office till the close of each quarter, at which time he shall destroy all the checks and currency according to the provisions of Section 1.

Sec. 3. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Dec 26, 1864.

A RESOLUTION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES.

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

Sec. 1. That agreeably to an act authorizing the President to place the Counties of Grand Bassa, and Sinoe in a state of Defence, (on page 173, Compilation) the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to put the several Counties of the Republic in a state of defence agreeably to this Act.

Sec. 2. It is further Enacted, That the sum of (\$15000) Fifteen Thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the provisions of the first section of this Resolution.

Sec. 3. It is further Enacted, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to procure from time to time, as the exigencies of the Government may demand, the services of any Foreign Man-of-War, to bring into *immediate subjection* any hostile Tribe or Tribes along the Coast, who may offer resistance to the Laws of this Republic, until such times as the Government may see cause to provide otherwise: Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 27, 1864.

RESOLUTION FOR THE SURVEY OF THE LINE BETWEEN  
CLAY-ASHLAND AND VIRGINIA.

*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 President be and he is hereby authorized to have the line between Clay-ashland and Virginia surveyed. And that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Approved Dec. 31, 1864.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CARYSBURG LIVE STOCK COMPANY.

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

Sec. 1. That Armistead Miller, William H. Dennis, Moses Coleman, Philip E. Twine, Benjamin Honsby, all of the town of Carysburg, Montserrado County, together with such others as are now or may hereafter become members of the Company called the

Careysburg Live-stock Company of Careysburg, Montserrado County, be and they are hereby declared to be a body politic, with their successors in office, under the Corporate name and style of the Careysburg Live-stock Company of Careysburg, Montserrado County; and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, for the use and benefit of said Company; and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members, and may have and use a common seal, and under the name and style aforesaid may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any court of law or equity in this Republic having the requisite jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, That the Careysburg Live-stock Company aforesaid is hereby invested 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 be not repugnant to the laws of Constitution of this Republic, and provided also that such by laws, rules and regulations shall at all times be subject to be altered or repealed by the Legislature.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, That for the purpose of carrying into effect the designs of this Company, there shall be five managers of the Company, chosen from the Stock holders annually, according to the Constitution governing said company, who shall be charged with the active interests and operations of the Company, and they shall be sole managers in the interim of the Company's meetings, and shall have the general oversight of every thing.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted, That for the purpose of more fully carrying out the designs of said Company, viz, the purchasing, raising, importing and disposing of Stock for the purpose of benefiting the country, the President is hereby authorized and requested to grant to the said Company, three hundred acres of land, to be surveyed out of any unappropriated lands in the vicinity of Careysburg. And further, the President is hereby authorized and requested to grant a deed in trust as long as the Company exists.

Approved January 2, 1865.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ERECTION OF LIGHT HOUSES IN THE COUNTIES OF GRAND BASSA AND SINOU.

*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 Superintendents of Grand Bassa and Sinou Counties, under the direction and advice of the President, be and they are hereby a

authorized and empowered to furnish the Jailors of their respective Counties with tools and implements, and other necessary conveniences, for the purpose of breaking and blasting rocks on said points, for Light Houses, to be there established and erected.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Superintendents to contract with Stone Masons and Carpenters, for the undertaking and completing of said work. Said Light Houses shall be square, and shall be at the base or foundation, fifteen feet by fifteen feet, and shall be sixty feet high, and gradually decreasing to ten feet square.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, That to carry out the provisions of this Act, the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for each Light House, to be erected after the provisions and directions of this Act. Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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#### A RESOLUTION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized, under the direction of the President, to enter into arrangements with any Government or citizen thereof, as he may see cause, One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, or more, to be paid in Lumber or Timber at fair prices, to be delivered to the parties contracting, or their agents, at such Ports or Places as shall be designated by the President for the delivery of Lumber or Timber.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized, under the direction of the President, to enter into an arrangement or contract with any citizen or citizens of the several counties for the faithful delivery of Lumber or Timber of good and approved quality, High Water mark, at a certain rate, to be agreed upon, after the rate of exchange shall have been understood. And further, nothing shall be understood in this Resolution to prevent the Government from employing as many operators as necessary, in the getting of Lumber and Timber, to further the object of this Resolution. Nevertheless, all persons wishing to engage with Government to procure Lumber or Timber, shall enter into contract for the same in manner and form, with the exception that the same may not be put at publication as provided for Government work.

Approved Jany. 2, 1865.

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AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDATORY  
TO AN ACT TO REGULATE THE MILITIA.

*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, so much of an Act, amendatory to an Act to regulate the Militia, as refers to parades in Maryland county, be so altered and amended as to read that the Regimental parades of the county of Maryland shall take place on the second Friday in January, April, July and October, instead of the second Friday in February, May, August, and November.

Sec. 2. Any law or parts of law conflicting with this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 2, 1865.

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**A MEMORIAL TO THE PRESIDENT TO HAVE ADJUSTED THE  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**

*It is Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Re-  
public of Liberia in Legislature assembled:—*

Sec. 1. That from and after the adoption of this memorial, the President be, and he is hereby memorialized and requested to appoint three discreet and competent persons to be styled Commissioners for adjusting the Public Accounts, whose duty it shall be, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury, to examine and adjust the accounts of Ex-Secretary Anderson made up to the quarter ending December 31st, 1863, and to make a full and correct report of the same to the President, and by him laid before the House at the next session.

The report of said Commissioners to be made up in such manner as to show the receipts from all sources, the disbursements for the various purposes, the amounts expended not authorized by law, and the amounts expended for which there are no vouchers on file in the office; and such other information as may appear to the said Commissioners important for the Legislature to know.

Sec. 2. That all accounts in the Treasury Department showing the indebtedness of individuals to government up to December 31st, 1863, shall be examined by said Commissioners, who shall note all errors that may be discovered in said accounts, and who shall be authorized, should it be necessary, to summon before them all persons interested in said accounts, and such other evidences as may be found important in adjusting and correcting said accounts. A statement of said accounts, when adjusted and corrected, shall be handed

to the Secretary of the Treasury by the Commissioners, and signed by them, who shall adopt such legal steps as may be found necessary for collecting all such amounts due to the government. All accounts showing the indebtedness of government to individuals shall be examined in like manner, and a statement thereof presented to the Secretary of the Treasury, and copies of the same shall be embraced in their report to the President.

Sec. 3. The compensation of said commissioners shall be three dollars thirty three and a third cents each per diem for the days they shall be engaged in performing their duties, not exceeding however sixty days.

Approved January 2. 1865.

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AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT CONFIRMING AND RESTRICTING FOREIGN VESSELS TO "PORTS OF ENTRY."

*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 first day of January ensuing 1865, no foreigner, or foreigners, whether white or colored, shall be allowed to reside for Trade on or at any place on the Liberian coast, except the legally appointed and established "Ports of Entry," that is to say, Robertsport, Monrovia, Marshall, Port of Buchanan and Edina, Greenville, Harper, and such other Ports as may be hereafter established, by an Act of the Legislature; every person so offending, shall forfeit and pay to this Government not less than five Hundred, nor more than one Thousand dollars.

2. It is further enacted, That no Boat nor Vessel shall be allowed to depart from any of the "Ports of Entry" and delivery of this Republic, for the purpose of trading coast-wise, unless such Boat or Vessel be *bona fide* the property of a Liberian Citizen, that is such Boat or Vessel shall be owned and officered exclusively by citizens, as well as one half of the crew. Any Boat or Vessel that shall depart as aforesaid, contrary to the provisions of this Act, and being legally condemned by the Court of Admiralty of this Republic, the same with her Cargo shall be confiscated to the Republic of Liberia.

3. It is further, enacted, That all Foreign Vessels arriving in or at any one Port of this Republic shall pay a Tonnage due of Seventy-five cents per Ton, on such vessels so arriving; Provided, however, said Tonnage dues shall not be paid more than once a year.

4. It is further enacted, That any Law conflicting with this Act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF EXPORT DUTIES AND THE DEPOSIT OF THE SAME IN THE SEVERAL BRANCHES OF THE TREASURY.

*It is Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature Assembled;*

Sec. 1. That the second section of said Act be so altered and amended as to read That all Foreign Vessels hereafter coming to any Port of this Republic shall be required to pay their Import duties as well as Export duties to the amount of sales or merchandize landed for sale in or at each port of this Republic. And all Import and Export duties thus paid shall be deposited in that Branch of the Treasury where it was paid, and shall be for the use of the Counties respectively in which said duties are paid; provided however that three-fifths of said Revenue shall be reserved and set apart for the use and support of the General Government, subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, under the Warrant of the President. And in no case shall the Secretary of the Treasury remove from the Sub-Treasury of the several counties more than three-fifths of the amount so paid in for duties.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, That the third section of An Act entitled "An Act Regulating the payment of Export duties, and the deposit of the same in the Several Branches of the Treasury" and all Laws and parts of Law authorizing the Coast-wise Trade that conflict with "An Act entitled "An Act Confining and Restricting Foreign Vessels to Ports of Entry be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved.

An Act destroying by burning one half of the demand Currency notes made payable in Gold or Silver coin by the Treasurer of Liberia; and all checks, treasury script and other papers showing Government indebtedness that have been redeemed by Government up to December 31, 1865.

*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, and on or before the fifteenth day of January, 1866 the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed, to count and deliver unto the three Auditors of Public Accounts, all the currency notes heretofore in circulation in this Republic, and made payable to bearer in Gold and Silver coin by the Treasurer, as well as all such currency which has become worn, defaced, or in any way mutilated; and all checks, script and other description of paper whatever, which once having been issued in payment of Government debts and dues,

have since been received back into the Treasury or redeemed by the receiving officers of the public revenue, prior to the thirty first day of December, 1865; the Secretary of the Treasury taking from the Auditors of Public Accounts, duplicate receipts for the amount of all currency notes and other papers thus delivered to them, specifying in the receipts the exact amount of each description of notes, checks and other papers thus counted and delivered.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, That immediately upon the receipt by the Auditor of Public Accounts of such note currency, checks, script and papers as provided for in the first section, the Auditors shall, in the presence of the Secretary of the Treasury, and two legal witnesses, citizens of this Republic, recount the currency notes, checks and all other papers thus received, and thereupon completely destroy by burning with fire, one half of the Demand Currency notes, payable to bearer in Gold or Silver coin, together with all and every description of checks, script and other papers by them received. And the other half of the said Demand notes, payable to bearer in Gold or Silver, shall by the Auditors be delivered over to the Treasurer of the Republic to be by him issued.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, That the Auditors of Public Accounts as aforesaid, shall after the burning and destruction as provided for in Section second of this Act, write and draw up a certificate of the fact of their having in the presence of the Secretary of the Treasury and two attending witnesses to be each named, completely executed the requirements of the first and second sections of this Act. This Certificate signed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the witnesses attending, as also the certificate or receipt of the Auditors to the Secretary as provided for in the first and second sections of this Act, shall be distinctly registered in the office and books of the Register for Montserrat County, and duplicates of such receipts, signed as the originals, shall be forwarded to each branch of the Legislature of this Republic at its ensuing session.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted,—That the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized to remove from the Sub-Treasuries of this Republic one half of said Demand notes received for duties, bonds or other purposes up to the time provided for in this Act, and dispose of them as herein stated.

Sec. 5. The pay of the Auditors of Public Accounts shall for the service required by this act be the same as the rate of their usual and regular pay for their ordinary official services as by law already provided for. And the pay of the attending witnesses shall be the same as the legal fee of witnesses in any of the highest courts of justice in this Republic. No more than one day, however, shall be allowed in attending to the requirements of this Act by the parties required.

Sec. 6. It is further enacted, That from and after the passage of this Act no more than one half of all currency or demand notes

payable by government in gold or silver coin which shall be paid to the Treasury, Sub-Treasuries or any of the receiving offices of this Republic, shall in any case be again paid out or re-issued, and the balance be kept according to the law funding the floating debt.

Sec. 7. It is further enacted, That the other half of the demand or currency notes remaining in the Treasury and Sub-Treasuries after the re-issuing as referred to in the sixth section of this act and species of papers, checks or evidences of debts heretofore issued by this Government, shall be kept retained and disposed of exactly according to the fourth section of An Act for the funding of the floating debt of this Republic and authorizing the issue of treasury notes &c., &c., approved January 2, 1865.

Sec. 8. This Act in all cases shall be cited as fully and effectually repealing all laws or parts of laws whatever conflicting with or contrary to any and all the provisions of this Act.

Approved.

An Act to prevent the further issue of Treasury notes as are being now issued under the Act providing for the Funding of the floating Debt of the Republic of Liberia, and authorizing the issue of Treasury notes of the Republic and for the redemption of the same, approved January 2, 1864; and for the redemption of such notes already issued.

*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 Act, so much of an Act entitled "An Act providing for funding the floating debt of the Republic, and authorizing the issue of Treasury notes of the Republic, and for the redemption of the same," approved January, 2, 1865, as authorized the issue of Treasury notes, said notes not receivable for duties, now in circulation in the Republic, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted, that no more of said Treasury notes, as provided for in the Act referred to in the first section of this Act, be ever after the passage of this Act in any wise issued or paid out of any of the departments of this government, unless authorized by the Legislature of this Republic.

Sec. 3. And it is further Enacted, that all such Treasury notes as have been all ready issued under the Act approved January 2, 1865, and may have been since redeemed at or paid back into the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries of this Republic, shall not in any way be re-issued or paid out.

Sec. 4. And it is further enacted, that for the more speedy redemption of said Treasury notes as having been already issued, may yet be in circulation, the Treasurer and Sub-Treasurers having

Charge of the several Treasury departments of this Republic, be and they are hereby authorized to receive said notes in payment for Printed Bonds (Registered) or any debt due the Republic, except duties on Imports and Exports. All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December, 29, 1865.

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE VENUE FROM ONE COUNTY TO AN OTHER, IN CIVIL CASES.

*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 act any person or persons who may be defendant or defendants, in any civil case in this Republic, shall have the privilege of having the Venue changed to the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of any of the Counties of this Republic provided however that the privilege of changing the venue shall not be granted to any person or persons except they first take oath before the Judge of the Court in which said case is entered, that he, she or they do not believe that they will receive a just verdict in the county where said case is entered owing to existing prejudice or local causes thereunto leading them to take oath.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of any defendant or defendants thus desiring to change the Venue from one County to another, to appear before the Judge of the Court in which said case is entered and take oath to his belief as regards the prejudice or other local causes that will prevent him from receiving a just verdict, which oath shall be taken ten days preceeding the day set aside by law for the opening of said Court from which a change of the venue is desired.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of any Judge before whom an oath is taken within the lawful time, to order the clerk of the Court over which he presides to turn over all and every kind of paper and document appertaining to the case thus desired to be removed to the Court where said defendant desires its removal; and in case of failure on the part of said clerk to turn over all papers and documents appertaining to the case to be removed at the first opportunity after the case had been ordered by the Judge to be turned over, he shall for such neglect of duty, be responsible for the damage that might be sustained by either party to the suit.

Sec. 4. The defendant or defendants upon whose oath the Venue is changed shall be held to answer the plaintiff in the Court to which said case may be removed by the oath of said defendant or defendants, and said case may be entered in the Court to which it is

removed any time preceding six days of the lawful time set forth for the close of said Courts' session; and in case the defendant or plaintiff does not appear in person or by attorney before said Court, said suit may be removed within two days of the lawful day set aside for the close of said Court's session; then judgment shall be given by default against the absent party or parties to said suit.

Sec. 5. The court to which any case is removed shall try the same after the usual lawful manner as if said case had been first docketed in that court, and the privilege of an appeal shall be granted as in other cases, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTARY TO AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT REGULATING TAXES AND LICENSES.

*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 state tax shall be collected by a Tax Collector or Collectors, as many as may be required to suit the situation of the various settlements in the several counties, who shall be appointed by the government and who shall be bonded officers in a sum double the amount of the tax accruing from the assessment by the assessors, and each and every collector shall take the usual oath before they enter on the discharge of their duties, and the said collector or collectors shall deposit all moneys collected by them into the hands of the Treasurer or Sub-Treasurers of the several counties, for which said officer shall give a receipt to the collector, which receipts shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that the tax collector or collector shall publish on the first or second day of May in each settlement of the several counties of this Republic in the following manner:— that every and all persons owning real estate or holding the same as agent, guardian, trustee, executor or administrator shall make a true return of their property to the tax collector or collectors in his office on oath or affirmation, that I have truly made a return of all that I own or have in charge.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted that any and all persons owning real estate or holding the same agreeably to the provisions of this Act, shall pay an annual tax; payment shall commence on the first day of June in each year and end on the thirtieth day of August.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted that any person or persons failing to make a true return of their property or any that they may have in their charge, shall pay an amount not exceeding fifty cents to the tax collector or collectors for receiving the returns after the

thirtieth of May.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted that any person or persons failing to pay their tax agreeably to the provisions of the second section of this Act, shall be notified by publication agreeably to the first section of this Act, and if not paid by the 30th of September, the collector or collectors shall enter a suit against the person or persons so failing to pay their tax, before any court competent to try the same, and if convicted he or they shall abide the decision of the court, as in all cases of debt, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

AN ACT <sup>UT</sup> AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY TO  
PAY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS, CITIZENS OF EUROPE AND  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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

Sec. 1. That after the passage of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to pay to Mr. J. M. Harriott of Liverpool, or his Agent at Monrovia, the sum of Three hundred and ninety three dollars and five cents, in such money as was contracted for.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is also authorized to pay Dr. James Hall of Baltimore, Md., the sum of One thousand dollars as per contract.

Sec. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized to pay Mr. C. Woermann of Hamburg, the sum of Nine hundred and sixty dollars as per contract.

Sec. 4. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to pay out of the Treasury of this Republic to Mr. Henry Muller or his agent the sum of One thousand dollars, and all other amounts that may be adjudged due him the said H. Muller.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, that in order to pay the amounts so due and acknowledged by the provisions of this Bill to the parties named, the citizens of the several counties be requested to loan the Government the requisite amount in any moneys available for paying said amounts; said loans being re-payable in bonds of this Government or orders payable on any of its Custom Houses or receiving offices of this Government, with an interest of twelve and a half per cent, on the principal, until interest and principal are so paid.

Any laws to the contrary are hereby repealed.

Approved.

An Act to amend An Act to raise the Revenue and to encourage Farmers, Liberia Statutes, Vol. 2nd. Page 32 and 33.

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

Sec. 1. That all the words in the 8th line of the 1st Section of said Act, after the word "of" to the word "that" in the 9th line be stricken out and be made to read, "One hundred thousand dollars" instead of "Forty thousand dollars."

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that so much of the said Act as reads in section the first "Five years from the date of said loan on credit" as well as that part that reads "to be paid for in four equal annual installments of ten thousand dollars, commencing two years after the negotiation shall have been effected, one fourth of the principal after which expiration of the first year being reserved to settle the same," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that the Secretary of the Treasury under the direction of the President be and he is hereby authorized to carry this Act into immediate execution.

Approved.

An Act authorizing the President to lay an Interdict on all the trading points in the country of Grand Bassa that are under the control of Prince Boyer of the Trade Town Country.

*It is Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature Assembled. 1*

Sec. 1. That the President be and he is hereby authorized by Proclamation or otherwise to lay an interdict upon all of the trading points along the coast, commencing at the South Eastern boundary of the New Cess territory at the great cotton tree known as Jarbah's place, including Trade Town proper, Jibboo, Trade Town point, and Little Colah, being the North western boundary of Trade Town, and extending South East to the creek or river dividing Grand Colah from Little Colah, and to remain interdicted during the pleasure of the Legislature. And that the President be and he is hereby clothed with discretionary power to punish the said Prince Boyer with an armed force for threatening to carry war on the citizens of Grand Bassa County.

Sec. 2. And that the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Act, and that the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw on the public treasury for the same.

Approved.

A Resolution equalizing the distribution of emigrants who may hereafter be sent into Liberia.

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

Sec. 1. Resolved that we the Senators and Representatives of the several counties, Bassa, Sinoe, and Maryland, would most respectfully call the attention of our friends in the United States of America to consider our pressing need of emigration in our several counties to the leeward of Montserrado, and for our increase in population, our onward march in civilization, christianity, agriculture &c, &c., we hope our friends in this matter will no longer neglect us, or delay to send as may be to our several counties herein named, a large number of our brethren, of whom we hope we have many in America, who are not only willing, but we hope are anxious to come to us and our homes that they may lend us a helping hand in building up this our nationality in this our Republic, the black man's only home.

Sec. 2. Resolved, that this Resolution be by the first opportunity forwarded to America, by the President of the Republic of Liberia to the address of the President of the Colonization Society. J. H. B. Latrobe Esqr.

Approved.

An Act to extend Murrey's Street, Maryland County, in the township of West Harper, to Fifty Eight feet instead of Forty.

*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 and requested to direct the Superintendent of Maryland County to cause a survey of Murrey's street, West Harper, Maryland County, and the same to extend Fifty eight feet, the addition to be made on the South East side of said street, and the plot of said township altered to admit the same.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that all laws or parts of law conflicting with this, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved Dec. 29, 1865.

An Act refunding certain moneys to citizens of this Republic.

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

Sec. 1. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized af-

for the passage of this act to pay D. B. Warner Two hundred and ninety eight dollars eighteen cents; John H. Chavers one hundred and eighty three dollars and twenty five cents; Thomas Cooper Five hundred dollars, and Gabriel Moore Five hundred dollars in old Currency or Government Demand Notes, with the usual interest of six per cent.; said amount having been borrowed to carry on the operations of Government: All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

A Resolution for the relief of the citizens of Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount.

*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 furnish the commissary of Grand Cape Mount one thousand ball cartridges and one hundred muskets out of the Commissary department of Montserrado County,

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

A Resolution restoring Augustus W. Johnson and Rufus Gibbs to the rights and privileges of Citizenship.

*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 Augustus W. Johnson and Rufus Gibbs, be, and they are hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities of all other good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Dec. 29. 1865.

A Resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the present Session of the Legislature.

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

That the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia will adjourn its present Session *Sine die* on the 23rd day of January A. D. 1866.

Approved.