

CONTINUATION

(5 Liberal Statutes)

OF THE ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

DURING THE SESSION

COMMENCING DECEMBER, 1866.

(Published by authority)



AN ACT APPROPRIATING TWO THOUSAND ACRES OF FARM
LAND FOR THE FARMING PURPOSES OF THE CAPE PAL
MAS NATIVES IN THE COUNTY OF MARYLAND.

*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 instructed to cause two thousand acres of farm land to be surveyed and appropriated for the farming purposes of the Cape Palmas people, in the County of Maryland.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that the President shall appoint five Commissioners in the County of Maryland, for the purpose of setting aside to the Cape Palmas people two thousand acres of farm land, in such places as may not have been otherwise taken up or appropriated.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, That the land so appropriated shall remain so till otherwise altered by the Legislature.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, Dec. 20, 1866.

A RESOLUTION REIMBURSING L. A. WILLIAMS FOR MEDICINES
FURNISHED THE MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST GRANDO
IN 1852.

*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 pay to L. A. Williams, of the County of Grand Bassa, the sum of forty-five dollars, for medicines furnished as above, as per the certificate of Col. Andrew Tolver, of the Second Regiment of this Republic. The said amount to be drawn for out of any moneys in the Public Treasury.

Approved, Dec. 20, 1866.

A Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell all of the
unservicable Arms and other articles now in the Government
Store, or in his Department.

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

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to sell by Public Auction all unservicable Arms and other articles now in his Department for all Government acceptances and deposit the same in the Public Treasury.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved, Dec. 26. 1866.

An Act to open the South Western end of the "Big Creek" into Hoffman River, and for building two bridges, one across "Big Creek," and one across Boom branch, in Maryland County, and appropriating five hundred dollars 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 after the passage of this Act, the President be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to draw from the public Treasury the sum of *five hundred dollars*, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that not more than two thirds of the amount appropriated as aforesaid shall be paid till the work is finished. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, Dec. 26, 1866.

An Act Reimbursing Simon Norrington of Sinoe County, for moneys due to him by the Sub-Treasurer of the aforesaid County.

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

Sec. 1. That on and after the passage of this Act, the Treasurer of the Republic of Liberia pay to Simon Norrington, the sum of thirty-seven dollars and fifty-six cents, due him by the Republic of Liberia.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, Jan. 8 1867.

An Act providing for the building of bridges and other purposes in the township of Louisiana.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, all fines and license fees accruing in the township of Louisiana be and the same are hereby appropriated to the citizens of said township, for the purpose of building bridges, and other township purposes.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that the President be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause to be surveyed a road thirty feet wide, commencing at the South West corner of the M. 12 Mission lands White Plains, running agreeably to the line as specified

in the petition; and the President is hereby further authorized and requested to enter into arrangements with any party or parties through whose lands roads may pass, for an exchange of lands, or other consideration.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that the President is further authorized and requested to direct a survey of said road to be made immediately after the passage of this Act, and the sum of six hundred dollars out of the contingent appropriation be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the second section of this Act, and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

An Act to incorporate the Farming Company of Cape Palmas.

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, Charles H. Harmon, Joseph T. Gibson, James W. Ashton, Luke Massey and William Bowen are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "the Farming Company of Cape Palmas" and by that name and style be capable of purchasing, holding and conveying such real estate to the amount of five thousand dollars as the purpose of the corporation shall allow or require. And that the said company shall have power to make and fulfil contracts, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to do all things necessary for the interest of the Company, so long as they do not militate against the laws of Liberia.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that the object of this association shall be the cultivation of African produce, such as sugar cane, arrowroot, ginger, ground-nuts cassadas, potatoes &c., as well as rearing of stock of various kinds for domestic use and for exportation.

Sec. 3. The members of this association shall each contribute twenty dollars, which shall constitute one share in the joint stock for the furtherance of the objects herein set forth. Nevertheless, this section shall not be so construed as to prevent any member from owning more than one share.

Sec. 4. The officers of this Company shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and an Agent, and two Managers who shall be elected annually,—all of whom shall form the Board of Managers; any two of whom with the President shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 5. The regular meeting days of the association shall be the 1st Wednesday in each month.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the President, in addition to the ordinary duties of presiding, &c., to countersign all orders drawn by

the Secretary for the payment of liabilities incurred by the Company.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep correct and accurate minutes of the transactions of the Company at its regular and special meetings; to keep in a book or books provided for that purpose a correct account of all the receipts and expenditures; to draw all orders for the payment of moneys, and to have the general oversight of the farming operations.

Sec. 8. This Company shall not be dissolved so long as two of its members agree to its Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 9. Special meetings may be called by the President whenever he shall deem it necessary.

Approved, Jan. 8. 1867.

A Resolution authorizing the President to enroll a Posse of men.

It is Resolved 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 requested to have enrolled a Posse of men of not less than five hundred, nor more than one thousand for the purpose of making a positive demand on the Kroos for the murderer Toe; and if he is not delivered within five days thereafter, they shall be proceeded against them with military force. And provided the said Toe is immediately delivered up, an immediate demand shall be made upon them and collected to defray the expenses of the force sent to compel the surrender of the prisoner.

Sec. 2. It further Resolved, that the Posse shall enjoy all the rights that are granted to soldiers of this Republic when in active service, agreeably to the military laws of this Republic; and that all the native allies that may be called upon to join the army shall receive the same pay and every attention alike with the citizens in common.

Sec. 3. It is further Resolved, that should it become necessary the President shall, with the same armed force, proceed against any other tribe, who have put to defiance the laws of the Liberian Government any where within the limits of this Republic.

Sec. 4. It is further Resolved, that the President is hereby authorized and requested to procure two thousand stand of the most approved arms and equipments and suitable ammunition from any citizen or citizens upon reasonable terms as possible, or from any foreigner or foreigners for said purpose; and further to proceed immediately to make any adequate and necessary preparation in providing and otherwise furnishing the contemplated armed force to be put on foot to proceed against the Kroos in the County of Sinoe, as re-

quired by this Resolution: and further one thousand of said arms and equipments to be placed in the hand of the proper authorities of the leeward Counties.

Sec. 5. Any for the carrying into effect the object of this Resolution the amount of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated. And further, all laws or part of laws conflicting with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Passed by a two-third vote of the Legislature.

An Act repealing an Act, interdicting Trade Town and adjacent Countries

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 make a requisition of Prince Boyah of Trade Town for full and ample satisfaction for having audaciously set at defiance the laws and authority of this Government by imprisoning and otherwise maltreating Senator James M. Horace, of the County of Grand Bassa, for his official action in the Legislature. And further to require the said Prince Boyah to make a full restitution of all money and presents made by the said J. M. Horace and his friends to procure his release.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that whenever said Prince Boyah shall have complied with the requisition of the first section of this Act, the President be and he is hereby authorized to raise the interdict passed at the last session of the Legislature interdicting Trade Town and parts adjacent; and in case the said Prince Boyah should refuse to comply with the requisitions of this Government, then in that case the President be and he is hereby authorized, in conformity to an Act of the Legislature to put on foot a "Posse" to make requisition of Settre Kroo, to compel by force of arms the Prince Boyah to obedience.

Sec. 3. It is further Enacted, that all laws or part of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be and they are hereby repealed.

Approved,

An Act Providing for a Road from the settlement of Lexington to the Ashmun settlement at the Falls, Sinoe County.

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

have a road constructed running from the settlement of Lexington to a half mile beyond the Falls. The aforesaid road to be opened and cleaned not less than sixteen feet wide for the present until otherwise ordered.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that the President be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause the Superintendent of the County of Sinoe to enter into contracts, agreeable to the Act establishing Regulations for the performance of Public works. And for the completion of this work the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Public Treasury to carry out the provisions of this Act. Approved.

An Act restoring Thomas Lewis, Thomas Rogers, Sarah E. Cook, John F. Brooks, William Spellman, Zechariah T. W. Walker, James Brander and Ellis Commander to the 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 after the passage of this Act, Thomas Rogers, Thomas Lewis, Sarah E. Cook, John F. Brooks, William Spellman, Zechariah T. W. Walker, James Brander and Ellis Commander be and they are hereby severally restored to the right privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of the Republic. Approved.

An Act authorizing the procuring and issue of twenty thousand dollars in copper coin of the usual denomination.

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, under instructions from the President, to procure the coinage of twenty thousand dollars in copper coin at as reasonable charge as possible. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, Jan. 8, 1867.

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. 1

Sec. 1. That the session of the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *sine die* on the 8th day of January, A. D., 1867.

And that the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to provide ample accommodation for the return of the members of the Legislature to their homes immediately upon their adjournment. Approved.

ACT INTERDICTING THE FIVE KROO COUNTRIES IN SINOE COUNTY.

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

Sec. 1st. That the President be and he is hereby requested and
directed by proclamation or otherwise, to lay an Interdict upon all
the trading points along the coast,—commencing at the South
Eastern Boundary of Blue Barrie Territory and extending to the
North Western Boundary of the Warpee Country; to remain inter-
dicted until the said Kroo people are either chastised by this Gov-
ernment, or until they submit to the demands of this Government,
relative to the delivery of the murderer of one J. W. Douglass, late
of Sinoe County; and the President is hereby authorized at any time
during the recess of the Legislature, if the said Kroos deliver up
the murderer Toe, or are chastised, by an armed force of this Repub-
lic to the satisfaction of the people of this nation for the cruel and
willful murder, to remove said interdict.

Sec. 2nd. That in thirty days after the passage of this Act, all
persons residing in, or trading to, or in any of the towns of the five
Kroos, hereby intended to be interdicted, are requested to remove
with all their effects from said interdicted points within the time lim-
ited by this Act, provided there be no trade goods of any kind land-
ed at the said places so interdicted and that all persons going there
to take off their produce shall be compelled to take on board an in-
spector to remain on board of said vessel to see the provisions of the
above recited Act are not violated.

Sec. 3rd. It is further enacted, that the President be and he is
hereby directed and requested to remove the interdict laid upon
Grand and Little Boutaw in Sinoe County, provided that should the
Little Boutaw and the Grand Boutaw people, commencing at San-
guain point and the Blue Barrie Country inclusive, enter into an ar-
rangement with the Government that they will take no part in hin-
dering the delivery of the murderer Toe; and that they will enter
into an arrangement to aid the authorities of this Government in en-
forcing the Laws of this Government, relative to the punishment of
the man Toe; then and in that case the interdict on the said places
shall be raised.—And it is further provided, that if any person, citi-
zen or resident of this Republic shall be known and proven to have
any intercourse of trade or barter, with any person a citizen or resi-
dent of the interdicted parts herein named, he or they shall be fined
in a sum not less than five hundred dollars and not more than two
thousand dollars. And it is further provided that any person or
persons giving any information that shall tend to infliction of any of
the penalties in this section shall be entitled to one half of the pen-
alty so accruing to this Government. Any Law to the contrary not-
withstanding.

Approved.

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ACT FOR THE ERECTION AND MAINTAINANCE OF A
MARINE AND INTERNATIONAL HOSPITAL.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act, the President of the Republic be and he is hereby authorized to erect or cause to be erected within the City of Monrovia a Marine and International Hospital, and further that five acres of land be and the same are hereby appropriated from any public lands on the Cape not otherwise appropriated—provided always the Legislature reserve to itself the right to prescribe rules and regulations for the Government of said Hospital.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted—That any and all foreigners desiring to contribute to the erection and maintenance of the said Hospital, are hereby privileged to do so under such arrangements as they and the President of the Republic may determine—provided such arrangements be not incompatible with the law and Constitution of this Republic.

Sec. 3rd. It is further enacted—That in order to carry out the provisions of this Act, so much of the second section of an Act "To regulate the Militia," as relates to seamen be vigorously enforced—and further—that the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, and that said sum of money be and the same is hereby annexed and form a part of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1867.

Approved.

Resolved by the Senate of the Republic of Liberia.

That the Treaty of Amity Commerce and Navigation between the Republic of Liberia and the Government of His Apostolical Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary and Bohemia etc., concluded at Vienna the first day of September in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty six, by the Baron Charles Ledered Knight of the T. R. Leopold Order etc., and His Majesty's Minister Resident to the Free and Hanseatic Republic, and Charles Goedelt, Esq., Consul of the Republic of Liberia to the Free and Hanseatic Republic of Hamburg, be and the said Treaty is hereby ratified, acknowledged, established and declared to be in force, in order, manner and form as all other Treaties existing between the Government of the Republic of Liberia and Foreign Powers.

Approved.

AN ACT APPROPRIATING ONE MILE SQUARE OF LAND FOR A TOWN SEAT, EIGHT HUNDRED ACRES OF FARM LAND AND THE LAST END OF THE PUBLIC FARM FOR IMMIGRANTS IN MARYLAND COUNTY.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act, the President be and he is hereby authorized and requested to instruct the Superintendent of Maryland County, to have one mile square of land suitable for a town seat, and eight hundred acres of farm land properly surveyed, and the same reserved for immigrants.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted, that the town seat and farm land for immigrant purposes aforesaid, shall be situated on the North side of the east branch of the Hoffman river, and to commence from the North east of said eastern boundary.

Sec. 3rd. It is further enacted, that the President instruct the Superintendent of the County of Maryland aforesaid to have the East end of the Public farm aforesaid surveyed and laid out into town lots according to the original size of town lots in East and West Harper and the same reserved for new immigrant purposes only.

Sec. 4th. And it is further enacted, that all immigrants arriving in this Republic since the passage of the Act authorizing the President to adopt measures to encourage immigration to Liberia from the West India Islands, be and they are hereby placed on the same footing as said immigrants by said Act, that is to say, ten acres to each single person, and twenty-five acres to each family.

Approved.

AN ACT DIVORCING E. B. SMITH, and JANE SMITH HIS WIFE.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act the Matrimonial or Civil contract of marriage between Edward B. Smith and Jane Smith his wife of the County of Grand Bassa, township of Edina, in the Republic aforesaid, 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. 2nd. It is further enacted, that the said Edward B. Smith and his wife Jane Smith 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.

AN ACT DIVORCING PETER ADAMS and MARY ADAMS HIS WIFE

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

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Matrimonial or civil contract of marriage between Peter Adams and his wife shall be completely annulled and set aside and dissolved as fully and effectually, to all intent and purposes, as if no such contract had heretofore been made and entered into between them.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted, that the said Peter Adams and his wife Mary Adams in future shall be divorced 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.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury, by warrant of the President, pay to Mr. J. H. F. Evans, the sum of one thousand dollars, with interest at the rate of six per centum, from the time of deposit to the time of payment.

Sec. 2nd. That the said amount be paid out of moneys constituting the Sinking Fund. Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT PERTAINING TO ATTORNEYS.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Act above referred to be so altered and amended as to read, that all Attorneys practising Law in any of the Courts of this Republic, shall be required to pay the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents annually, for the enjoyment of said privilege, instead of fifteen dollars.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted, that all persons paying such amounts into the Treasury, shall not by any rule of Court be prohibited from pleading in any Court of this Republic.

Sec. 3rd. Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

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

SEC. 1st. That from and after the 1st day of February, 1866 Jonas Carey be allowed annuity in the sum of two hundred dollars to be obtained quarterly on warrant drawn in the usual way of obtaining money out of any moneys in the Public Treasury.

Approved.

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ACTS
(Ex Libria Statu)
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OF THE
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ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

A RESOLUTION RESTORING PETER MINOR OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY 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 after the passage of this Resolution, Peter Minor be and he is hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Approved,

December 30, 1867.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE REVENUE.

Whereas an increase of the Revenue is necessary in order to enable the Government to meet her current expenses, as well as for the rapid absorption of the paper currency afloat in this Republic, and as it is difficult to bring in circulation a more substantial character of money without an absorption of the paper current money of this Republic, and as an increase of tariff will rapidly relieve the Treasury Department from its embarrassment and considerably raise the value of said currency, and soon take out of circulation all of said currency for destruction under the operation of an act providing for the destruction of half of the demand notes taken in for duties yearly.

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the several acts regulating Navigation, Commerce and Revenue of this Republic be so altered and amended, as where it requires now the payment of nine (9) per cent duty on all transient sales, as to read twelve (12) per cent duty; and where it requires twelve (12) per cent on all direct consignments, that it be so altered as to require fifteen (15) per cent on all direct consignments, and also where it now requires twenty five (25) cents per gallon on all ardent spirits imported into this Republic, be so altered and amended as to require thirty seven (37) cents per gallon on all Rum, Gin, Brandy Whiskey, and alcohol imported into this Republic.

Sec. 2. It is further Enacted, That the owner or owners of all decked or undecked Boats of the capacity of five tons or less, that are engaged in the coastwise trade, shall pay into the Treasury Department the sum of six dollars as the annual tax for the privilege of coast wise trade, and in all cases a receipt from the Treasury Department shall be evidence of the compliance with this Act. This section is not to be so construed, however, to include boats immediately connected with and are engaged in lading and unlading vessels. That the owners of all boats and canoes as above mentioned shall, in addition to obtaining a receipt from the Treasury Department, be licensed by the Collector as in the case of registered vessels and shall have the name painted on the stern, or sides and numbered. The penalty for violating this section shall be seventy-five dollars for each offense recoverable before any Court of this Republic having jurisdiction; and it shall be the duty of the Collector to keep a correct account of all boats and canoes licensed for the coast trade in a book provided for the purpose; and that the pay of the Collector for granting licenses to said boats and canoes shall be twenty-five cents for each boat or canoe to be paid by the owner or owners.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that there shall be paid by the owners of all canoes engaged in the coast wise trade the sum of four dollars for said privilege, after the order and regulation of the above section; and for every violation of this section, the offender shall pay a fine of Fifty dollars recoverable before any Court of the Republic having jurisdiction.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted, that on all Palm Kernels exported from this Republic there shall be paid an export duty of two cents per bushel, and on all country cloths there shall be paid an export duty of two cents each.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted, that all Liberian citizens, Recaptured Africans not excepted, engaged personally trading among the natives, interior, or outside of the several townships of this Republic, shall be deemed Pedlars and shall pay a tax of eight dollars annually for this privilege into the Treasury Department; and in all cases a receipt from the Treasury Department shall be sufficient License. Any person violating the provisions of this section and convicted before any Court of this Republic having jurisdiction shall forfeit and pay for each offense the sum of Fifty dollars.

Sec. 6. That all Goods, Wares, or merchandize purchased on any of the Mail Steamers, the same shall be reported to the Collector of Customs as soon as the purchasers bring them ashore, and the Collector shall assess the lawful duties on the same at the price so paid for said articles, and in the absence of a bill from under the hand of the Vendor, purchaser or purchasers shall make oath to the truthfulness of said bill agreeably to the law regulating Navigation, Commerce and Revenue.

Any purchaser failing to report to the Collector said article or

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articles for the purpose herein mentioned within twenty-four hours after landing said goods, Wares &c. shall be guilty of smuggling said goods &c. ashore, and said goods shall be by the Collector seized and sold for the use of this Republic, and the offender forfeit and pay for each offence four fold the value of the article or articles so smuggled recoverable before any Court of this Republic having jurisdiction.

Sec 7. It is further enacted, that the owners of all Stills in this Republic used to distill Rum, Brandy, Alcohol, or any spiritous Liquors, shall pay annually the sum of fifty dollars as License for said privilege, and on failure to pay said Tax shall forfeit and pay the sum of One Hundred dollars recoverable before any Court of this Republic having jurisdiction.

Sec 8. It is further Enacted, that any person or persons giving information to the Collector or District Attorney, of any person or persons violating any of the foregoing provisions of this act, shall in all cases of the conviction of the offender be entitled to one half of the forfeiture.

Sec 9. It is further Enacted, that on all Palm Oil exported from this Republic there shall be paid an export duty of two cents on the gallon, and on all Camwood exported there shall be assessed and collected an export duty of three per cent on the dollar.— And all laws or parts of laws conflicting with this act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved,

December 31, 1867.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO REPEAL PART OF AN ACT
LAYING AN INTERDICT UPON THE KROO COUNTRIES.

Whereas it was thought by the Government that the Native Chiefs of Nanna Kroo, Little Kroo, King Wills Town and Western Since County, would aid and abet the Chiefs and natives of Settra Kroo in said County in violating the demands of justice and of the Government for the delivery of Toe, the murderer of James Douglass a citizen of Since County, for trial according to law: And whereas, this Government have had good reason to believe that the head-men of Settra Kroo have aided in effecting the escape of the said murderer Toe to some interior country in order to prevent his apprehension by Government officers and the others of the five Kroo Countries: and as it appears to this Government that the natives of Nanna Kroo, King Wills Town, Little Kroo, and Krowb. have not aided the said Settra Kroo in this foul act, and have shown a willingness to obey and yield obedience to the honor and majesty of the laws of this Republic: And whereas, an Interdict was laid upon all of the Kroo Country of Since County, until the said murderer Toe was delivered to this Government for trial, and as it

not the pleasure of this Government to punish the innocent with the guilty, whose good faith and legitimate obedience to the authority of Government is manifested:—

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, so much of the Act Entitled an Act Interdicting the Five Kroo Countries of Sinoe County, be so altered and amended as to refer and be applied in all of its bearings to Settra Kroo alone; and that so much of said Act, as interdicts Little Kroo, Nanna Kroo, King Wills Town, Krowbar, Gneah Point and Warpee, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that whenever the Chief Headmen and inhabitants of Settra Kroo have yielded obedience to the demands of this Government relative to the apprehension and delivery of the murderer Too, a native of Settra Kroo, and pay up the just and lawful claims of citizens of this Republic against them, or give satisfactory evidence to the Legislature of their inability to deliver the aforementioned murderer, and become willing to submit to the terms directed by the Legislature to enable them to enjoy commercial intercourse with the citizens of this Republic, then and not until then shall the said interdict be lifted off the said Settra Kroo. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved,

January 1, 1868.



AN ACT CREATING RIVER PILOTS FOR THE DIFFERENT RIVERS AT THE SEVERAL PORTS OF ENTRY IN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, AND DEFINING THE DUTIES, FEES AND PENALTIES OF THE SAME.

Whereas heretofore it has been usual for coasting vessels from Sierra Leone, and other places not within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Liberia, to enter our rivers day or night without any restriction, much to the danger of the breaking our Revenue Laws, (and which is also contrary to the laws of other countries.)

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, that all coasting vessels from any foreign port coming upon the Liberian Coast for the purpose of trading or otherwise, and wishing to enter any of the different rivers at the several Ports of Entry on the coast are restricted to the following Rules and regulations.

Sec. 2. No foreign vessel shall enter any of the rivers on the Liberian Coast at the several Ports of Entry without first obtaining a pilot, to pilot said vessel in, and shall pay the said pilot the fee of one dollar and twenty-five cents per foot, for every foot of water said vessel draws and also pay the same for going out, and fur-

ther that no foreign coasting vessel shall enter any of the said rivers after sundown, or before sunrise under a penalty of not less than fifty dollars.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted,—That should any such vessel enter any of the said rivers without a pilot they shall pay the same fees as if they had a pilot; also pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars, except in cases of distress of weather, or other unavoidable circumstances, which shall be incumbent upon the defendant to show to the satisfaction of the Court by evidence or by affidavit of himself and mate of said vessel.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted,—That any person wishing to pursue the duties of a Pilot shall apply to the President, or to the Superintendent of the County under the direction of the President for the same, who if satisfied of his ability to take charge of such duties, shall appoint and commission him as all other officers, and all pilots shall pay a license of twelve dollars annually into the Public Treasury.

Sec. 5. It is further enacted,—That any one acting as pilot to any foreign vessel entering any of the above mentioned rivers without first being properly appointed and commissioned, and by paying the twelve dollars license, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars before any tribunal competent to try the same.

Sec. 6. And further,—That all pilots who after being duly appointed and commissioned and by paying the license, who neglect to perform all duties incumbent upon them by virtue of such office, shall be liable to an action of damages by the party aggrieved and the Court or jury before whom the case is tried shall award such damages as the nature of the case shall admit, and if through carelessness or neglect the pilot should allow the vessel to be injured or lost, his commission shall be taken away, and he or they shall not be allowed to exercise the functions of said office for and during the pleasure of the President.

Sec. 7. And further,—That it shall be the duty of all said pilots immediately after the piloting of any vessel as above mentioned into the rivers as aforesaid to report such vessel to the Collector of Customs of the place where the vessel may enter under a penalty of ten dollars.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved,

January 1, 1868.

 A RESOLUTION ABSOLVING AND RESTORING JOHN O. EVANS
TO CITIZENSHIP.

Whereas John O. Evans junior, has most respectfully petitioned the Legislature to restore him to the rights and immunities of citizenship. And whereas the President of the Republic of Liberia

exercising his Executive clemency in the case Republic vs. John O. Evans junior for man-slaughter only remitted the pains and penalty of imprisonment without pardoning the said John O. Evans junior.—

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, that John O. Evans junior, be and he is hereby absolved and restored to all the rights and immunities of other good citizens.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved,

January 9, 1863.



An Act for the relief of Charles R. Johnson, of Grand Bassa County, who was wounded in the Gatoomba War, in the early settlement of this Republic; and who has served his Country for many years as a Military Officer.

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 sixty dollars be and the same is hereby annually appropriated as a Pension for Charles R. Johnson aforesaid agreeably to the Law, regulating the same: and the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same, out of any moneys in the Public Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved,

January 9, 1868.



AN ACT DIVORCING MARTHA E. MCKENZIE AND LAMBERT MCKENZIE.

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 the said Martha E. McKenzie and Lambert McKenzie 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 ever heretofore been made and entered into between them.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted,—That the said Martha E. McKenzie, and Lambert McKenzie in future shall be deemed and considered as distinct and separate persons altogether, unconnected by any mystical union or civil contract whatever, at any other time made or heretofore entered into between them.

Approved,

January 11, 1868.

RESOLUTION REMOVING THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

Whereas, on account of good evidence laid before the Senate of the Republic of Liberia by the House of Representatives of the same, proving gross improprieties, violation of Statute Laws of the Republic and other Laws adopted by the Legislature, by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this Republic: and whereas it appears that the decree of the Supreme Court in the case of the schooner Phoebe Harris pronounced, signed and sealed by the Chief Justice shows gross inconsistency and legal outrage; and as there appears from said evidence that the illegal outrages committed upon Inferior Judges by E. J. Roye, Chief Justice of this Republic have caused Judges of Inferior Courts to resign their office, and are likely to cause others: And for other good, lawful and just causes to the Legislature known, then moving, and as they wish to avoid an Impeachment if evils can be corrected in the nation otherwise; and as it is obvious that there have been outrages committed by decisions of E. J. Roye Chief Justice of this Republic, which the Legislature, in Justice to their oath, cannot allow to pass:—

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

Sec. 1. That the President of this Republic be and he is hereby memorialized, addressed, and directed, for the causes above recited, to remove from office as Chief Justice of this Republic and of the Supreme Court E. J. Roye, and nominate another.

Resolved second.—That this address pass the Senate and House of Representatives of this Republic by a two-third vote, and constitute the joint address provided for in the Constitution for the removal of Judges. And that the same be forwarded to His Excellency the President of this Republic for his action as referred to in this joint address.

Approved.

January 13, 1868.

AN ACT DEFINING THE PAYMENT OF DUTIES, &c., &c.

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 thirty-first day of March A. D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight that so much of the first Section of the tenth article regulating "Navigation, Commerce and Revenue," as provides for specie redemption of the circulating medium on demand at the Treasury Department be and the same is hereby suspended for and during the term of seven years from the date hercof.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that all masters of foreign and Liberian vessels, agents, consignees, and all other persons importing Goods, Wares and Merchandise into this Republic shall

pay one half of the Import and Export duties in Gold or Silver Coin at par value, and the other one half shall be paid in demand notes, or good clean Palm Oil, or Cam wood at the market price in this Republic; and further all demand notes received in payment as above, at the Treasury Department under this Act, shall not be reissued under the penalty of five thousand dollars and conviction before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session the offenders shall be dismissed from office.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted, that in no case shall any debentures payable for duties be issued, except in case of urgent necessity, and said Debentures shall be countersigned by the President of this Republic, and farther it shall be the indispensable duty of the Secretary of the Treasury in his annual Report to the Legislature to state in brief the cause for issuing said Debentures.

Sec. 4. And it is further enacted, that all Debentures issued shall be numbered and reported to the Legislature, as to what use and count said debentures were issued. And that all debentures paid into the Collectors Office, shall be by said Collector registered and accounted for in his quarterly reports, further all debentures paid into the Treasury shall not be again paid out under a penalty of three thousand dollars.

Sec. 5. And it is further enacted, that all Laws or parts of Law conflicting with this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved.

January 14, 1868.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DEPRECIATION OF GOVERNMENT CURRENCY.

Whereas, the continued practice of depreciating the currency of this Republic by discounting the same, has proved a great inconvenience to, and an unjust advantage over the citizens of this Republic.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons in this Republic to discount or in any way depreciate the currency of this Republic: And every act of discounting the currency shall be deemed extortion.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted,—That if any person or persons in this Republic be found guilty of charging any more in currency for any article of merchandize, than for Gold or Silver Coin, or discounting on Currency upon the payment of any contract or other obligation, said acts shall be deemed to be within the meaning of this Statute: And every such offender shall be liable to an action for extortion, by Indictment or Presentment by the Grand Jury,—And further on conviction, shall make restitution of the amount so

everpaid in Currency, and pay a fine to this Republic of no less than Fifty nor more than Three hundred dollars.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

January 14, 1868.

AN ACT REGULATING THE CITY OF GREENVILLE.

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, that the Act entitled an Act chartering the City of Greenville in first Statute Blue Book, page 203 be and the same is hereby revised with the following amendments to section fourth,—Relative to the power of fixing the pay of City officers, and to the number of Common Councilmen, the said fourth Section be and the same is hereby so altered and amended as to prohibit any City officer, the Mayor and Chairman of the City Court excepted, receiving any more pay than one dollar per day for their services in the City; and that Section second relative to the number constituting the Common Council, be so altered and amended as to read five members, instead of nine members.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

January 14, 1868.

AN ACT GRANTING TOWN LOT ON BIG TOWN HILL, TO THE CITIZENS IN MARYLAND COUNTY.

Whereas, the citizens of Maryland County have petitioned the Legislature to grant them one and a quarter acre of land on the Big Town Hill, in Maryland County, and whereas the citizens of said County have no suitable Public buildings in said County for public occasions.

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the President be and he is hereby authorized to have one and a quarter acre of land on Big Town Hill, surveyed for the afore-said purpose.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that the President after having said land surveyed shall grant a Deed for the same to the citizens in said County, said land to be applied only to its legitimate purpose.—Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

January 10, 1868.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF H. B. MATTHEWS

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, that H. B. Matthews, of Montserrado County, be and he is hereby allowed an annuity in the sum of forty dollars to be obtained quarterly, on application to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. And the President, be and he is hereby authorized to draw for said amount out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.—

Approved.

January 18, 1868.

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AN ACT GRANTING A PENSION TO J. T. RICHARDSON, OF MONTESSERADO COUNTY.

Whereas, J. T. Richardson, of Montserrado County, has petitioned the Legislature for a pension,—who served in the Campaign, as a Lieutenant in the Gatoomba War in the year 1840; and whereas the said J. T. Richardson was severely wounded in said battle, by having one of his arms broken:—

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the sum of sixty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated annually as a pension for J. T. Richardson, aforesaid.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted,—That the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved.

January 18, 1868.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF WHARFINGERS AT EACH OF THE PORTS OF ENTRY OF THIS REPUBLIC 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 from and after the passage of this Act, the President be and he is hereby directed to appoint at each of the Ports of Entry of this Republic a Wharfinger, whose duty it shall be to take an inventory of all goods or merchandise of every description landed at the Ports of Entry of this Republic from any vessel, particularly the quantity and quality, and report the same to the Collec-

tor of Customs, in a book to be provided for that purpose, as soon as the person or persons landing said goods shall have finished; and for the faithful discharge of his duty, he shall receive a commission of two per cent on the dollar to be paid out of the duties arising from said goods and merchandize.

2. It is further enacted,—That the said Wharfinger shall be authorized, and it shall be his duty to examine or inspect all provisions imported into this Republic for sale, and if unwholesome to make known the said fact to the owner of said provisions, as well as to the Collector of Customs, who shall if the provisions are unwholesome or damaged mark the barrel, box or vessel containing the same as being damaged:—And it shall further, be the duty of the Wharfinger to inspect all Palm oil, and other produce shipped, noting the quantity and quality, and if impure or not marketable, to declare the same as being impure, and all the said doings of the Wharfinger shall be by him laid before the Collector, before clearance for said vessel is granted at the Custom House:—And before entering upon the duties of his office the Wharfinger shall make oath to faithfully discharge his duty, which oath shall be administered to him by the President or Superintendent.—In all cases where the Wharfinger pronounces provisions unwholesome, or oil impure the owner or owners may refer the question to the Collector for his opinion, which if it agrees with the Wharfinger's opinion, the same shall be regarded as unwholesome or impure, and shall be regarded in the market as such.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted,—That when there is more than one vessel engaged in landing goods at different places at the same time, it shall be lawful for the Wharfinger to appoint as many deputies as may be necessary to note the same, nevertheless—the said deputies shall be sworn by the Superintendent, and any laws or parts of law conflicting with this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved.

January 18, 1868.