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OF THE

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## REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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Joint Resolution reviving the Interior Department, and the Act providing for the education and incorporation of the Aborigines.

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

*Sec. 1st* That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the "Act creating an Interior Department," approved January 23rd 1869, and the "Act providing for the Education and Incorporation of the Aborigines," approved January 23rd 1869, be so altered and amended as to repeal that portion of the second Section of the, "Act creating an Interior Department," that reads, "Land Commissioners over all Marshals, Clerks and other officers of the Court" "over all Commissioner: of Buildings"—also clause fourth of Section 3rd of the above Act be repealed. It is further resolved that the Act, as so amended, be revived and enforced, and that the necessary appropriation be made to carry the same into effect—any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 1st 1880.



Resolution reimbursing Lieutenant Commander J. S. Harris L. N.

Whereas Lieutenant Commander John S. Harris, of the Liberian Navy has petitioned the Legislature for the payment of monies that he feels is justly due him for services that he has and still feels himself in duty bound to render to the Government of Liberia ; and whereas he has repeatedly called upon the proper officers for remuneration and has failed to receive compensation :—Therefore,

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

That from, and after the passage of this Resolution, the

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Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to John Simpson Harris, Lieutenant Commander of the Liberian Navy the sum of one hundred and fifty six dollars and seventy five cents ( \$ 156.75 ) being amount due him during the year 1879.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved January 1st, 1880,

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A Resolution reviving the Charter of the City of Buchanan in the County of Grand Bassa.

Whereas the inhabitants of the City of Buchanan have petitioned the present Legislature to revive the Charter of said City, Therefore;—

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

Sec. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Resolution that the Act "Incorporating and Chartering the City of Buchanan Grand Bassa," passed during the Session 1860, be and the same is hereby revived.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 1st, 1880.

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Resolution restoring J. A. Neal and Major Tubman of Maryland County to Citizenship and repealing the second section of the Resolution Approved January 22nd., 1870 for the relief of Cato Sims of Montserrat County.

Whereas J. A. Neal and Major Tubman of Maryland County were indicted, tried and convicted in the Court of Common Pleas and Quarterly Sessions, for a misdemeanor, and were in consequence, deprived by law of the privileges of Citizenship; Therefore;—

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

Sec. 1st. That Joshua A. Neal and Major Tubman, be and they are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of all other good citizens of this Republic.

Sec. 2nd. It is further Resolved, that the 2nd Section of

the Resolution approved Jany. 22nd. 1870 for the relief of Cato Sims of Montserrado County, be and the same is hereby repealed. —

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by a two third vote of the Legislature, notwithstanding the President's veto, January 12th. 1880.



Resolution restricting the President to conform to a certain rule touching resignations of accounting officials of this Government.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and forever after the passage of this Resolution it shall be unlawful for any President or Superintendent to accept of a resignation or resignations tendered by any revenue, receiving, or disbursing officer of this Government, before his accounts shall have been properly audited and found correct.

Sec. 2nd. That any President, or Superintendent, violating the provisions of the first section of this Resolution shall be deemed guilty of malfeasance in office and shall suffer the usual penalty of maladministration in office.—

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by two third vote of the Legislature, notwithstanding the President's veto, January 12th 1880.



An act for the relief of the Government

✓ WHEREAS, owing to the inadequacy of the Revenue to meet the demands of the Country, the Government experiences great inconvenience;—AND WHEREAS it appears absolutely necessary to consolidate the Public Debt.—THEREFORE.

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

SEC. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act; all Debentures, checks or any other papers representing legal claims against the Government, excepting the currency demand notes, shall be consolidated, and bonds given to their holders, as receipts for the amounts so deposited in the Treas-

ary of the Republic, upon which an interest of six per cent per annum shall be paid to the depositor in the legal tender of the country; namely, gold, silver and copper coin, or currency demand notes. The Bonds to be redeemed at the expiration of ten years; the Government of Liberia reserving to itself the right to redeem the Bonds at any time after three years.

SEC. 2nd. *It is further enacted*:—that all persons holding checks, Debentures or any papers representing legal claims against the Government are required to present them at the Treasury Department before the thirty-first day of March, Anno Domini, Eighteen hundred and eighty and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to execute a bond for the same under the seal of office, countersigned by the Comptroller;—said bonds shall be prepared by the Secretary of the Treasury under the direction of the Attorney General, numbered and duly recorded categorically, in the books of the Treasury Department by the Comptroller. And in the leeward Counties, all holders of representations of Government indebtedness as required in the 1st. Section of this Act, shall be allowed to deposit the same in the respective Sub-Treasuries of the counties in which they reside; taking the Sub-Treasurer's receipt in duplicate;—said Sub-Treasurer shall forward the amounts so deposited to the Secretary and the holder shall forward the original receipt to the Secretary of the Treasury who shall issue to the holder (upon presentation of the Sub-Treasurer's receipt) Bond or Bonds as required by the depositor as is provided for in this Section.

SEC. 3rd. *It is further enacted*:—that from and immediately after the passage of this act, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to negotiate loans of currency from any merchants or other citizens in the country, for which an interest of (8) eight per cent, per annum shall be paid, and if a sufficient amount to meet the necessary expenses of the Government cannot be obtained by such loans, then, in that case the Secretary of the Treasury under the direction of the President is hereby authorized to issue fifty thousand dollars in currency demand notes, to be issued as follows:—three thousand dollars of said amount to be issued, in fractional currency say in notes of five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cents, the remainder to be issued in bills of the following denominations say ten, five, three, two and one dollar notes omitting on the face of said notes the words, "Gold and silver coin" to be signed by the Secretary of the Treasury and countersigned by the Treasurer of the Republic of Liberia, and also the further sum of twenty thousand dollars in copper coin.

SEC. 4th. *It is further enacted*:—that from and after the thirty first day of March A. D. 1880 all duties on imports and exports shall be paid in Gold, silver, and copper coin, or Cur-

rency demand notes:— Provided nevertheless, nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent any *resident merchant* from giving a gold draft on his business-house, said merchant being liable for all expenses and for damages incurred from protestation and non-payment of said draft.

SEC. 5. *It is further enacted*:—that any receiving or disbursing officer of the revenues of this Republic, who shall after the thirty-first day of March A. D. 1880, receive or pay out moneys other than that enumerated in the 4th Section of this act or any scrip representing such moneys shall be deemed guilty of a high Misdemeanor, and on conviction of the same before any competent court of the Republic shall be imprisoned for a period of not less than one year, nor more than three years, and pay a fine of not less than three hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollar with all costs of prosecution.

SEC. 6th. *And it is further enacted*:—that any officer or officers of this Government, who from, and after the 31st day of January A. D. 1880, shall issue or cause to be issued any species or representations of, or substitutes for moneys or peremptorily command any collecting officer or officers to receive any species of money other than those kinds enumerated in the 4th. Section of this Act shall be deemed guilty of *High Misdemeanor* and on conviction before the Legislature or before any court of competent jurisdiction, said offender or offenders shall refund the amount so issued or ordered to be issued and shall also be imprisoned in the common jail in irons for any term not exceeding three years nor less than one year; procedure in such case shall be by bill of information filed by the Attorney General or District Attorney, or by indictment of the Grand Jury.

In all cases where the conviction is before the Legislature the same shall be the evidence or basis to found said information or indictment.

SEC. 7th. *It is further enacted*:—that all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.—

Approved, January 12th. 1880.

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✓ Supplementaray Act to An Act for the Relief of Government.

*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 31st. day of March 1880 it shall be unlawful for any Superintendent or other officer

and officers to issue any order on any Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer directing him or them to pay any moneys unless it is positively known to such officers so drawing that there are sufficient funds in the Treasury or Sub Treasuries to meet or cover such orders. And further no such orders shall be issued except upon authority of the warrant issued on account of the appropriation by the the Legislature. And further any officer failing to comply with the provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction before any Court of competent jurisdiction, shall be imprisoned for a term of not more than three, nor less than one year. Such person so convicted being compelled to make good all cost of prosecution.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Passed into law by limitation, January 17th. 1880

Joint Resolution of thanks to the Government of the United States of America, and an expression of gratitude to Commodore R. W. Shufeldt, U. S. N.

Whereas the Government of the United States of America, at the request of the Governments of Great Britain and Liberia, readily consented to act as Umpire in the settlement of the Liberian North West Boundary Question and appointed Commodore R. W. Shufeldt, U. S. N. of the Flagship "Ticonderoga" to act on their part in the adjustment of the Liberian North West Boundary—called in question by the English Government—and in view of the remarkable patience with which the Commodore and his officers waited upon the movements of the commissioners to their adjournment,

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

Sec. 1st. That the Legislature of Liberia, by this resolution tender their thanks and the thanks of the People of Liberia to the President of the United States, and to the American Nation, for the cheerful manner in which they accepted the joint solicitation of the Governments of England and Liberia to use their good offices as Umpire, as well as for their choice of so able a naval officer as Commodore Shufeldt to perform this important Mission.

Resolved, That the Government of Liberia express their entire satisfaction with the efforts of the Commodore to have a final and satisfactory adjustment of this vexed question; and they would record their gratitude to Commodore R. W. Shufeldt, U. S. N. and his gallant officers.—

Approved January. 17th. 1880.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend 'An Act Establishing the Judiciary and fixing the powers common to the several Courts:'"—

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

Sec. 1. In all cases of debt or contract wherein a specific performance is not sought to be compelled, and in all actions of Damages, except those that are excepted in the tenth section of the second chapter, of the Legal Forms and principles laid down in the statutes of Liberia published A. D. 1856, the Plaintiff may commence his action by filing his complaint with an affidavit, made by the Plaintiff or his Attorney, stating the sum due to him or the injury he has received, and the damages he believe he has sustained thereby; that he fears he shall not be able, without an attachment, to obtain security for his debt or damages—he shall then be entitled to an attachment; said affidavit shall be according to the forms found on Page 266 of the compiled statutes above mentioned inserting however after the word "fears" these words "that he will not be able to obtain security for his debt or damages without an attachment." The affidavit shall be signed by the deponent before the justice of the Peace taking the same.

Sec. 2. From and after the passage of this Act, the term of the several Courts of Quarter Sessions shall commence ten days after the close of previous session of each court and shall continue until ten days after the adjournment of the session of said Court.

Sec. 3. All Plaintiffs who shall commence their actions by writs of attachment shall be required to first give good and sufficient Bond and security that he or they will indemnify the defendant for all injury that he may sustain growing out of said attachment, should the Plaintiff fail to prosecute successfully his case.—The amount of bail shall in all cases be equal to the amount laid in the attachment.

Sec. 4. *It is further enacted:—*that the Monthly Court's Civil Jurisdiction is hereby restored.—That is to say, in all cases of debt where the amount does not exceed two hundred dollars and is not less than fifty dollars, said Court shall have original jurisdiction to try and dispose of the same according to the law and facts, parties having their right to appeal if desired. And the time to be allowed upon all judgments in actions of debt in Justices Court where the amount is above thirty dollars and do not exceed fifty dollars shall be six months the party giving sufficient bond and security to be approved by the Justice of the Peace or a Bail Commissioner.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the judges of the Probate Court in the several

proved January 29th. 1870 entitled "An amendatory act 'An Act establishing the judiciary and fixing the power common to the several Courts."

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty, of any defendant or defendants, desiring a change of venue in addition to the oath required by the Act regulating change of venue in Civil Cases to enter into sufficient recognizance with good sureties that he or they will follow the venue as changed, and will answer the Plaintiff in said Court to which the case is removed, and will indemnify him or them for all legal costs. All venue cases shall be regarded as privileged Cases by the Courts to which they are removed, and as such shall be entitled to precedence on the Docket and in the order of trial. All laws or parts of law conflicting with any of the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 15th, 1880.

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A Resolution for the special relief of Elizabeth A. Griggs, widow of the late Robert L. Griggs, of Grand Bassa County.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution the sum of one hundred dollars be annually appropriated for the benefit of Elizabeth A. Griggs, the widow of the late Robert L. Griggs, and his children, and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is authorized to pay the same out of any moneys in the Public Treasury.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 13th. 1880.

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✓ An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to enter into arrangements for the striking off of Currency and Copper Coin.

*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 directed and authorized to immediately enter into and confirm a contract with a reliable and trust-worthy Establishment either in Europe or the United States, under the supervision of the Representative of the Republic residing at the place where such Establishment is situated, for the purpose of striking off not more than (\$50,000) Fifty thousand dollars in Engraved notes. Said notes to be in denominations as follows: say

to the amount of three thousand dollars ;--as also an amount of Forty seven thousand dollars in notes of one, two, three, five and ten dollars; said notes to constitute the legal tender.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to have twenty thousand dollars in Copper Coin, said Coin to be in denominations of one and two cents with suitable devices thereon; said coin not to contain more than (50) fifty per cent in copper and the residue to be composed of a suitable alloy;—said coin to constitute the legal tender of this Republic.

And further that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to furnish designs for the Engraved notes such designs being subject to the approval of the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th. 1880.



✓ A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant Letters of Credit upon the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries of this Republic for moneys borrowed under the Act "An Act for the Relief of Government."

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized to give to the lenders of moneys borrowed under the Act "An Act for the Relief of Government," Letters of Credit upon the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries of this Republic stating distinctly for and on what account said Letter of Credit is given, and for no other purpose whatever, shall such letters of Credit be given under the pains and penalties of the above recited Act :—

Any law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 14th. 1880.



An Act to enable the Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Masons of the Republic of Liberia and its subordinate lodges to take, hold and convey real and personal estate.

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

Sec. 1. That William M Davis, Grand Master, Thomas G. Fuller, Deputy Grand Master, James B. Yates, Senior, Grand Warden, Solomon C. Fuller, Junior Grand Warden, and all persons who now are, or may hereafter become

associated with them as officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Liberia; and James E. Moore, Master, James B. McGill, Senior Warden, Gabriel D. Moore, Junior Warden, and all persons who now are or may hereafter become associated with them as officers and members of the Oriental Lodge number 1 of Monrovia; and \* \* \* George W. Dixon, Senior Warden, Daniel Ware, Junior Warden, and all other person who now are or may hereafter be associated with them as officers and members of Saint Paul's Lodge number 2. of the Saint Paul's River; and Robert A. M. Deputie, Master, William N. Williams, Senior Warden, James J. Morris, Junior warden, and all persons who now are or may hereafter become associated with them as officers and members of Saint Johns Lodge number 3. of Monrovia; and Jacob J. Ross, Master, Jacob C. Franze, Senior Warden, James N. Lewis, Junior warden, and all persons who now are or may hereafter be associated with them as officers and members of Excelsior Lodge number 4. of Greenville, Sinoe County; and Hamilton C. Russ, Master, Henry P. Hall, Senior Warden, \* \* \* and all persons who now are or may hereafter be associated with them as officers and members of the Rising Sun Lodge number 5. of Grand Bassa County; and James M. Thompson, Master, Daniel F. Wilson, Senior warden, Samuel D. Ferguson, Junior Warden and all persons who now are or may hereafter be associated with them as officers and members of the Morning Star Lodge number 6 of Harper, Maryland County [the said six Lodges being subordinates of the said Grand Lodge, and working under charter and authority thereof] each of said Bodies by names and numbers, above given shall be capable of purchasing, taking, holding and conveying Real and Personal Estate for the purposes of such Lodge, not exceeding the clear annual value of Ten Thousand Dollars for each Lodge, and shall have perpetual succession of members and officers.

Sec. 2. It shall be lawful for the said Grand Lodge, and for each one of its subordinate Lodges, at any regular communication thereof held in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of said Grand Lodge or in accordance with the by-laws of the subordinate Lodge to elect three Trustees if not already elected prior to the passage of this Act, whose duty is shall be to take, hold and convey real and personal estate for the benefit of the Lodge so electing them, and according to the instructions given them by said Lodge, and made known to them in writing by the Secretary of said Lodge, under their seal [if the Lodge have a seal] provided such instruction be not contrary to any regulation of the Grand Lodge. Such Trustees, or those appointed prior to the passage of this Act and their successors, shall have power, under the instructions of their Lodge to prosecute and defend all suits, at law or equity when their

Lodge is a party. Said Trustees shall not have power to convey the real estate of their Lodge unless by a resolution of their Lodge adopted by the vote of two thirds of the members present at a regular communication after due notice shall have been given that such resolution is to be voted on; a copy of which resolution, with the name and Signature of the Secretary and the seal [if the Lodge have a seal] and attested by the presiding officer of the Lodge, shall be evidence of the authority of such Trustees to convey such real Estate.

Sec. 3. A certificate of the election of such Trustees, so first elected or of those already existing, shall be made by the Secretary of the Lodge and certified by the first three elective officers of the Lodge under their hands, stating therein the time and place of such election, the regularity thereof, the names of such Trustees, and the terms severally for which they are to serve and the name of the Lodge for which they are elected. The execution of such certificate shall be acknowledged before the clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, or before a Justice of the Peace, and the certificate of all subordinate Lodges shall also be endorsed by the Secretary of the Grand Lodge under the seal of said Grand Lodge, and the same shall then be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. Such Trustees and their successors shall hereupon be and become entitled to all the benefits, rights and privileges granted by this Act to and for the use and behoof of said Lodge, and a copy of said certificate certified by the Secretary of State shall be evidence of the right of said Trustees to exercise all the rights and privileges conferred by this Act. The Secretary of State shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar for such certified Copy.

Sec. 4 The persons so first elected and those now acting as Trustees shall be divided by lot by said officers making said certificate, so that the term of one shall expire on the day of the festival of St. John the Evangelist next after such division is made and another in one year, and the third in two years after the expiration of the term of such first trustee. One Trustees shall annually thereafter prior to the expiration of the term of office of said Trustees and their successors be elected by each Lodge by ballot in the same manner and at the same term as the first three officers thereof severally are or shall be elected according to the Constitution, by laws and general regulations aforesaid and shall hold his office for three years, and a certificate of said election under the hands of said officers, and the seal of the Lodge [if they have one] shall be made and shall be evidence of said election and shall entitle said person so elected to act as Trustee. All such Trustees may continue in office until his or their Successors are duly elected and qualified to act. All vacancies arising in the office of Trustee from whatsoever cause

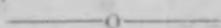
may be filled in the manner above described at any regular Communication of the Lodge.

Sec. 5. Any subordinate Lodge of Free and accepted Masons which may hereafter be duly chartered by the authority and installed according to the general rules and regulations of the said Grand Lodge of the Republic of Liberia, may have the benefit of this Act by electing their Trustees in the manner above described, and by filing in the office of the Secretary of State the certificate required in the third section of this Act.

Sec. 6. Should any subordinate Lodge belonging to the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge become extinct by having its charter withdrawn by said Grand Lodge or by any other lawful means, it shall be lawful for the members of said Lodge to dispose of their Seal and personal property in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge; but the furniture jewels and archives of such subordinate Lodge shall revert to and be delivered up to said Grand Lodge without delay.

Sec. 7. This Act shall be deemed a public Act, and be benignly construed in all courts and places to effectuate the objects thereof.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding  
Approved January 15th. 1880.



Supplementary Act to "An Act for the relief of Government."

*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 31st. day of March 1880 it shall be unlawful for any Superintendent or other officer and officers to issue any order on any Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer directing him or them to pay any moneys unless it is positively known to such officers so drawing that there are sufficient funds in the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries to meet or cover such orders—*And further* no such orders shall be issued except upon authority of the warrant issued on account of Appropriations by the Legislature.—

*And further* any officer failing to comply with the provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed guilty of Misdemeanour, and upon conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be imprisoned for a term of not more than three nor less than one year:—such person so convicted, being compelled to make good all costs of prosecution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed into law by limitation January 17th. 1880.

✓ An Act to repeal "An Act to reduce the amount of paper Currency now in Circulation" approved February 7th 1878

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

Sec. 1. That the above recited Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to burn by fire all checks debentures and drafts upon the Revenue, that are now in the Treasury of the Republic, as well as all others that shall come into the Treasury from time to time said burning shall be had in the presence of the Auditor and Comptroller Quarterly, who shall certify at each burning what amount has been burnt said certificate shall be filed with the Treasurer of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Passed into law by Limitation January 19th. 1880.

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A Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to immediately pay over any and all monies now in his possession, or in the Treasury arising from the sale of produce paid on account of the one-tenth of the Revenue set aside for the liquidation of Foreign claims.

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

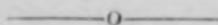
Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this resolution the Secretary of the Treasury shall immediately pay over to the British Post office and the United States Minister Resident any and all moneys gold or silver coin and bills of exchange or drafts now in his possession or in the Treasury arising from the sale of produce collected and paid in, on account of the one tenth of the revenue before mentioned. One half of said money shall be paid to the British Post Office on account of our postal indebtedness and the remaining half to the United States Minister Resident and Consul General on account of the United States claim against the Republic.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall immediately dispose of all produce now in the hands of the different Collectors of Customs and not yet shipped to a foreign market for gold and silver coin or good and properly approved bills of exchange at as advantageous terms as he can obtain and he shall pay over the monies thus obtained in the manner and way before mentioned in the first Section.

Sec. 3. Upon the settlement of the postal claim against

this Republic the whole of the one-tenth of the revenue or monies accruing therefrom shall be paid in regular quarterly instalments to the United States Minister Resident on account of the United States claims before mentioned.—Any laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January. 17th. 1880.



Resolution authorizing the sale of the Government Vessel "EMMY"—

Whereas the Revenue vessel "EMMY" in her present condition is likely to be altogether useless to the Government if left in her present state and may prove a total loss to the nation;—and whereas the said vessel being public property cannot be legally disposed of without a warrant of the Legislature THEREFORE:—

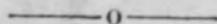
*It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:—*

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to have offered and sold at public auction the revenue vessel "EMMY" and all her boats, anchors, chains, gears, and riggings, spars and sails, for which purpose he may procure the services of some Auctioneer.

Sec. 2. *It is further resolved* that the Secretary of the Treasury may instruct the auctioneer to take in payment for the said vessel, currency, checks, or debentures; which said Auctioneer shall immediately pay into the Treasury or nearest Sub-Treasury, and present the certificate of the same to the Secretary of the Treasury.

And upon the sale five (5) per cent commission shall be paid the Auctioneer.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th. 1880.



Resolution to authorize the Board of Trustees of Liberia College to remove said Institution and Establish branches thereof in the Counties —

*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 Trustees of Liberia College are authorized and empowered to remove Liberia College from its present location to any other they may deem proper when ever they find it necessary to do so.

Sec. 2. That the Trustees of Liberia College are authorized further, to establish preparatory schools as branches of

Said Institution in the several Counties of this Republic and to direct and control the same:—

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 17th, 1880.

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Resolution for the special relief of Richard Nelson.

Whereas Richard Nelson of Maryland County is entirely blind by the loss of both Eyes occasioned by the explosion of a Cannon while firing a National Salute in A. D. 1878:—

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to pay under warrant of the President to Richard Nelson annually the sum of ninety six dollars, out of any moneys in the Public Treasury.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9th 1880

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Resolution authorizing the President to instruct the Superintendent of Maryland County to select a suitable town lot for the use of the Corporation of the City of Harper, on which to erect a Market House.

*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 President be and he is hereby fully authorized to direct the Superintendent of Maryland County to select a town lot for the use of the Corporation of the City of Harper, from any not otherwise appropriated Public lands, within the Corporation.

Sec. 2. *It is resolved* that the Act Chartering the City of Harper in Maryland County, approved December 27th, 1878 go into effect on the third Monday in March 1880; at which time the first election shall take place, and all other elections of City Officers shall take place on the Second Monday of April in each year.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

✓ An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act amendatory and supplementary to an act regulating the payment of duties," passed and approved January 5th 1879.

*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 one-tenth of the Revenue as set aside for the purpose of liquidating foreign claims contracted in Foreign Countries shall be paid in gold or silver coin or in good approved bills of Exchange only, no produce of any kind, sort or description shall be received in payment of the one-tenth before mentioned; and the Collectors of Customs shall, within four (4) days after they have received the said amount pay the same over to the Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer of this Republic who shall remit the same under warrant from the President to the Treasury Department. Any Collector of Customs or Sub-Treasurer who shall fail to comply with the provision of this first section shall be deemed guilty of official misconduct, and on conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined in a sum of not less than Two hundred dollars nor more than Five hundred and imprisonment in the common jail for a term of not more than three years nor less than one year.

Sec. 2. *It is further enacted* that so much of the Act entitled "An Act amendatory and supplementary to an act regulating the payment of duties," passed and approved January 5th. 1879, and all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, January 17th. 1880.

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Joint Resolution of thanks to the Liberian members of the Mixed Commission on the Liberian North West Boundary Question.

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

That the sincere and hearty thanks of the Government of Liberia be, and are hereby tendered to the Honorable William M. Davis and John W. Worrell late Liberian Commissioners, and to Alfred B. King, late Liberian Secretary to the Mixed Commission for the faithful services rendered in connection with the Liberian North West Boundary Question.

Approved January 17th. 1880.

A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant Letters of credit upon the Treasury or Sub-Treasuries of this Republic for moneys borrowed under the act "An Act for the Relief of Government."

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this resolution the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized to give the lenders of moneys borrowed under the Act, "An Act for the Relief of Government," Letters of Credit upon the Treasury or any Sub-Treasury of this Republic, stating distinctly for and on what account said Letter of Credit is given and for no other purpose whatever shall such letters of credit be given under the pains and penalties of the above recited Act.—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th. 1880.



A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State of the Republic of Liberia to solicit the kind offices of the United States of America as well as all other Nations with whom the Republic of Liberia is in Treaty Stipulations in reference to the North Western Boundary Question.

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

The Secretary of State of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized and directed in behalf of the Legislature and all the people of Liberia to solicit the kind offices of the Government of the United States of America, as well as those of all other Nations with whom Liberia is in Treaty Stipulations; and that a copy of the Report of the Committee on Foreign affairs in reference to the North Western Boundary Question be forwarded with the same.

Approved January 17th. 1880.



An Act providing for and restricting the payment of Import and Export duties 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. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, all Captains, Supercargoes, Agents, or owners of any and all foreign vessel or vessels who shall transact or do any mercantile business in this Republic, the duties on all goods or wares imported and landed from said vessel or vessels shall be

paid in each county respectively and at the Port where such vessel or vessels may be entered, that is to say the duties accruing from the sale of such goods or wares shall not be assessed and collected in advance of goods or merchandise to be carried or transhipped by said captain, supercargo or owner to any other Port of this Republic, but that the Collector of Customs of the Port where such vessel or vessels may be entered shall assess the duties upon so much of the goods or merchandise and no more which may be landed, and at no time shall it be lawful for any Collector, Treasurer or Sub Treasurer of this Republic to receive or acknowledge any receipt or certificate to the effect that the duties on said goods landed or sold have been prepaid in another county.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that all Liberian or Foreign Merchants who may have established factories or houses in the several Counties of this Republic and who may intermediately ship goods or merchandise from one factory to another, the agent or agents acting in his or their stead and to whom said goods are consigned shall be required to pay the duties on the same; and to hand in to the collector of customs invoice or bill of all goods so received, written in the English language whereupon the Collector shall assess the lawful duties in the same manner as all other consignments, provided however that in every case where the duties have been paid on goods landed at one port and transhipped to another port in this Republic, he or they shall be entitled to a drawback for the amount of duties previously paid.

Sec. 3rd. That the export duties on all palm oil palm kernels or produce of whatever kind which by standing laws of this Republic are dutiable, shipped intermediately by any owner agent or agents out of any of the Ports where the same was purchased, all such owner, agent or agents shall pay the export duties thereon.

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

Approved January 20th. 1880.

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 Joint Resolution authorizing the publication of the proceedings and correspondence relating to the North West Boundary.

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

The Secretary of State is hereby authorized and empowered to prepare and have published as early as possible, the whole correspondence on the North West Boundary Question, and the proceedings of the sittings of the Mixed Com-

mission authorized to investigate, adjudicate and settle the Question definitely as well as the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Senate and Joint Resolution to solicit the kind offices of the United States and other Governments with copies of the above papers are hereby authorized to be published.

Approved January 20th. 1880



A Joint Resolution fixing the day of the adjournment of First Session of the Seventeenth Legislature.

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

That the first Session of the Seventeenth Legislature adjourn *sine die* on Tuesday the 20th. day of January A. D. 1880.

Approved January 20th. 1880.

**ACTS**

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## ACTS

A Joint Resolution repealing the joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives approved January 17th 1880.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, The joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, approved January 17th 1880 authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant Letters of Credit upon the Treasury and Sub-Treasuries of this Republic for money borrowed under the Act, "An Act for the Relief of Government, be and the same is hereby repealed. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Dec. 29 1880.

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An Act to incorporate St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of Harper Maryland County.

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

Sec. 1st. That Samuel D. Ferguson Pastor, James W. Ashton Senior Ward n, and Joseph A. Gibson, Francis O. Thorne, Turner P. Stewart and Tilman T. Brewer Vestrymen ; all of the City of Harper in the County of Maryland and Republic of Liberia, and their successors in office, together with such as now are, or may hereafter become members, are hereby constituted a Body corporate and politic by the name of St. Mark's Church, with power to take, hold and possess all property real and personal, that may

have heretofore, or shall be hereafter acquired, by grant purchase, gift, demise or bequest, with full power to sell and convey the same, subject to the provisions and conditions of this Act.

Sec. 2nd. That the said corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue, and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court having competent jurisdiction; and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal estate to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars § 200,000.

Sec. 3rd. That the said corporation is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such by-laws rules and regulations for their own government, and to do all other Acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies corporate and politic; consistent with the doctrine discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; provided such by-laws, rules, and regulations, be not repugnant to the laws or constitution of this Republic.

Sec. 4th. All laws or part of laws conflicting with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved Dec. 31st. 1880.

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An Act granting Two hundred acres of land to the Trustees of "All Saints Hall" in the county of Grand Bassa.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Two hundred acres of land in the County of Grand Bassa between Hartford and Fidelity settlement be granted, and the same is hereby granted to John H. B. Latrobe, Samuel G. Wyman G. W. S. Hall, J. Noel Wyatt, and Walter S. Cox, Trustees of All Saints Hall, and their Successors in office, to be used in connection with and for Educational purposes in Liberia.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Dec. 31 1880.

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An Act granting One hundred acres of Land to the Presbyterian Church in Liberia

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

That from and after the passage of this act One hundred acres of land is granted to the Presbyterian Church in Liberia in the Junk Section of Country, County of Montserrado to be used in connection with the Mission work of that Church, Any law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Dec 31st, 1880.

An Act incorporating the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Liberia.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Liberia is hereby chartered, incorporated, and declared to be a body politic: That is to say, Santania Francis Flegler, and Samuel Jefferson Campbell travelling Preachers, and Clement Irons, Scott Bailey, Rufus Clark, Israel Moultry Local preachers of the above named Church: and Clement Irons, Scott Bailey Pompey Green, Robert Monger, Thaddens Middleton Israel Moultry Allen Brisbane James D. Lyon John Walkepough, James Wilson, Jackson Caldwell, Elis Clark and and Charles Wilson Trustees and officers of the aforesaid church (styled the Local and General Board) and their successors in office are constituted a body Corporate and politic, to have perpetual succession, by the name of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, to take, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal Estate by grant purchase, demise, or otherwise.

Sec. 2nd. That the said Corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue, and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal Estate to the amount of Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), and to have full right and privilege to do all other Acts and things done by similar bodies Corporate and politic.

Any laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed into law limitation January 5th, 1881

Joint Resolution regulating the title and privilege of the Native African Representatives in the National Legislature of this Republic.

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

Sec. 1st That from and after the passage of this Resolution, there shall be one Representative from each Native tribe that submits to the laws of the Republic of Liberia, and desires, or shows a disposition to be incorporated as citizens of this Republic said Representative shall be styled a delegate from said tribe in stead of Referee, and shall have a right to vote on matters purely aboriginal.

They shall each receive the sum of One hundred dollars per annum as well as travelling expenses and board while attending the annual Session of the Legislature.

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

Approved Jan 8, 1881.

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An Act to incorporate the Farmersville Baptist Church of Sinoe 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 George Byng, Askelly Roberts and James Washington, Deacons of Farmersville Baptist Church in the County of Sinoe and Republic of Liberia, and their Successors in office are hereby constituted a Body corporate and politic, to have perpetual succession by the name and style of the Deacons and Trustees of Farmersville Baptist Church with full and legal right to take hold possess and enjoy Real and personal Estate by grant to the amount of Fifty thousand dollars, with full right to plead and inplead, sue and be sued by the above name and style in court of Law or Equity ; and to do all other Acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies of the same faith and order.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan. 12th, 1881.

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An Act to incorporate the First Baptist Church of Clay Ashland in Montserrado 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. Samuel Ricks Sr., Henry Ricks Presley Freeman, Albert J Morris, Isaac J Ash, and Moses Ricks, Deacons and Trustees of the First Baptist Church, Clay Ashland in the County of Montserrado and Republic of Liberia, and their successors in office are hereby constituted a body Corporate and politic, to have perpetual succession by the name and style of the First Baptist Church, Clay Ashland, with full and legal right, to take, hold, possess, and enjoy Real and Personal Estate by grant, purchase, bequest or demise, to the amount of Fifty thousand Dollars; with full right to plead and implead, sue and be sued, by the above name and style in Courts of law or equity, and to do all other Acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies of the same faith and order.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 11, 1881

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LAFAYETTE HARMON,  
Clerk of the Senate

Resolution for the rebuilding of the bridge and Levee running from the settlement of Farmersville to the settlement of Lexington.

Whereas the Citizens in Sinoe County encounter great dangers in passing from the town of Greenville, and from the settlement of Lexington in the time of high waters, and at other times; to the great danger of the health of the citizens of said County therefore—

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$ 800) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the rebuilding of the bridge and levee running from the settlement of Farmersville to the Settlement of Lexington in the county aforesaid, to be constructed in the following manner—The posts or pillars, sills, plates, and braces of said bridge, shall be twelve inches by twelve inches in width and thickness, of goods durable wood, say Mahogany, Rose-wood, Walnut, or Sweet gum; as well as the said bridge and levee shall be laid with a floor of plank of the above materials (2 in.) two inches in thickness, the planks, braces, sills and plates to be all fastened with pins; that the levee be above high water mark.

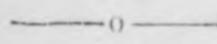
Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13 1881.

Whereas by mistake it was omitted to insert in the amendment of the Senate to the House's Resolution, building and erecting a bridge and levee between Lexington and Farmersville Sinoe County the sum, of Eighteen hundred dollars instead of Eight hundred.

*Therefore ; Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled that the sum of one thousand dollars be added, making Eighteen Hundred dollars as originally adopted by the Senate in their amendment to said Bill 'Building and erecting bridge and Levee in Sinoe County, between Lexington and Farmersville.*

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,  
Approved January 8th. 1881.



An Act to encourage Agriculture throughout the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas the necessity of the case requires that something should be done for the encouragement to Agriculture ; and whereas it is deemed by the Government proper to offer sufficient inducement to its citizens to increase the growth of any staple commodity that would enhance the well being of her citizens generally. and whereas it is evident that the permanent prosperity of Liberia will depend upon the impulse given to agriculture by the Legislature ;—Therefore ;—*It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature assembled:*

Sec 1st. By this act the Government of Liberia offers a reward of eight dollars per hundred for every ten or more hundred cocoa, or chocolate trees, planted out agreeably to this Act ; The Cocoa or chocolate that shall be planted hereafter shall be arranged in regular order on or before the month of September A. D. 1 84, and that the sum of six dollars per hundred be paid to any citizen or citizens who shall plant a less number, provided however, that in no case the number be less than two hundred.

Sec 2nd. And when such trees shall have stood out in the farm two years after being planted out in regular order, the Planter or Planters shall secure the services of a Justice of the Peace for the County in which he, she, or they may live, who shall count said trees and grant the person or persons a certificate showing the number of living trees which have stood two

year after being planted out in the farm upon which the party or parties shall receive the reward above referred to according to the number of trees planted.

Sec. 3rd. The person or persons shall present said Certificate with a bill to the Superintendent of the County in which the person or persons reside, or to the Secretary of the Treasury in the absence of the Superintendent. The Justice of the Peace shall receive Twenty five cents (25) for each hundred cocoa-trees counted and certified by him or them.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan. 13, 1881.

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Resolution authorizing the repair of the Big Bridge between Mt. Vaughan and Mt. Tubman in Maryland County, also to erect a bridge and throw up a cause way between Latrobe and Hoffman Station.

*It is Resolved 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 Resolution, the sum of Fifty dollars be appropriated to repair the Big Bridge between Mt. Vaughan and Mt. Tubman; and Five hundred dollars, to throw up a causeway and extend a bridge across the East Branch of Hoffman river between Latrobe and Hoffman Station; and 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 13, 1881.

Resolution for the relief of James T. Carroll, Light House Keeper Harper.

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Whereas James T. Carroll has petitioned the Legislature, that owing to a misprint in the appropriation Bill for 1879—80 the appropriation for Light House Keeper, Harper was made to read One hundred dollars, instead of the real sum of One hundred and eighty dollars appropriated, Therefore.

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

That the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered

to pay to James T. Carroll, Light House Keeper, Hargett Maryland County, the sum of Eighty dollars, being an amount appropriated for said Carroll by the last Legislature, and which he has not received.

Approved January 13th 1881.

An Act to amend an Act for the Relief of Government approved January 12th 1880.

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

That all persons having any Checks Debentures or other good and lawfully approved claims against government, are further requested to deposit the same at the Treasury Department agreeably to the provisions of the Act, for "Relief of Government" (approved January 1<sup>st</sup> 1880) within ninety days from the passage of this Act, and all person or persons having any claim or claims as above described—failing to comply with the requisitions of this Act, said claim or, claims shall be barred and declared null and void both in law and in Equity.

Any and all Laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be and the same the are hereby repealed.

✓ An Act requiring all Missions and Missionaries within this Republic to pay Imports and Export dues.

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

Sec 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act all Missions and Missionaries who may receive or import Goods Wares, or Merchandise of any kind whatsoever into this Republic whether by purchase or donation shall pay or cause to be paid the same specific or advalorem duties, as any other person or persons except upon such articles as are now exempted from duties by standing laws of this Republic.

Sec 2nd. It shall be the duty of the Collector of Customs to form an estimate of the cost prices of all goods, wares, and merchandize, imported into this Republic by any Missions or Missionaries should said goods, wares, and merchandize not be accompanied by a regular Invoice.

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

Approved January 14, 1881

Whereas it is the opinion of the Legislature as well as the desire of the greater part of the people of this Republic that the term of two years for the office of President and Vice President is short and injurious to the growth and well-being of this infant state.

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

Sec. 1st. That the first Section of the constitution of the Republic—Article third (3) page 237 be so altered and amended as to read four years instead of two years for the official term of President and Vice President.

Sec. 2nd. It is further Resolved that the said alteration and amendment be submitted to the people at the Biennial Election to be holden in May A. D. 1881 agreeable to the provisions of the 17th Sec of the fifth article of the constitution, said amendments, if carried or adopted to commence from Anno Domini 1883 Eighteen hundred and Eighty three, and the Ballot, shall be written "adoption" or "no adoption."

Sec. 3rd. It is further Resolved that the Resolution recommending an amendment to the first Section of Article third (3) and submitted to the people at the Biennial Election held on May 1879 for the Relief of persons impeached or who might be impeached, be re-submitted to the people at the Biennial Election for 1881 to be denominated amendment to the constitution number two and the ballot shall be separately written "Adoption" or "no adoption."

Passed the Legislature by a two third vote.  
January 15, 1881.

An Act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lower Caldwell Saint Paul's River.

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

Sec. 1st That Horatio B. Capehart Pastor Isaac Lawrence Francis T. Clark jr Chas R. Sims Alfred T. Travis and Francis T. Clark jr. Trustees, and C. R. Sims A. F. Travis, Zeal Prichard and James Bunyan Stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the settlement of Lower Caldwell County of Montserrado and Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic with perpetual succession by the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church : and with power to take all property real and personal that may have heretofore, or shall hereafter acquired by virtue of any devise containing in any last will and Testament of any person whomsoever, and to hold

or convey the same subject to the provisions and limitations of this Act.

Sec. 2nd. That the said corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real Estate to the amount of One hundred thousand dollars \$ 100,000.

Sec. 3rd. That the Church edifice and all and singular the parsonage, glebe and other property pertaining to the same which said corporation now possesses or may here after possess, conformable to the provisions of the first Section of this Act shall be held in trust by said Board of Trustees, and the said Church edifice shall be used for christian worship substantially in accordance with the Evangelical faith, ministry, worship, and usage in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America as heretofore and now existing, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church now in this Republic, and said Church edifice shall be free from taxation.

Sec. 4th. That there shall be five Trustees, and four Steward more or less as occasion may require in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America, who shall have the management and control of the property of said Church. The Steward may at any time and at all times make such arrangements and resolutions in reference to the Church as the circumstances of the case may demand, provided such arrangement and resolutions are not incompatible with the terms and conditions of this charter, and the Laws of this Republic.

Sec. 5th. This Charter may be amended at any time upon joint petition of the Trustees and Stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church Lower Caldwell.

Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14, 1881.

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An Act to establish additional ports of entry in the several counties of this Republic.

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

Sec. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Foreign vessels shall be permitted to trade at any point above Robertsport Grand Cape Mount in Montserrado County, either as transient traders or by establishing factories among the natives of that locality. That before any Foreigner shall have the privilege of so trading at any of the points above Robertsport, aforesaid, he shall

be required, to regularly enter his or their vessel at a Port of Entry in said County of Montserrat, having manifested his intention of trading above Robertsport shall give bond in security that all lawful duties upon goods landed, will be promptly paid on his return to the Port at which he shall have entered his vessel; said bond shall be double the amount of goods on board, as per invoice which invoice shall be presented to the Collector by the Master or Supercargo when he enters his vessel. When said vessel or vessels shall have been entered and before sailing for the point aforesaid, the Collector of Customs of the Port shall place on board said vessel, a competent person as Inspector who shall keep an accurate account of all goods landed and make a faithful and correct report to the Collector on the return of said vessel. The said Inspector shall be required to give a bond in the sum of Two thousand Dollars for the faithful discharge of his duty; and for any wilful or criminal neglect on his part to make a true and correct report to the Collector, he shall be deemed guilty of bribery, and shall upon conviction before the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, be fined in a sum of not less than Five Hundred Dollars and be imprisoned for not less than two years; that the said Inspector shall be allowed two and a half per centum of the duties, and no other compensation. The provisions in this Section shall apply to the coast to the South of Harper in Maryland County.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that River Cesters and Sasstown between Grand Bassa and Sinoe and Maryland Counties are hereby declared to be trading Ports, and all foreign vessels are permitted to call at the said Ports under the following regulations: That is to say, That should any foreigner or foreigners desire to call at either of the Ports declared to be trading Ports in this Section he shall signify to the Collector of Customs of the Port of Grand Bassa, or the Port of Greenville in the County of Sinoe, his or their intention of so doing, and the Collector shall then demand that the invoice of said foreigner shall be presented to the said Collector who shall cause the same to be entered into the invoice book of his office and the foreigner or foreigners are hereby required to enter into bond in double the amount of said invoice, that on his return to the said Port of Entry, he will pay or cause to be paid the duties upon each goods as were sold at the New Ports. And the Collector of Customs after the filing of the Bond shall grant said foreigner or foreigners a permit to call in at any of the said trading Ports. And he shall put on board of said vessel or vessels a person who shall be styled deputy Collector, and who shall allow no goods to be landed without his knowledge, and no produce to be shipped on board unless the exact quantity be known to him. He

shall keep a faithful and true account of all goods landed and all produce shipped, and make a faithful report of the same; any dereliction of duty on the part of the said deputy Collector, shall subject him to prosecution for bribery, and upon conviction shall suffer the pains and penalties thereof, according to the magnitude of the offence, the said deputy Collector shall receive three per cent on all amounts of duties reported by him to the Collector of Customs, who appointed him, as compensation for his services.

Sec. 3. All foreigners are hereby authorized to enter their vessels and open business houses at the said New Ports for mercantile transaction upon the same conditions and manner that the same is done in or at any of the other Ports of entry already established in this Republic excepting that all the trade or business done at the Ports of entry above established shall be at the sole risk and adventure of the foreigner or foreigners so established.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted that whenever it shall be deemed necessary for the peace and quietude of the Republic, the President be and he is hereby authorized to close up the Ports hereby created by this Act. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14 1881.

✓ An Act to amend the Several Acts Regulating Taxes and assessments on Real property within this Republic.

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*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 several laws regulating taxes are amended so as to read, that the taxes on all real estate unimproved, within this Republic and contiguous to any of the Settlement within the same, shall be as follows;—upon all town lots or City lots growing in bush and noxious weeds, the sum of \$ 3,00 Three dollars tax, per annum on each lot; and upon all farm land unimproved by cultivation, the sum of (00) five cents tax, per acre shall be collected annually: except blocks of land where one third of the same is under cultivation, and all persons failing to comply with the provisions of this Act shall be proceeded against in the following manner. The Tax Collector shall exhibit the assessment or bill of taxes due, and he shall enter action of debt against all persons failing to pay the tax, in any court having jurisdiction, and should judgment be rendered against defendant or defendants, execution shall be issued as in all cases of debt or contract upon the property of said defendant which shall be sold after six

months notice is publicly given in three places of the County where said real estate is situated.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that any persons owning real estate and not residing in the county where the taxes shall be assessed and collected agreeably to this statute, shall be notified by the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, issuing the writ of attachment, the said person paying all fees, postage and charge which shall be added to the taxes, and deducted out of the amount realized by the sale of said real estate should the said person or persons still neglect to pay the amount after the aforesaid notice of attachments. Provided however that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to conflict with the Act of the Legislature approved March first 1872 "An Act for the better carrying into effect the Regulations of Towns and Villages of this Republic." Provided further that nothing in this Section shall be so construed as to levy any additional tax upon the description of property hereby taxed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17, 1881.

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An Act incorporating the first Baptist Church of Greenville Sinoe County.

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

Section 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the first Baptist Church of Greenville Sinoe County is hereby chartered, incorporated, and declared to be a body politic, that is to say, William Witherspoon Pastor, Russell Minus, William Rice, James Barlow, F. A. Crawford, and Iner Morris, James Barlow, Deacons and Trustees of the aforesaid Church and their Successors in office, are constituted a body corporate and politic, to have perpetual succession by the name and style of the First Baptist Church of Greenville in the County of Sinoe, to have full power to sue and be sued, plead, and be impleaded to take, hold, possess and, and enjoy real and personal estate, by grant, purchase, demise, or otherwise, with full power to sell and convey the same whenever the circumstances of said corporate body shall make it conducive for its interest, in any amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars, and to have full right and privilege to do other acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies, corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18, 1881.

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An Act to incorporate the Liberian Baptist Missionary Convention.

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

That from and after the passage of this Act, J. J. Cheesman President; W. F. Gibson Vice President, R. B. Richardson, Recording Secretary, H. N. Boney, Corresponding Secretary and Financial Agent—Officers and members of the Liberian Baptist Missionary Convention of the Republic of Liberia and their successors in office are hereby constituted a body Corporate and politic, to have perpetual succession by the name and style of the Liberian Baptist Missionary Convention, with full and legal right to take, hold possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant, purchase, bequest or demise to the amount of (\$ 80,000) Eighty thousand dollars with full right to plead and be impleaded, sue and be sued, by the above name and style, in Courts of Law or Equity; and to do all other Acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies of the same faith and order.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 10, 1881.

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An Act incorporating the Shiloh Baptist Church.

*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 Shiloh Baptist Church of Virginia, in the County of Montserado, is hereby chartered, incorporated, and declared to be a body politic, that is to say John Sanders Washington, Pastor, James Roots, George H. Bailey, Sidney J. Washington, Lewis Capehart, and Cornelius Miller, Deacons and Trustees of said Church and their successors in office, are constituted a body corporate and politic, to have perpetual succession by the name of Shiloh Baptist Church of Virginia to have full power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, to take, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant purchase, demise or otherwise, with full power to sell and convey the same whenever the circumstances of said corporate Body shall make it conducive to its interest in any amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars, and to have full right and privilege to do all other acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies corporate and Politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18, 1881.

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

It is Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives that the Legislature adjourn its present Session *Sine-die* on Tuesday the 18th day of January A. D. 1881.