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A Resolution assisting the citizens of Lexington of Sinoe county in building a bridge and causeway through a Swamp between Lexington and Farmersville.

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

Sec. 1st. That there be appropriated One thousand dollars for the purpose of assisting the Citizens of Sinoe in building a bridge and causeway through the above named Swamp.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 5th, 1883

A Resolution Authorizing the repairs of the old Public Mansion in the city of Monrovia.

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

Sec. 1st. That the President be and he is hereby authorized and required to put in proper repair the Government Mansion.

2nd. It is further enacted that there be an amount of six thousand dollars appropriated to carry on said repairs above mentioned.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany 5th. 1883

Resolution Compensating Stephen A. Hoff Jailor of Robertsport.

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

Section 1st. That from and after the passage of this resolution the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay Stephen A. Hoff the sum of (60,00) Sixty dollars being the amount claimed by said Stephen A. Hoff as due him

for the use of a house and that all further rent for jail purposes at Robertspport be paid out of the contingent until a suitable jail can be furnished by the Government.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan'y. 5th. 1833

An Act of Indemnity for loss of registered articles.

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 Postal Administration of this Republic in accordance with the provisions of article 6th of the Convention of Paris in June 1874, of the Universal Postal Union, shall pay to the sender or to whomever else he may direct, the sum of Fifty Francs or its equivalent current value of ten dollars for the loss of any registered article received into any Post office of this Republic, and which has failed to reach its destination and the President be, and is hereby authorized to draw from any monies in the Treasury or in any of the sub-treasuries of this Republic not otherwise appropriated, all such sums from time to time as may be called for by the Post Master General for the payment of such claim or claims.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that immediately after information has reached the Post Master General of this Republic of the loss of any registered article by the administration of the postal union, or by any person or persons, he shall make or cause to be made a diligent investigation of the matter; and should it be discovered that the said registered article or articles has or have been lost by or through the negligence of a Post Master of the office of ingress, said negligent post master shall pay to the general post office the sum of twenty dollars in American currency or gold or silver coin to be collected by the Post Master General within ten days: and on failure of payment he shall be subject to dismissal from office, and public prosecution instituted against him for fraud.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9th. 1833.

An Act supplementary to an act declaring certain days to be National Holidays.

Whereas the Republic of Liberia has abundant reason to recognize the goodness and kind providence of Almighty God, and

whereas it is meet and right for nations as well as individuals to humble themselves before Almighty God the Giver of every good and perfect gift and to confess their sins and implore His gracious pardon.

Therefore: 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 the second (2nd) Friday in the month of April of every year shall be observed as a day of Fasting and Prayer for the prosperity of the Republic; and the President is requested to cause the Secretary of State to make a suitable number of Proclamations to be presented to him for his signature at least one month before said date, so that the nation may have legal notice thereof.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9th. 1883.

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Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia exempting the C. Woermann's line of Mail Steamers from tonnage dues in consideration of certain services to be rendered to the Republic by the said line of Mail Steamers.

It is 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 C. Woermann's line of mail steamers are exempted from tonnage dues at the several Ports of Entry, within the Republic.

2nd. That from and after the passage of this resolution C. Woermann engages with the Republic of Liberia for and in lieu of the aforesaid tonnage dues to carry all Foreign and Domestic Mails for the said Republic, to convey the members and officers of the Legislature of Liberia, His Excellency the President and other Government commissioned officials, when traveling on official duty from one County to another within the limits of Liberia without being required to pay any additional charge for the services rendered by said line of mail steamers as are provided for in this section.

3rd. That from and after the passage of this Resolution that all the persons traveling in the said line of Mail steamers under the provision of the last section of this resolution shall in all respects be treated as first class cabin passengers.

4th. All laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 9th. 1883

• An act to amend the laws granting retail license money to the several settlements.

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, any and all persons transacting retail business in any of the several settlements of this Republic by selling any goods or merchandise, except alcoholic liquors of any description, shall pay into the town Treasuries a tax fee of Twelve Dollars and obtain the town Treasurer's receipt in duplicate for which he or they shall pay fifty cents; one of which he or they shall deposit with the clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas for the County in which the party or parties are carrying on such retail business, on which the clerk aforesaid shall grant the depositor a license according to article 8th, section third, under the head of Navigation, Commerce and Revenue.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that the Citizens of the several towns and villages shall require the Treasurers thereof at their annual town meetings to give good and legal bond with sufficient security to be approved by the presiding Justices of the Peace which bond shall not be less than one Hundred Dollars nor more than Five Hundred Dollars according to the amount of monies which each township is likely to have from taxes, licenses and other receipts:

Sec. 3rd. It is further enacted that the Treasurers of the several towns shall receive five per cent on all monies received by them, the town clerk who shall also be Secretary of the town treasury, shall receive five per cent on all monies paid; he shall be required to keep a correct account of any and all monies received and paid out of said town treasury.

Sec. 4th. The law requiring the Citizens of the several towns and villages to meet on the first Tuesday in October to appoint their overseers of roads and treasurers, and to levy all such taxes as may be necessary for township purposes, is hereby amended so as to allow the Citizens two days, should they need it, to make any and all such laws and regulations necessary for the Government of their respective towns; which laws and regulations shall have full force and virtue before any of the Courts of this Republic provided they do not conflict with the general laws of the country.

Sec. 5th. It is further enacted that should the Citizens fail to appoint any overseer or overseers of roads, or other officers of their respective towns or villages at their annual town meetings to be holden according to law, the officer or officers appointed at their previous annual meeting shall have full power to act until the next annual meeting.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9th. 1883.

✓ An Act amendatory and Supplementary to the several existing acts regulating the payment of custom house duties: and also amending the 4th. Section of an act for the relief of government approved January 12th. 1880, and repealing the law passed January 5th. 1879.

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 January A. D. 1883. the Import duty upon all Rum, Brandy, Gin and other Alcoholic liquors as well as the duty upon all Gunpowder, Guns, Tobacco, and Brass Kettles, shall be paid in gold coin at its intrinsic value. Any person or persons, Importer, Merchant, Supercargo, Captain or Consignee who may neglect or refuse to comply with the requisition of this Section, as relates to the payment of the Customs dues in gold as aforesaid, he or they shall be proceeded against immediately by the seizure of the goods, wares, merchandise, Interest or credit of said defaulter by a writ of attachment according to the laws governing attachments. And it is hereby declared that in all such cases for the enforcement of the Revenue Laws, bond shall not be required of, or given by the Republic.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that from and after the passage of this Act, one half of the Currency paid into the Treasuries of this Republic, which bears on its face "Receivable for Duties," shall not be reissued, but the same shall be defaced by the said receiving Officer (Treasurer or Sub Treasurer) in the presence of the members of the Legislature or a majority of the same, within thirty six hours after said money is paid in. The Treasurer or Sub Treasurers shall forward notice to the members of their respective Counties immediately upon the receipt of any money; all monies defaced under the provision of this Act shall be laid before the Legislature, at its next session for final destruction.

Sec. 3rd. It is further enacted that for the better securing of the Revenue, one special wharf or landing shed, shall be designated by the Collector of Customs in each County, at each of the Townships where goods and merchandise are landed and produce shipped; and in no case or for any cause whatever shall landing or shipment be effected at any other place after the Collector of Customs shall have given public notice to that effect in three distinct places of the several Counties. And any goods, wares or merchandise landed or produce shipped at any other place contrary to the directions of this section, the same shall be seized and confiscated for the benefit of the Republic of Liberia in the same way and manner as is provided for in section 4th. page 92 of the first Liberian Statutes regulating Navigation, Commerce and Revenue: and in case the wares or merchandise or produce can not be found to be seized by

the Collector of Customs or any other revenue officer, the offender or offenders shall be proceeded against for smuggling or fraud upon the Revenue. And upon conviction for said offence before any court having jurisdiction said offender or offenders shall suffer the penalties and forfeitures as is provided for in the before recited act (viz: 1st Liberia Statutes, page 92, section 4th.)

Sec. 4th. It is further enacted that in no case shall produce, or merchandise, be trans-shipped in harbor unless the same be done by special permit from the Collector of Customs and under the personal inspection of an officer specially, to be employed for that purpose. Any person who shall be guilty of violating this section, shall be deemed guilty of "Fraud" and upon conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction shall pay a fine not exceeding one Thousand Dollars nor less than Three Hundred Dollars, and in default of paying said fine and all costs, said offender or offenders shall be imprisoned in the common jail for a term not exceeding one calendar year, nor less than three calendar months.

Sec. 5th. It is further enacted that one half of the fine imposed upon offenders for violation of the fourth section of this act, shall be for the benefit of the Republic; and the other half shall go to the informant, who shall not be disqualified as a witness in the case on account of interest in the plaintiffs claim, or thing in dispute.

It is further enacted that any Collector of Customs, Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer who shall fail in executing faithfully and promptly any of the provisions of this act, shall be forthwith dismissed from office, and criminal proceedings instituted against him or them immediately for fraud and collusion. Judgment in such cases (against the Collector of Customs Treasurer or Sub-Treasurers) shall not be less than twelve calendar months imprisonment with hard labor in irons, nor more than three years, besides the forfeiture of his or their bond or bonds.

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

Approved January 9th. 1883.

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✓ Supplementary Act to an Act to increase the revenue.

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 there shall be paid an additional sum of one cent per bushel on all Palm kernels exported from this Republic, making the total amount of duty three cents per bushel.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that on all Rubber, Gutta Percha and Caoutchouc—exported, from this Republic there shall be paid a duty of one cent per pound.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9th 1883.

A Resolution providing for the erection of bridges in Clay-Ashland

Whereas it is deemed expedient for the encouragement of Agriculture in Clay-Ashland.

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

Sec. 1st. That there be appropriated the sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of assisting the Citizens of Clay--Ashland in building a bridge and Causeway through the large swamp on the avenue. No. One West of Johnson's Avenue, and the sum of one hundred and ten dollars to assist the Citizens of Clay--Ashland to complete the work on three Swamps already commenced in cross Avenue and in Johnson's Avenue and in Avenue east of Johnson's.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th. 1883.

An act regulating the Liquor Traffic.

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 30th, day of September A. D. 1883, all persons who are or may hereafter be engaged in importing alcoholic liquors into this Republic, that is to say Rum, Gin, Brandy, Whisky or any other alcoholic liquors shall be required to pay an annual license of Two Thousand dollars in the public treasury of each of the counties of this Republic for the authority of importing the same, and shall obtain the **Treasurer's** receipt in duplicate one of which shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury, and the other with the Clerk of Courts of Quarter Sessions of each of the counties of this Republic who shall grant a license to the depositor for the term or unexpired term of one year, which term shall expire on the 30th day of September in each year; and any person or persons desirous of vending any of the above named liquors that is to say, Rum, Gin, Brandy, Whisky or any other alcoholic liquors in quantities

of less than twenty gallons shall be required to pay an annual tax of One Hundred Dollars for such privilege; and of more than twenty gallons Three Hundred Dollars, payment to be made in form and manner as above.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that should any person or persons citizen or foreigner be found violating any of the provisions of this act by importing or selling or purchasing alcoholic liquors of any description at any time without having paid the amounts above named and obtained the necessary license as prescribed in the first section of this act shall be fined by any court having Competent jurisdiction in a sum of not less than Five Hundred Dollars nor more than Five Thousand Dollars for each offence: and any and all such liquors be confiscated to the Government of Liberia.

Sec. 3rd. It is further enacted that one half of all monies arising from the provision of this act shall be for General Government purposes, and the other half for the use of the County in which said money is paid. The fee for granting any of the above named licenses shall be the same as for retail license.

Any laws or parts of laws Conflicting with the provisions of this, act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 9th. 1883,

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An act declaring it treason, for any citizen of Liberia, (Naturalized aborigines, or Americo Liberian) to be engaged in levying war against the Republic, or in adhering to its enemies giving them aid and comfort.

Whereas it has been the custom of civilized natives to take the oath of allegiance to this government in times of peace, and to fight against the Liberian Government during hostilities, between the government and aboriginal tribes; and

Whereas, such actions on the part of civilized native citizens have greatly strengthened the aborigines against the authorities of this government, in times of war and manifestly militates against the general interest of Liberia. 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, any citizen of Liberia who shall take up arms against this Republic in times of war, or in any way so far sympathise with the enemy as to be with them during such hostilities, shall be proclaimed guilty of treason against this nation and upon conviction before any Tribunal of this Republic having competent jurisdiction be punished according to foreign usages in such cases made and provided.

Sec. 2nd. The real estate of such convicted person or person, shall be confiscated to the Liberian Government, and he or they shall be forever debarred from holding any public office in this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9th. 1885.

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An Act chartering the Union Mining Company of Liberia.

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 Henry J. Nevle and John W. Worrell, of the County of Grand Bassa, Alfred B. King, Charles T.O. King, and William David Coleman, of Montserrado County, D. M. Johnson, of Maryland County and James M. Priest of Sinoe County in the Republic of Liberia, together with all other persons who now are or may become members of "The Union Mining Company of Liberia," be, and they are hereby declared a Body corporate and politic, under the name and style of "The Union Mining Company of Liberia" and in that name and style may sue and be sued, plead and implead. The said company shall be capable in law and Equity to take and hold real estate, in fee simple or by lease not exceeding two Million dollars.

Sec. 2nd. The said company, shall also be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy concessions of land from the Government of Liberia, or any Citizen or Citizens, thereof, not exceeding two thousand acres for mining or other purposes. All lands procured from the Government of Liberia by concession, or, on lease, to said company, shall be for a term, of forty years; and the said company shall have the sole, and exclusive right to work all mines discovered by them.

Sec. 3rd. The company aforesaid, shall have the right to dig, crush, wash, smelt, and do every and all things usual and necessary in mining; and for this purpose, is granted the right to import into this Republic, free of duty, all mining utensils, and acids necessary for the successful prosecution of their enterprise.

Sec. 4th. It is further enacted, that it shall be lawful at any time, during the operation of the said Union Mining Company of Liberia, to establish Banks, and Rail-Roads in connection with their enterprise; and be at liberty to operate in any part of the Republic of Liberia, subject to the indulgences, privileges and protection enacted by the Legislature of Liberia, in An Act encouraging Mining in Liberia, approved January 23. 1869. without such legal restrictions as shall interfere with the rights and privileges granted under, this charter.

Sec. 5th. It is further enacted, that said company is hereby vested with power, and authority to establish such By-Laws, Rules,

and Regulations for their government, as they may deem expedient; provided such By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, do not conflict with the provisions of this charter. And, as a body corporate and Politic, may at any stated time, agreed upon in their By-Laws and Regulations, elect such officers as may be deemed necessary, for their own government; and shall have perpetual succession.

Sec. 6th. The said company, may have, and use a common seal; accept, and receive bequests or donations of any kind for the benefit of the said company and in whatever name manner or style made to them. And may, when the interest of the company require it, purchase, sell, or exchange any property, real, or personal by them acquired, in any legitimate manner: and in their name and style, act, and do all things common and usual for such bodies corporate and politic.

Sec. 7th. It is further enacted that this charter may be renewed at the expiration of forty years for another term of forty years provided the company applies for the same.

Sec. 8th. It is further enacted that all laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

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An act to incorporate " The Liberia Interior Association.

Whereas it is the object of this association to develop and foster the Interior trade to suggest methods and make efforts to facilitate carriage and transportation to and from the Interior of Africa and to enhance the commercial agricultural and political interests of the Republic of Liberia in the interior and with the tribes of that Section.

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 A. L. Stanford, E. J. Barelay, W. H. King, J. A. Cuthbert S. J. Campbell, J. R. Cooper, together with such others as now are or may hereafter become members of this association entitled The Liberia Interior Association be and they are hereby declared a body Corporate and Politic under the name and style of The Liberia Interior Association and shall hold and enjoy lease of lands from Government or citizens to the amount of One hundred acres for trading and agricultural purposes at every trading Station ten miles distant from the other, said lands if desired from government shall be leased to said association for a term of Twenty years and at the expiration of said term the lease may be renewed for the use and benefit of said association and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members, and may have and use a common seal, and under the name and style aforesaid may sue and be sued, plead and implead, answer and be answered unto in any court of law or equity in the Republic having requisite jurisdiction.

Sec. 2nd. And it is further enacted that said association shall be capable in law of receiving by bequest or donation whether in money other ordhings for the benefit of said association by whatever name or style the same may be made and in their name and style aforesaid may sell, lease or exchange any estate by them acquired whether by purchase bequest or donation, provided however such sale lease or donation do not conflict with the Constitution and laws of this Republic where applied to real estate; and the said association is authorized to issue share certificates to the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND SHARES AT FIVE DOLLARS each,

Sec. 3rd. It is further enacted that the Liberia Interior Association is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations for their own own Government as they may deem expedient, provided such Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations be not repugnant to the laws or Constitution of this Republic.

Sec. 4th. It is further enacted that any Foreigner or Foreigners or Females or Infants holding share certificates of said association shall receive equal privileges, rights and protection for their interests according to the amount of investment, as may be guaranteed to any and all members of this association by the constitution and Statute Laws of Liberia.

Sec. 5th. It is further enacted that the meetings of the shareholders shall be held quarterly on the *third wednesday* in *March, June, September, and December* when correct information shall be given of the operations. The board of Directors shall consist of *ten members* who shall meet on the first Monday in each month, and shall have power to appoint the necessary travelling agents.

The President of the association shall be Chairman of the Board and shall have power to call the Board at any time and four shall constitute a quorum, providing that each member of the Board shall receive due and timely notice of the meeting.

Sec. 6. It is further enacted that the association shall be allowed by its lawful traders to transport all commodities from the Interior for home consumption free of duty, but on all Imports from and Exports to any Foreign country shall be required to pay Government the usual duties which may from time to time be required by law.

Sec. 7. It is further enacted that the Government shall protect the association in the lawful pursuit of business and in order to encourage and facilitate the promotion of its objects among the Interior tribes a yearly stipend of FIFTY DOLLARS shall be paid the principal chiefs where trading stations may be established, if they will on their part keep the roads open for peaceable travel to the agents of the association.

And said Association shall not be allowed to traffic in *Ardent Spirits* with the natives, nor unlawfully intrude in any manner or their personal or private property, any violation of the provisions of this act, to be retributed upon the person or persons so doing by

fine or imprisonment as a source of the laws of Liberia may determine.

Sec. 8th. It is further enacted that all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act be and are hereby repealed.

Approved January 11th. 1883.

A Resolution Authorizing the President to build a Gun house in the County of Maryland in the City of Harper.

Also to complete the fortification at Jacksonville and Mount Tabman.

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

Sec. 1st. That the sum of Five Hundred dollars be appropriated to build a suitable Stone Gun house in the county of Maryland in the City of Harper.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that the sum of Six hundred dollars be appropriated for the completion of the fortification at Jacksonville, also Five hundred dollars for the completion of the fortification at Tabman Town.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11th. 1883

An act to incorporate the Ebenezer Baptist Church Maryland County of Harper.

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 E. W. Diggs, Charles McIntosh, J. W. Simpson, E. B. Cummings, Adam Barker, Richard Webster, Boston Moulton and A. B. Jackson, Pastor, and Deacons Worshipping in the Church Edifice called the Ebenezer Baptist Church in the City of Harper Maryland County Republic of Liberia are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic to have a perpetual succession by the name of Ebenezer Baptist Church of Harper, and with power to take, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant, purchase or otherwise and to convey the same whenever the circumstances of said body shall make it conducive to its interest in an amount not exceeding Twentyfive thousand dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued plead and implead in any Court of law or equity in this Republic and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by such bodies Corporate and Politic.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that all laws or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 11th. 1883.

A Resolution accepting the proffer of Telegraphic Communication in the Republic of Liberia.

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

That the proffer of Telegraphic Communication in the Republic of Liberia made known to this Government by its Consul General James W. Shaw be and is hereby accepted.

It is further resolved that the Republic of Liberia engages to protect those portions of the line of Telegraph which passes directly through the Americo Liberian towns and villages, Monrovia in the County of Montserrado; Edina, upper Buchanan, or Lower Buchanan, in Grand Bassa County; Greenville in Sinoe County and Harper in Maryland County, and will also grant protection to English employes at such stations on the line of Telegraph as may be situated as above indicated.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 11th. 1883.

A Resolution assisting the Citizens of Robertsport of Montserrado County in building a bridge and Causeway through the Swamp or Creek between Krootown and the Old Garrison, and one by R. J. B. Watson's residence also one between Jas. M. Strother and Charles Curtis place.

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

Sec. 1st. That there be appropriated the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars to build a bridge and Causeway on the Swamp between Krootown and the garrison, and Fifty dollars for the completion of the bridge by R. J. B. Watson's residence also One hundred dollars for the bridge between J. M. Strother and Charles Curtis place.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 11th, 1883.

An additional act supplementing the several existing acts regulating the payment of the Custom House duties, and providing for the punishment of offending officers.

Whereas some of the accounting and disbursing officers of this government have disbursed public monies contrary to law, pleading necessity as an excuse for their actions, and whereas it has been discovered that a strict observance of the laws of this Republic

will greatly relieve the government as well as prove beneficial to its citizens Therefore,

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

Sec. 1st. That the amounts of gold paid into the Treasury and Sub-treasuries for and on account of Custom House duties on rum, gin, brandy, and other alcoholic liquors, as well as on all guns, gunpowder, tobacco and brass kettles, shall be disposed of in the following order, viz.—

One tenth of said gold shall be set aside for the purpose of liquidating foreign claims, and the remaining nine tenths shall be used in payments under the general appropriation bill; no officer or officers, person or persons presenting his or their bill or bills for payment shall in any case receive more than half gold on account of his or their claim.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that should any accounting or disbursing officer fail strictly and faithfully to observe any of the requisitions of this act or such as may be contained in any of the unrepealed statutes of this Republic under any pretext whatever, he or they shall be presented or indicted by the Grand Jury for said offence, or impeached by the Legislature. Judgment in such cases shall be removal from office, forfeiture of his or their bond, or bonds and imprisonment for a term of not less than five (5) years in the Common Jail in irons, and be disqualified forever hereafter from holding any office of honour or trust in this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 11th 1883.

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An Act regulating the duties of the several Law officers of the Government.

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

Sec. 1. That the Attorney General shall represent the Republic in all cases before the Supreme Court and shall supervise and direct all prosecutions in the several Courts of Admiralty under the Navigation, Commerce and Revenue Laws of this Republic, and all suits arising out of treaties under the principles of International Law which may come before the several courts of this Republic. He shall have power from time to time to make regulations for the guidance of the Several County and District Attorneys and shall see that they perform their duties, and shall require from them quarterly reports on all matters relating to the duties of their several offices. He shall advise the General Government officers on all legal questions touching the duties of their several offices, and may, if he thinks the interest

of the State require it, ask the President to remove any County or District attorney from office, or to order an investigation into the conduct of any such officer in any matter which may pertain to his duties as such officer, or affect his performance thereof, and he shall make annual reports to the Legislature of all matters and things pertaining to his office. The Attorney General shall reside at the Capital and only visit the other Counties when on official duty and that by permission of the President.

Sec. 2. The several County and District attorneys shall obey the instructions and regulations of the Attorney General when duly notified of them in writing, on pain of dismissal from office; shall advise the several officers of their respective Counties or districts concerning any matter touching the duties of their offices; shall represent the Republic in the several County and District courts and may refer any matter to the Attorney General for his instruction or opinion, and make quarterly reports of all matters and things pertaining to their offices to the Attorney General.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the several County and District Attorneys to perform the duties of Escheator General and be vigilant in finding out what properties escheat to the Government and prosecute the claim of the Government to the same, and they shall receive two and a half per cent on the value of all property escheated by their efforts; they shall make a return to the Attorney General of all property so escheated with a full statement of the facts in the case, and should any person consider that he has a claim which although not enforceable at law or equity might fairly entitle him to property which has been escheated, he shall file in the Attorney General's office within six months of the date of the order escheating such property a full statement of his claim verified by the affidavits of other reliable witnesses or satisfactory and legal evidence, and the Attorney General shall examine into the matter and advise the President as to whether such person in his opinion is entitled to all or any portion of the property claimed, and for so advising the Attorney General shall receive three and one third per cent of the value of such property all expenses incurred in the escheating of such property and the percentage of the law officers shall in all cases be paid out of any property escheated before any portion shall return to any claimant.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11th, 1883.

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An Act to incorporate the Farmers Joint Stock Raising and Trading Association.

Whereas the within named citizens of the County of Montserrado, in the Republic of Liberia deem it necessary to form a more perfect union among the Farmers of this Republic, to establish a stronger basis for themselves and those who may hereafter

join with them for the more speedy development of the resources of the Country by increasing and carrying on agriculture with more ease, and also to open up and prosecute an honorable trade among our citizens and interior tribes, as well as to raise beasts of all kinds suitable for our market, and.

Whereas every honorable enterprise should be encouraged, 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, Andrew Cartwright, George Moore, Samuel Barker, Joseph Ash, T. C. Lomax, Henry Chesson, William P. Chesson, Richard Newton, Julia Simpson, and W. D. Coleman of the county of Montserrado and with such others as are now and may hereafter become members of the Company to be known as Farmers Joint Stock Raising and Trading Association, be and they are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style aforementioned and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of One Million Dollars, and not less than one hundred dollars for the use and benefit of said Company: and shall have perpetual succession of Officers and members and under the name and style aforesaid, may sue and be sued, plead and implead, answer and be answered into any Court of Law and Equity of this Republic having requisite jurisdiction.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that the said Association shall be capable in law of receiving by bequest or donation, whether in money or other things real or personal for the benefit of the said Association by whatever name or style the same may be made and in the name and style aforesaid, may whenever the interest of the Association and its prosperity seem to require, sell, lease or exchange any estate by them acquired whether by purchase, bequest, or donation.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted that the Farmers Joint stock Raising and Trading Association is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such Bye laws, Rules and Regulations for their own government as they may deem necessary, which bye laws, rules and regulations shall have full force in and before any of the Courts of this Republic, provided such byelaws, rules and regulations, be not repugnant to the laws and Constitution of this Republic.

Sec. 4. It is further enacted that for the purpose of carrying fully into effect the designs of this Association, there shall be a President, Vice President, and Five (5) or more Directors with such other Officers as the Association may deem necessary to have, the duties of which shall be defined in the Constitution and Byelaws of the Association.

Sec. 5. There shall be an annual meeting of the shareholders of this Association in the settlement of Brewerville on the fourth

(4th.) Wednesday in every year, and the Board of Directors shall meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at such places as may be directed in the byelaws of the Association, said board of directors shall have power to require a correct report from the Officers of the Association and transact any and all other business which may be assigned in the byelaws, and regulations of this Association.

Approved January 11. 1883.

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An act to incorporate the Union League Society of Arthington. 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 George Askie, S. R. Hoggard, Solomon York, James H. Rawlhac, Mc. Gilbert Lawrence, W. L. Askie, S. W. Askie, Robert Mitchell, and W. L. Carter, all of the town of Arthington together with such others as now are or may hereafter become members of the association called the Union League Society of Arthington be and they are hereby declared to be a body Corporate and politic under the name and style of the Union League Society of Arthington Montserrado County and shall be capable in law to receive hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of Twenty five thousand dollars for the use and benefit of said Society and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members, and may have and use a common seal and under the name and style aforesaid may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered into any Court of law or equity in this Republic having requisite Jurisdiction

Sec. 2nd. And be it further enacted that the said Society shall be capable in law of receiving by bequest or donation whether in money or other things for the benefit of said Society by whatever name or style the same may be made and under their name or style aforesaid when the interest of the society and its prosperity seem to require it sell, lease, or exchange any estate by them acquired whether by purchase or donation.

Sec. 3rd. And be it further enacted that the Union League Society of Arthington aforesaid is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such by-laws, rules, and regulations for their government as they may deem expedient provided such by-laws, rules, and regulations be not repugnant to the laws or Constitution of this Republic, and provided also that such by-laws, rules and regulations shall at all times be subject to be altered or repealed by the Legislature.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan'y 18th 1888

A Resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the Eighteenth Legislature 2nd Session.

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

That the Second Session of the Eighteenth Legislature adjourn its present session, *Sine die* on the Twentieth (20th) day of January 1883.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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A Resolution to amend an Act to encourage Agriculture throughout the Republic of Liberia, approved January 13th 1883.

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

Sec. 1st, That the words Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Four in the sixth (6th.) line and first section of the above recited act be, and the same are hereby amended so as to read A. D. (1886.) Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Six.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th. 1883.

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A Resolution making appropriation to assist the citizens of Brewerville and the old Field in the rear of Upper Caldwell to throw up the worst swamps, and to bridge the running streams through them.

Whereas the citizens of Brewerville and the Old Field in the rear of Upper Caldwell are greatly inconvenienced in conveying their produce to market as well as common travel to attend their daily avocations on account of the swamps in the highway and;

Whereas the said Citizens of Brewerville have petitioned the Legislature for a small amount of money to assist them in throwing up the said swamps and to bridge the said streams and;

Whereas it is deemed absolutely necessary to enact such laws and make such appropriations as will encourage the working citizens and thereby preserve their health and lives.

Therefore, It is 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 sum of Two Hundred and Seventy five dollars (275.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the North Avenue known as Slight's avenue, and the sum of Three Hundred (\$ 300.00) dollars to be equally divided between East and West

avenues known as Indian Ridge and Brisbane avenue; and the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) dollars for the road that leads from the water side to the town of Brewerville; and also Fifty (50.00) dollars for the road leading from the St. Pauls River to the Old Field in the rear of Upper Caldwell; and the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars to assist the Citizens of Arthington in building a bridge.

Sec. 2nd It is further resolved that the above sums be drawn by the Overseers of the different sections of roads, who shall give legal bond with good security to use said money exclusively upon the swamps which most need it; and that they will throw up all or have thrown up said swamps sufficiently high so as to prevent the overflow of water, and to bridge such streams in said swamps so as to afford comfortable passage;

Sec. 3rd. It is further resolved that any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th. 1883

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A Resolution amending a Resolution of the Legislature of Liberia approved January 18th. 1876:

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 State under the direction of the President be and he is hereby authorized, to communicate with the United States Government through the Liberian Consul at Washington D. C. the desire of this Government to negotiate a *treaty* of defensive alliance and protection with that Government, and should the proposition meet the concurrence of the United States Government, the President be and he is hereby authorized without delay to form such *treaty* of defensive alliance and protection with the said United States Government either in person or by Commission, on such terms and conditions as may best suit the interest of this Republic, and shall in no wise compromise or impair the independence and Sovereignty of Liberia.

Sec. 2nd. Resolved that the President or Commissioners be further authorised to effect such other Negotiations with the said United States Government or any Company or Citizens thereof as will relieve this Government of its entire Foreign indebtedness for the consideration of which the said United States Government, company or citizen thus relieving this Government shall have the right of developing the mineral resources of this Republic and shall have such commercial and agricultural advantages as shall be agreed upon by the contracting parties.

Sec. 3rd. Resolved that the commissioners provided for in the first section of this resolution shall be provided with a competent Secretary whose duty it shall be to keep a true and correct record

of all of the proceedings of the commissioners and the Convention during the negotiations thereof, and he shall receive the usual salary of Secretary to such conventions and should it become necessary for the commissioners to go to the United States of America to effect said treaty of defensive alliance and protection and such other negotiations for the relief of this government, The sum of Two thousand and Five Hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of said commission who shall be required to render a faithful account of the actual amount expended by them while engaged in the duties required of them under the provisions of this resolution.

And the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorised to draw under warrant of the President for the same.

Sec. 4th. Resolved that the said treaty of defensive alliance and protection and such other negotiations provided for in the first and second sections of this resolution shall be subject to the joint action of the Legislature, where necessarily implied in the distribution of power to the constitutional authorities.

Section 5th. Resolved that the United States Government is earnestly requested by the Legislature of Liberia to accede to the foregoing resolution.

Any laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Jan'y 18th. 1883.

Joint Resolution in behalf of President ANTHONY WILLIAM GARDNER

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to afflict His Excellency Anthony William Gardner, President of the Republic of Liberia and the only surviving Signer of the Declaration of our National Independence, who for the past fifty years has faithfully served his Country in the various departments of Government, with such zeal and energy as characterizes true patriotism, and whereas in the midst of his third term of office he becomes no longer able to perform the duties incumbent upon him, and finds it necessary to resign his post and retire to private life Therefore

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

Section 1st. That this Nation bow in humble submission to the Divine will of heaven in the poignant suffering of our Noble Chieftain, while with hearts overshadowed by sorrow we extend to him and his distressed family expressions of gratitude and sympathy.

Section 2nd. It is further resolved that the sum of One thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated as an annual

stipend for the life time support of our beloved President whose name will ever be a lasting monument to generations yet unborn

Section 3rd. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to provide for the passage of the President and family home, from the General Contingent fund, and draw under warrant of the President for the sum provided for in the second section of this resolution.

Approved Jan'y 20th. 1883.

A Resolution Appropriating An Amount of Five hundred dollars for opening and constructing a Road between Harlandsville and Lower Buchanan in Bassa County.

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

Sec. 1st. That there be appropriated the sum of Five hundred dollars for the purpose of opening and constructing a Road at least twenty feet wide, between Harlandsville and Lower Buchanan.

Any laws to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Jan'y 20th. 1883.

Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to examine into the claim of Mrs A. E. Roye,

Whereas Mrs A. E. Roye has petitioned the Legislature of Liberia to appropriate for One thousand dollars, said to be loaned to the Republic of Liberia by her husband E. F. Roye; Therefore.

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

That as soon as practicable after the passage of this resolution the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby directed to carefully examine into the above claim of Mrs A. E. Roye, and report his conclusion to the Legislature of Liberia at its ensuing session.

Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th. 1883

An Act for the relief of the Settlements of Crozerville, Caraysburg Paynesville and Annionsville in the Old Field Messurado River.

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

That from and after the passage of this Act the sum of Six hundred dollars be and is hereby specially appropriated for the construction of two bridges in the settlements of Careysburg, Crozerville at Zimadoo and Zodaque and the of sum Five hundred dollars is hereby also specially appropriated for the

es in the settlements of Paynesville and Ammons-ville on the old field Messurado River, one of said bridges to be situated between Chief Justice Parsons' land and A. D. Williams' land, one between Ammons station and Jesse Cooper's land, and one between Mrs Rebecca Mars and Mrs Deputie's land in Paynesville or any other direction better situated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th. 1883.

A Resolution making appropriations for the opening of Findley Road in Grand Bassa County.

Whereas there is an Interior Settlement established at Findley Mountain a distance of ten miles from Hartford and whereas the road from Hartford to Findley is nearly impassable on account of many small creeks and swamps. Therefore;

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

That there be hereby appropriated *Three Hundred Dollars* for the opening of the Findley Road and making bridges across the small creeks on the same.

That the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Public Treasury for the said amount.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th. 1883.

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An Act Amendatory, to an Act regulating the duties of the Tax Collectors of the different Counties :

Whereas, the duties of the Tax Collectors of the different counties are too much to be faithfully discharged by one person ; and thereby causes the Government to lose more than one half of the Taxes accruing in that direction,

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, there shall be appointed in each of the Counties of this Republic a Tax Collector for each settlement, who shall be required to collect all the Taxes of said settlement, and pay over the same to the Sub-Treasurers of the Counties, of Grand Bassa, Sinou, and Maryland, and to the Treasurer in Montserrado County, taking their receipts for the same. And also they be allowed a commission of twelve per cent on all amounts collected and paid into the Treasury.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that all Tax Collectors, shall make returns of their doings to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County where they reside, and on such days as are appointed by the Judge of said Court. And on failure to make returns of their doings shall be subject to such fines and penalties as are imposed on the Sheriff for neglect to make returns.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th 1884

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An Amendatory Act to an Act to amend the several existing Acts regulating the Militia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be the duty of the several Military fine Collectors appointed in pursuance to the Seventh Section of the above recited act to make

quarterly returns to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Counties where said Military Collectors reside on the day and at the time required of the Sheriff to make his returns, and on neglect of any Military fine Collector to make his returns it shall be the duty of the Judge of said Court of Quarter Sessions, to inflict such penalties and fines as are inflicted on the Sheriff in such cases.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted: That said Military fine Collectors shall return, for the inspection of the Court, the list of persons fined and receipts of Treasurer and Sub-Treasurers for moneys paid account Military fines, which list shall be noted by the Clerk of Court as the Debits of said Collectors, and his receipts as credits, and before return day, shall be required to collect all fines imposed at Regimental Courts martial.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th 1884.

An Act to repeal certain portions of the Act entitled an Act to amend the several existing Acts regulating the Militia, passed by two third vote Jan'y. 26th. 1876.

Whereas it appears since the passage of the above cited act, that the portion of said act that refers to the repeal of the Officers drill is impracticable and militates, against the prosperity of the Military of this Republic, and whereas, after due deliberation it is the opinion of the Legislature, that the clause found in the third section of the above cited act that refers to the repeal of the Officers drill should be repealed.

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

SEC. 1. That all of the clause of the above cited act that refers to the repeal of the Officers drill be, and the same is hereby so altered and amended as to read:—That the Officers drill shall be on the day immediately preceeding the Regimental Parade.

Any law or parts of laws militating against the spirit of this act be and the same are hereby repealed,

Approved January 8th. 1884,

An Act amendatory to An Act regulating the Militia in Maryland County Republic of Liberia.

Whereas the day set aside by the Legislature as per Act of 1882 and 1883 for Fasting and Prayer to Almighty God: comes off on the Second Friday in April of every year, conflicts with the

third quarterly Parade of the fourth Regiment, which comes off the same day,

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

That from and after the passage of this act, The third Quarterly Parade of the fourth Regiment which takes place on the second Friday in the month of April in each year: be so altered as to take place on the first Friday in the Month of April of every year. And the hours of Parade on all parade days be from six O'clock A. M. to Nine O'clock A. M. also from Two O'clock P. M. to Four O'clock P. M.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan. 8. 1884.



An Act authorizing the Compilation and Printing of the Decisions and Rulings of the Supreme Court.

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, there shall be appointed by the President a competent person, a Counsellor at law, under direct and immediate supervision of the Chief Justice of this Republic, or one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, to compile the Decisions of the Supreme Court of this Republic from its organization to the present time and to have the report of the same published under title

"Decisions of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Liberia, Vol. 1st." which shall serve as the interpretation of the law of Liberia.

The said compiler, appointed as aforesaid, shall receive for said services the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty dollars. Copies of said decisions shall be by the Secretary of the Treasury deposited in the Treasury and Sub-Treasuries of the several Counties for sale at fixed prices.

Sec. 2nd. The Secretary of State be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to furnish from the clerk of the Supreme Court and archives of the Republic, said decisions.

Sec. 3rd. The said decisions of the Supreme Court before they are published, shall be approved as correct copies from originals by the Judges of the Supreme Court to give them validity. The compiler shall be required to complete his work in one year from the time that the Counsellor at law is appointed by the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th. 1884.

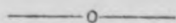
An act to incorporate Sey's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, Careysburg Montserrado County.

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, William T. Hagan, George C. Nelson, Marshall Givens, Richard Craggs, Samuel Bates, Benjamin Hornsby and Jacob Waters, Preacher in charge, Stewards, and Trustees worshipping in the Church Edifice called Sey's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church in the settlement of Careysburg County of Montserrado, and Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a Body corporate and politic to have a perpetual succession by the name of Sey's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church of the settlement of Careysburg and with power to, take, hold, possess and enjoy Real and personal Estate by grant, purchase or otherwise, and to convey the same when ever the circumstances of said Body shall make it conducive to its interest in an amount not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of Law or Equity in this Republic and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by such Bodies Corporate and Politic.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that all laws or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 8th, 1884.



An Act to incorporate the Mc Clintock Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, Bensonville, County of Montserrado.

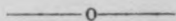
It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled :—

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this act, F. Tilman, A. Gall, Henry Brent, R. Boyce, M. DeVault, Daniel Smith, Stewards and Trustees worshipping in the Church called the McClintock Grove Methodist Episcopal Church Bensonville in the County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia are hereby constituted a Body Corporate and Politic, to have a perpetual succession by the name of McClintock Grove, Methodist Episcopal Church Bensonville, and with power to take, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant purchase or otherwise, and to convey the same whenever the circumstances of said Body shall make it conducive to its interest in an amount not exceeding Twenty five Thousand Dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Courts of Law or Equity in this Repub-

lie and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by such Bodies Corporate and Politic.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 8th. 1884.



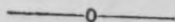
An Act to incorporate the First Baptist Church Careysburg, Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, J. A. Curthbert, George W. Walker. Isaac Givens, Nelson Moment, F. W. Jackson, J. C. Johnson, Hank Woodson, Thomas Carroll and Richard F. Walker, Pastor, Deacons, Trustees and members worshipping in the Church Edifice called the first Baptist Church in the settlement of Careysburg, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a Body Corporate and Politic to have a succession, by the name of the First Baptist Church of Careysburg and with power to take, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant, purchase or otherwise, and to convey the same whenever the circumstances of said Body shall make it conducive to its interest in an amount not exceeding Twenty five Thousand Dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of Law or Equity in this Republic, and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by such Bodies Corporate and Politic.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 8th 1884.



An Act restoring John Henry Diggs, of Grand Bassa County to the rights and privileges of citizenship.

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, That John Henry Diggs of the County of Grand Bassa be, and he is hereby restored, to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Approved Jany. 8th 1884.

✓ Supplementary Act amendatory to an Act for the relief of Government approved Jany 9th 1883 and amending an additional act supplementing the several existing acts regulating the payment of Custom duties &c, approved Jany. 11th 1883.

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

Sec. 1. It is further enacted that from and immediately after the passage of this act that the duties on all goods, wares, and merchandise imported into this Republic excepting such as are admitted free of duty and such others as are otherwise provided for by the laws now in force shall be paid one eighth in gold coin and the remaining seven-eighths in Liberian Currency.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding
Approved January 8th, 1884.

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A Resolution appropriating an amount of Seventy five dollars for opening and cleaning out the Ayers Creek that leads to Barnersville in the rear of the Settlement of New Georgia.

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

Sec. 1. That there be appropriated the sum of Seventy five dollars for the purpose of opening and cleaning out of the Ayres Creek that leads to the Settlement of Barnersville.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 8th. 1884.

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An Act amendatory to an Act for the relief of Government approved January 9th. 1883, also amending an additional Act supplementing the several existing Acts regulating the payment of Custom duties &c., Approved January 11th, 1883.

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

Sec. 1 That immediately after the passage of this Act the second section of the above cited act approved Jany. 9th 1883 be so amended as to read one half of all the currency paid into the Treasuries of this Republic, shall not be reissued; but the same shall be denoted by the said receiving officer, (Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer) in the presence of the members of the Legislature or a majority of the same, within thirty six hours after said money is paid.

The Treasurer or Sub-Treasurers shall forward notice to the members of their respective counties immediately upon the receipt of any money; all monies defaced under the provisions of this act shall be laid before the Legislature at the next session for final destruction.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that the first section of the act approved Jany. 11th 1883, providing for the payment of bills be so amended as to read that no officer or officers, person or persons presenting his or their bill or bills for payment shall in any case receive more than two thirds gold on account of his or their claim.

Sec. 3rd.. It is further enacted that the import duties on all Brass Neptunes, brass pans, brass rods, and all brass wares shall be paid in gold coin at its intrinsic value.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11th 1884.

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Joint Resolution amendatory to the Joint Resolution regulating the title and privileges of the Native African Representatives in the National Legislature of this Republic approved Jany. 8th. 1881.

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 there shall be one Native Delegate as a Representative from each native tribe within the jurisdiction of the several Counties of this Republic that submits to our laws by the payment of their taxes annually; and in no case shall a Native Delegate be sent by any Superintendent to the Legislature unless his Tribe conforms with this Resolution and should any Native Delegate be sent contrary to the provisions of this Resolution then and in that case he shall not be admitted to a seat by either branch of the Legislature.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11th 1884.

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An Act for the establishment of High Schools in each of the Leeward Counties

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, there shall be established in each of the Leeward Counties, that is to say the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland, a High School, to serve as a Branch or Preparatory School to Liberia

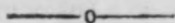
College, and to be under the instruction of a competent Teacher approved and appointed by the President and Trustees of Liberia College.

Sec. 2nd. That the sum of Two Thousand dollars be and the same is hereby annually appropriated for the salaries of Teachers and for apparatus for said High Schools, to be paid from General Government funds.

Sec. 3rd. That the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw out of the Public Treasury the said amount of Two Thousand Dollars, to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 4th. It is further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws conflicting with any of the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 11th 1884.



An Act Amendatory to an Act creating an Interior Department.

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

Sec. 1st. That one of the essential duties of the Secretary of the Interior shall be, that under his own personal superintendence, or a Commissioner by him appointed, keep open and free a main road leading from the Republic of Liberia, into the Mandingo Country : he shall aid and give moral and other support to the principal Chiefs dwelling along the route with whom we are at present, or may hereafter enter into treaty stipulations. He shall supervise all matters whatever pertaining to the Interior business proper. The Secretary of the Interior shall under the direction and advice of the President send out yearly, or as often as may be necessary a posse of men and baggage carriers under the command of a suitable person as Captain with the Native Commissioner, or any other competent person, that may be appointed by the President, or the Secretary of the Interior, to see that the roads are kept open and to settle all difficulties on the road with the Chiefs and interior people generally. All presents and dashes made by the Natives to said Commissioner shall be reported to the Secretary of the Interior, who shall order the same to be turned over to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall sell the same, and place the proceeds in the Public Treasury.

Sec. 2. The Officers connected with the Interior Business shall not appropriate any presents made to them by the Natives or Chiefs to private use.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Interior shall visit the whole line or route of way when necessary and shall see that the stipends are duly paid, and the mutual obligations faithfully discharged by both parties.

Sec. 4th. That the subsidies based on the treaties and promises of 1874—5 be made good and paid.

Sec. 5. That an Interior road to join the Counties together be studied out by the Secretary of the Interior, and as the Bar. line and Mandingo Countries are somewhat in the rear of Maryland County the road be made to take such a direction as will conduct as near as possible to the rear vicinity of each of the Counties, in order that they may enjoy equally the advantages that may be derived from such communication.

Sec. 6. That in consequence of the increased duties of the Secretary of the Interior, he shall be allowed a Clerk.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th. 1884.

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Supplementary Act to the existing Acts incorporating the Aboriginal Tribes of the Republic,

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, that Two discreet persons be appointed by the President in Montserrado County, and by the Superintendents in the Leeward Counties, under the direction of the President, for the better collection of Taxes among the aboriginal tribes that are desirous of conforming to the Acts passed by the Legislature during the Session of 1874—5 and 1880—1.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that two Collectors shall be appointed for each Tribe, (viz) one Americo Liberian, and one Aboriginal, provided however that the Aborigine be a citizen or inhabitant of the Tribe of which he shall assist in collecting said Taxes, and shall make their returns as all other Collectors.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th. 1884,

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An Act to relieve the Citizens of the Settlement of Robertsport Grand Cape Mount, Montserrado County.

Whereas the Settlement of Robertsport lying at or near our North West Boundary is at any time liable to native aggressions which if unheeded by Government may retard the progress and perpetuity of the nation. Therefore :—

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

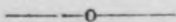
Sec. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, that the following named munitions of War be procured for the relief of the Settlement of Robertsport viz: Fifty small arms

Two Barrels of powder, Two thousand waterproof Caps, Forty rounds grape and Canister, Forty round Shots and two hundred pounds lead.

Sec. 2, It is further enacted that the President be, and he is hereby authorized to direct the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant to draw on any moneys belonging to General Government not otherwise appropriated to procure and comply, with the provisions of the first section of this act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th, 1884.



A Resolution compensating Chief Justice C. L. Parsons of Montserado County.

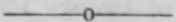
Whereas Chief Justice C. L. Parsons having shown in his petition that he has rented an office for the Judicial Department, and for the use of which office, he is indebted to the amount of one hundred dollars in consequence of there being no appropriation for the payment of an office for that Department.

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

That from and after the passage of this Resolution the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Chief Justice C. L. Parsons the sum of one hundred dollars being the amount claimed by him as due for office rent.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th 1884.



An Act authorizing the purchase of Steel Stamps and dates for the different Post Offices of this Republic.

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, the President be, and he is hereby directed to draw on the Public Treasury for the sum of One Hundred and fifty dollars to purchase Steel Stamps and dates for the different Post Offices of this Republic at an early a date as possible,

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14. 1884.

Joint Resolution authorizing the President to cause immediate peace between the Little Cess fishermen, and the Battoo fishermen and reparation for the piratical destruction of the boat of W. E. Harris a citizen of Sinou County, by the Little Cess fishermen off Timbo, and also to make an immediate demand for the Nanna Kroo Bonds.

Whereas the Little Cess fishermen from Timbo, did in the year 1880. Piratically destroy the boat of W. E. Harris of Sinou County, as well as murdered the entire crew of said boat, which is piracy, both at Common and International Law; and some of said crew murdered being Battoo fishermen which has thereby caused a war to rage between the two tribes to the great detriment of trade, and against the peace and safety of the Coast-wise Traders of this Republic:—

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

SEC. 1. That the President is hereby authorized and directed to procure the services of a Man-of-War to aid him in restoring peace between the Little Cess fishermen and the Battoo fishermen: and that the Little Cess fishermen be compelled to make restitution for the said boat.

SEC. 2. That the President be authorized to use his discretion in accordance with the Act to maintain peace and enforce order on the highways to the Interior, and that the provisions of that Act apply to this case.

SEC. 3. That the President is also directed to use the service of any Man of war, in the demand and collection of the Nanna Kroo Bonds, and all other outrages on the Coast by the Natives upon the persons or Factories of legitimate traders,

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th 1884.

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An Act authorizing the establishing of a Settlement, and a Port of Entry, at San-Pedro the South Eastern boundary of the Republic of Liberia in Maryland County; and an additional Port of Entry in the County of Montserrado and of Sinou.

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, do, and he is hereby fully authorized and directed to form a Settlement at the River San-Pedro in the County of Maryland under the same provisions, regulations and rules, as under an Act establishing a Settlement at Robertsport in Montserrado County, as far as practicable, and the said Settlement is hereby declared a Port of Entry and Delivery under the name "San-Pedro.

SEC. 2. It further enacted that the Manna River in Montserado County and Niffo in Sinou County, are hereby declared Ports of Entry and delivery, subject to all the rules and laws regulating other Ports of Entry and delivery in the Republic.

SEC. 3. And it is further enacted: That the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby specially appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act:

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th. 1884.

Amendatory Act to the Act entitled An Act regulating the liquor traffic approved Jany. 9th. 1883.

Whereas there appears to be a conflict between the above cited Act, and the Act chartering the City of Monrovia, approved December 31st 1869:—

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

SEC. 1. That the first section of said Act shall be construed so as to appropriate only the two thousand dollars made payable for the annual license for importation of Alcoholic liquors into the Public Treasury, one half shall be for the use of General Government and the other half for the use of the County to which the liquor is imported. And that the wholesale liquor license of Three Hundred Dollars, and the retail license of one Hundred Dollars, that are required by said Act, shall be paid to the Corporation of the City of Monrovia, or to any other chartered Corporation where any said wholesale or retail licenses are paid, and that the first clause of the third section of said Act is hereby repealed.

Approved January 18th 1884.

An Act adopting Caroline Charlotte Emmery as adopted Daughter of J. T. Emmery of the County of Montserrado.

Whereas J. T. Emmery has petitioned the Legislature to adopt unto him Caroline Charlotte Emmery:—Therefore,

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, Caroline Charlotte Emmery is adopted daughter of the aforesaid J. T. Emmery of the aforesaid County, and shall have right to inherit from the said J. T. Emery as all other legal heirs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th 1884.

ACTS.

1884-5

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An Act restoring sundry persons to the rights and privileges of citizenship.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this act, Alexander Moulton, James W. Stephens of Maryland County, George Williams, G. W. Smith and Edward J. Skipwith of Montserrado County, and John Priest of Sinoe County, be and they are hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Decr. 31st, 1884.

✓ An Act repealing an act entitled an act for the relief of Government, passed and approved January 11th, 1884, and providing for the payment of Bonds issued under the act of the Legislature and approved January 12th, 1880.

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 first section of the above cited act requiring the defacing of one half of the Currency paid into the Treasuries of this Republic is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that one fourth of all the currency paid into the Treasuries of this Republic shall be for the payment of the Bonds issued under the act entitled an Act for the relief of Government approved January 12, 1880. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to redeem the Bonds with the one fourth of all the Currency paid into the Treasuries and reserved for the payment of said Bonds.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Decr. 31, 1884.

A Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to L. C. Sherman the sum of one hundred and thirty one[dollars].

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

SEC. 1. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and instructed to reimburse Ex-Collector L. C. Sherman, of the Port of Sinoe, the sum of one hundred and thirty one dollars out of any money not otherwise appropriated; said amount he having been compelled to pay into the Sub-Treasury of Sinoe for allowing a discount of 5 per cent, on Liquor imported in said County by the firm of A. Woermann.

Approved Decr. 31, 1884.

An Act amendatory to the fifth section of an act for the relief of Government approved January 12, 1880.

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, all Judicial and Military fines, Taxes on real property, Poll taxes, land sales, and all License (except the license for Importation or retail of liquor) shall be paid in Audited Bills in all cases where the person or persons cannot or has not the gold or Liberian Currency to pay, all of said audited Bills thus redeemed shall be written across on the face of said Bills in large letters REDEEMED as well as signed officially by the receiving officer, and in no case shall the officer collecting or receiving said audited Bills issue the same by way of change to any person; but all such bills shall be labelled and sent to the Secretary of the Treasury for destruction,

Any law or parts of law conflicting with this act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved Decr. 31 1884.

A Resolution authorizing a discount of 5 per cent to all importers of Liquor into this Republic.

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

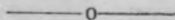
Sec. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution it shall be lawful for any Collector of Customs to allow to any person or persons importing liquors into this Republic, a discount of 5 per cent; that is, on all gin in cases, and rum in demijohns.

Sec. 2nd. The meaning of the first section of the above recited resolution shall not be so construed as to allow any discount on any gin in cases and on any rum in demijohns that may have been opened and refilled by the importer.

Sec. 3rd. That in case the importer of any liquor prefer to open and fill such cases or demijohns, to receiving the 5 per cent discount, in all such cases the Wharfinger shall superintend such refilling and report to the Collector of Customs the result of such refilling.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Decr. 31, 1884.



An Act amendatory to the ninth Section of an act to regulate the Militia, and defining the duties of the General.

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

SEC. 1. That where it reads in the fourth line "To be composed of a General and two or more Staff officers," to read, To be composed of the Brigadier General and two or more Field officers.

SEC. 2. Should it become necessary to cite Field officers of a Regiment distant from the Capital, the said officers so cited shall receive ten cents per mile to and from home in addition to their usual pay as members of the General Court Martial.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Brigadier General, under the direction of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to visit the Counties once during each year, for review and inspection of the Regiments; and delinquents on occasions of such reviews and inspections shall be subject to the fines and penalties as govern similar cases on Regimental Parades. The General shall make such reports to the Commander-in-Chief of the condition of the Regiments and make such recommendations as he may deem necessary for the advancement of the Militia. For which services in addition to the pay regulated by law for the General, he shall receive ten cents mileage to and from home.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that the pay of the officers attending the General Court Martial, shall be per diem as follows:

The President shall receive per diem Five Dollars; the members of the board, Judge Advocate and ministerial officer shall receive each three dollars per diem, the Clerk or Judge Advocate's assistant shall receive two dollars per diem, the guards shall receive each one dollar and twenty five cents per diem, to be paid from Military fines collected.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Decr. 31, 1884.

An Act in respect to certain officers, reports.

Whereas there are certain public officers whose duties it is to collect moneys growing out of fines, forfeitures, taxes &c., and to make reports of the same to the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions of each County respectively, and whereas the statute does not provide the means whereby the Secretary of the Treasury will be correctly and duly informed of the payment of said sums of moneys into the respective Sub-Treasuries of this Republic; and whereas the official information given to the Secretary of the Treasury aforesaid ought to be independent of the reports that may be made periodically by his respective Sub-Treasurers 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, all persons whose duty it is to report to the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, the amount or amounts of moneys that they may have paid into the respective Sub-Treasuries aforesaid, shall also deliver under the direction of the Court aforesaid, to the Clerk of said Court an authentic copy of their reports and it shall be the duty of said Clerks to note the said reports on the records of the Court, and the said Clerks under their official signature and seal of Court shall forward said report or reports immediately after the adjournment of each Quarterly Court to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. The Clerks referred to in the first section of this act shall receive for noting each report on the record the fee regulated by the Statute for every recognizance, and it is further enacted that the several reports made to the Quarterly Court under the provision of the first section of this act shall be when filed in the Clerk's office considered as one quarter's report, which said Clerk shall forward to the Secy. of the Treasury under the seal and signature of the Court and shall receive for such report one dollar and twenty five cents and no more.

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

Approved Jany. 1. 1885.

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An Act supplementary to an act amendatory to an act, entitled an act creating an Interior Department.

Whereas an increase of the inadequate finance of the Republic is indispensable to its prosperity and whereas a regular and uninterrupted intercourse between our seaboard and Interior domains would be the means of increasing the revenue

by resuscitating our commercial and agricultural resources; therefore;

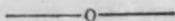
It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled,

Sec. 1, That from and immediately after the passage of this act all moneys appropriated for and on account of public Highways, and stipends to Native Chiefs, shall be under the direct control of the Secretary of the Interior, and the same shall be paid out, by the Secretary of the Treasury from the Treasuries of this Republic only by orders drawn on him by the Secretary of the Interior, under warrant of the President and he the Secretary of the Interior shall report the disbursements or exhibit a true account of such moneys when requested by the President and report the same to the Legislature at their regular annual session.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Interior, under the provisions of the act, passed and approved Jany. 14, 1884, is hereby authorized and directed by and with the advice of the President to prepare and proceed during the present fiscal year interiorward as far back as he may deem practicable, to carry out as far as possible the provisions of said act, and a true and correct account of all transactions is to be kept and reported to the President, and to the Legislature.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 2. 1885.



Joint Resolution authorizing the survey of the settlement of Brewerville.

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 Joint Resolution the President is hereby authorized and instructed to employ two competent Surveyors to survey and determine the correct boundary of the settlement of Brewerville.

Sec. 2. The sum of Three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provision of this act out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 2. 1885,

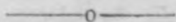
An act fixing the salary of the Collector of Customs of the Port of Niffo, in Sinou County, in the Republic of Liberia, under act of the Legislature approved Jany. 18th 1884.

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 Deputy Coll. of Customs for the Port of Niffo shall receive the sum of Three hundred dollars salary per annum and shall reside at said Port of Entry and Delivery ; and it is further enacted that he the said Deputy Collector of Customs shall also perform and discharge the duties of Wharfinger for said Port, for which services he shall receive in payment the commission now regulated by law for other regularly appointed Wharfingers of this Republic.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted, that the Deputy Collector be and he is hereby ordered to make quarterly report of his doings to the Collector of Customs of the Port of Greenville, who shall include the same in his report to the Treasury Department Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 2. 1885.



An act for the encouragement of Agriculture, and authorizing and requesting the President to enter into, and conclude a commercial Treaty with the Government of the United States of America to mutually admit free of duty certain articles of merchandise as the agricultural interest of Liberia suffers from the heavy duties by the Tariff laws of the United States upon the Liberian products imported into that country. And as it is our belief that the United States Government, would admit into her ports certain articles of Liberian products free of duties, if the Liberian Government would also admit free of duties certain merchandise, the products of the United States.

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

Sec. 1. That the President be and he is hereby authorized and requested to enter into, and conclude with the United States Government, through the proper diplomatic Agent, a commercial Treaty, for the introducing into Liberia upon reciprocal terms, the following merchandise by American vessels and American traders free of duty viz :—Dry goods, i. e. cotton and wollen goods from the United States, provided the United States will allow upon the same terms Sugar, Molasses, Coffee and Ginger the products of Liberia.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that when the said Commercial Treaty shall have been executed, signed and sealed by the

force of law in the Republic of Liberia for the term of ten years.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 2. 1885.

An Act Legitimizing Daniel Warner of the County of Montserado, an illegitimate son of John J. Woodson.

Whereas John J. Woodson has petitioned the Legislature to legitimize unto him Daniel Warner, 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 Daniel Warner is legitimate son of the aforesaid John J. Woodson, of the aforesaid county, and shall have right to inherit from the said John J. Woodson as all other legal heirs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 5th, 1885.

An Act Legitimizing Josiah Abner Prosser of the County of Grand Bassa, an illegitimate son of William Henry Prosser.

Whereas William Henry Prosser has requested the Legislature to legitimize unto him Josiah Abner Prosser, 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 Josiah Abner Prosser is legitimate son of the aforesaid William Henry Prosser, of the aforesaid county, and shall have right to inherit from the said William Henry Prosser as all other legal heirs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 5th, 1885.

An Act restoring sundry persons to citizenship.

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, Richard A. Kennedy, Henry Cotton, Leonard Williams and William Anderson of Montserrado county, and J. F. Scotland and C. J. Adams of Maryland County, be and they are hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 5th, 1885.

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An Act legitimizing George Henry Ash illegitimate son of Henry Ash, and adopted son of Isaac James Ash and Mary Catherine Ash, as legal heir and son of the aforesaid Isaac James Ash, and Mary Catherine Ash of the settlement of Clay-Ashland and County of Montserrado.

Whereas Isaac James Ash and Mary Catherine Ash have petitioned the Legislature to Legitimize unto them George Henry Ash, 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 George Henry Ash, illegitimate son of Henry Ash, is legitimate son and heir of the aforesaid Isaac James Ash and Mary Catherine Ash, and shall have right to inherit from them and their estate as all other legal heirs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 5th 1885.

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Joint Resolution authorizing His Excellency the President to contract with Messrs H. Muller and Co., of Rotterdam, Holland, for the purchase of a Steam Gunboat.

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, that His Excellency the President be and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered to negotiate, on the best possible terms, with Messrs H. Muller and Co., of Rotterdam, for the purchase and delivery in Liberia of a Steam Gunboat of not more than two hundred tons burden.

Sec. 2nd. On the arrival of said Gunboat in Liberia,

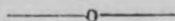
she shall be immediately put in Commission as a revenue vessel under the name of the "REGULATOR," and it is hereby expressly understood that said vessel shall in no wise be used as a freight or passenger boat, nevertheless, the President and Vice President and members of the Cabinet may take free passage on said vessel while on official business.

All other Government officials shall pay the amount regulated by the Secretary of War and Navy for passage on said vessel.

Sec. 3rd. For the purchase, provisioning and navigation of the vessel out to Liberia the sum of Thirty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Public Treasuries not otherwise appropriated; and the President is authorized to draw warrants for the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.



An Act establishing an additional Port of Entry and Delivery at the South West side of the mouth of the Cavally River in the County of Maryland.

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 South West side of the mouth of the Cavally River, in the County of Maryland, for two miles square from the South Western side of the mouth of said river, be and the same is hereby declared a trading Port of Entry and Delivery, and all vessels, foreign and domestic, are permitted to call at said Port under the regulations now provided by law for other regular Ports of Entry in this Republic. All foreigners are also permitted to establish foreign houses and transact commercial business at said Port under the laws and regulations governing Ports of Entry and Delivery of this Republic.

Sec. 2nd. It is further enacted that the President be authorized to appoint a suitable person to the office of Deputy Collector for said Port of Entry and Delivery, who shall reside at said Port of Entry and Delivery and whose duty shall be to discharge the regular duties now required by law of the Collector of Customs heretofore appointed in each of the counties of this Republic, with the exception that he shall make his report quarterly to the Collector of Customs at Harper, and he

the said Deputy Collector of Customs shall receive a salary of three hundred dollars per annum. And it is further enacted that said Deputy Collector of Customs shall also perform and discharge the duties of Wharfinger, for which services he shall receive the commission now regulated by law for the payment of other regularly appointed Wharfingers of this Republic.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.

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A Resolution reviving and amending the Charter of the City of Greenville in the County of Sinou.

Whereas the inhabitants of the city of Greenville have petitioned the present Legislature to again put in force 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. 1. That from and after the passage of this act, the Act Incorporating and Chartering the City of Greenville in the County of Sinou passed during the session 1856, be and the same is hereby revived and subject to the following amendments.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that the second section* of the aforesaid Act be so altered and amended as to read, The Common Council shall consist of five members, (instead of nine) and that the sixth section of the said Act be so altered and amended as to read, the elective officers shall be one Mayor, four Aldermen and five Common Councilmen, (instead of nine.)

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.

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Joint Resolution to incorporate a Female Institution in the Settlement of Brewerville, under the name and style of the "Garnet Memorial School."

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

Sec. 1. That H. R. W. Johnson, C. L. Parsons, R. H. Jackson, John O. Hayes, S. N. Williams, S. J. Campbell, J. S. Washington, W. D. Coleman, James M. Strother, B. K. McKeever and Spencer McMillan of the County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a body corporate and

politic, with perpetual succession, by the name and style of the "Garnet Memorial School," and with power to take all property real and personal, that may have heretofore, or shall be hereafter, acquired by virtue of any devise or otherwise, and to hold or convey the same subject to the provisions of this Act. 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 or personal estate to the amount of Fifty thousand dollars (\$ 50,000).

SEC. 2. Resolved further that the grant of one hundred acres of land granted by A. F. Russell, late President of Liberia, to the said Garnet Memorial School is hereby confirmed, and that the Legislature of Liberia endow said institution with the sum of Three hundred dollars annually as an aid fund.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.

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A Joint Resolution restoring Iena Morris of the City of Greenville in the County of Sinou to the rights and privileges of other good citizens.

Whereas during the year 1860 or thereabout Iena Morris was convicted of a felony, and sentenced to imprisonment, and whereas since then he has shown great reform and is now a useful citizen of Sinou County, the people whereof having petitioned the Legislature for his restoration, Therefore :—

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 Iena Morris is hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other good citizens of this Republic.

Approved Jany. 8. 1885.

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An Act to incorporate the M. E. Church of Greenville, Sinou Co.

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, William P. Kennedy, Jr., Z. B. Roberts, J. W. Draper, John Manns J. W. Bonner and J. L. Fuller, Pastor and Trustees, now worshipping in the M. E. Church, Greenville, Sinou County, and Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic to have a perpetual succession by the name

of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenville, and with power to take, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant, purchase or otherwise, and to convey the same whenever the circumstances of said body shall make it conducive to its interest, in an amount not exceeding Two hundred thousand dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any courts of law or equity in this Republic, and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by such bodies corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.



A Joint Resolution reimbursing the heirs of D. F. Smith and F. M. McGill, and G. R. McGill, for property lost by the burning of the house owned by the heirs of D. F. Smith, by the insurgents during the so-called rebellion in the County of Grand Bassa in the month of August, 1884.

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

Sec. 1. The Secretary shall execute an interest bearing Bond at 3 o/o to the heirs of Hon. D. F. Smith for the amount of Three thousand dollars (3,000) for damages they sustained in the destruction of their property, the said Bond to be paid within five years from the passage of this act.

Sec. 2. The Secy. of the Treasury is also authorized and directed to pay to Mrs. F. M. McGill the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) and G. R. McGill two hundred and fifty dollars (250) for their personal property lost in the destruction of the above recited house, out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 8th, 1885.



ACTS

Bexley

1885-6

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

Mansfield F. Parker

OF THE

St. John River

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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An Act to incorporate St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church of the City of Greenville, Sinoe County.

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

SEC. 1. That James G. Monger, Pastor, R. H. Montgomery Senior Warden, J. J. S. Wicks, John Davis, Isaac J. Higgins and George A. Dunbar Jr, Vestrymen, all of the City of Greenville in the County of Sinoe, 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. Paul's Protestant Episcopal 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. 2. That the said Corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, before any Court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal estate to the amount of Fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. 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 and Constitution of this Republic.

SEC. 4. All laws or parts of laws conflicting with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved January 7th. 1886.

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An Act providing for a Custom House at the Port of River Cess, in Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the Superintendent of Grand Bassa County be and he is

hereby directed under the direction of the President, to have erected at the Port of River Cess in the County aforesaid, a strong and substantial building of good durable logs 18ft. long by 12ft. wide, weatherboarded * with good mangrove shingles; said house shall be 14ft. high and to be styled the Custom House. And the sum of Five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the erection of the same, and the President be and he is hereby authorized and requested to draw on the Public Treasury for the said amount.

SEC. 2. And it is further enacted that there be appointed a Collector of Customs for the aforesaid port, who shall receive a salary of Four hundred dollars per annum; and further more it shall be the duty of the said Collector to assess and collect the duty upon all goods, wares and merchandize landed at said port upon which the duty has not been paid, and pay over the same into the Sub Treasury at Grand Bassa as soon thereafter as possible, and take a receipt in duplicate, and forward one to the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that it shall be the duty of all merchants importing goods and merchandize into the Port of River Cess, on which goods, wares and merchandize the duties have been paid, to furnish the Collector at the port of River Cess with a certificate of that fact, from the Collector of the port where said duties were paid, otherwise the Collector of the port of River Cess shall assess and collect the duties on said goods and merchandize.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that any law or parts of laws, conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 7th. 1886.

Resolution providing for the building of a Court House in Grand Bassa County, and repairing the Jail House in Maryland County.

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 Superintendent of the County of Grand Bassa be, and he is hereby authorized and directed under the direction of the President of the Republic of Liberia, according to the laws governing Public work, to have erected a house of sufficient size for a Court House in Buchanan, the Shire town of Grand Bassa County.

SEC. 2 That said Building be two stories high (that is to say) the first to be twelve feet high from floor to floor and to be of stone or brick, and the second to be of wood materials bought for that purpose, and to be nine feet high, the second story shall be for officers i. e. Superintendent. Collector of Customs Clerk of Courts, Register, Land Commissioner and all others who now receive rents from Government, Sub Treasurer, Post

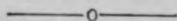
Master, and Jail or excepted. The Commissary on the third floor

SEC. 3. The sum of Five thousand Dollars is hereby appropriated for building Court House, and Three hundred Dollars for the repairs of Jail House.

SEC. 4. Resolved that the President is hereby authorized to draw on the Public Treasury for the above amounts out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11th 1886.



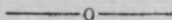
An Act defining the limits of the Port of Entry and Delivery at River Cesters, County of Grand Bassa and providing for the appointment of a Permanent Collector, and erection of a Custom House.

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 limits of the Port of Entry and delivery at River Cesters, County of Grand Bassa, shall be half a mile interiorward from the seaboard, and shall extend half a mile on each side of the River at its junction with the ocean.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11th 1886.



An Act authorizing a permanent Port of Entry and Delivery at the mouth of the Mannah River, Montserrado County,

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

SEC. 1 That from and immediately after the passage of this Act; that there be a Collector of Customs for Mannah whose salary shall be four hundred dollars (\$400) per year and in connection with said Custom House, there shall be established if necessary a police guard of twenty men to enforce the laws of the Republic of Liberia, who shall each receive a salary of eight dollars per month, and be rationed by Government at the usual rate of the Militia in actual service.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the said police guard to attend and be under the direct control of the Collector of Customs in enforcing the laws of the Republic of Liberia. However the aforesaid Collector of Customs may appoint from among said guards or police an officer whose rank shall not exceed that of First Sergeant, to execute all orders issued by him, and endorsed by the Superintendent of Robertsport-

SEC. 3. And it is further enacted that for the better carrying into effect of the provisions of this Act, that the sum of four hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to build a suitable Custom House and quarters for the police guard while on duty at the Port of Mannah.

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SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Collector of Customs at Mannah, to assess and collect the duties on all Imports and Exports, and to send in quarterly reports of all the dues collected to the Superintendent of Robertsport, who shall at once forward the same to the Treasury Department at Monrovia, to be dealt with in the same manner as the reports of the several other Collectors of the Republic; and it is hereby made imperative that said Collector shall at the end of every month forward to the Sub Treasury at Robertsport, all amounts collected by him, and to report the same to the Superintendent at Robertsport and to the Treasury Department at Monrovia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, January 11th 1886.

An Act making provision for the appointment of a Superintendent and Sub Treasurer for Montserrado County, in the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas it is necessary that a Superintendent and Sub Treasurer be created and established in Montserrado County for the enhancement and better working of the County and General Government funds, in which the County fund shall be kept separate and distinct from the General Government fund, enabling the County and General Government to meet their respective liabilities without complication.

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 and directed with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a Superintendent and Sub-Treasurer for Montserrado County, who shall perform all of the duties and conform to all the laws of this Republic that govern and define the duties of the respective Superintendents and Sub-Treasurers of Grand Bassa, Sinoe, and Maryland Counties of the Republic aforesaid.

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

Passed by a Two third vote notwithstanding the President's veto.

January 13th, 1886

A Supplementary Port of Entry Act.

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 so much of the first section of an Act approved Jan-

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 uary 1st. 1885, establishing a Port of Entry and Delivery at River Cavalla, Maryland County, that defines the limits of said Port of Entry and Delivery, be so altered and amended as to extend from the Town of Dodolu of Half-Cavalla from the North West limits of said Port of Entry.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
 Approved January 13th, 1886.

Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to examine the Manuscript purporting to be a History of Liberia written by one J. P. Artis.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of State is hereby authorized to examine the Manuscript from one J. P. Artis purporting to be a History of the Republic of Liberia, and if said Manuscript be approved of by the Government, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby ordered to pay the said J. P. Artis the sum of (\$150.00) one hundred and fifty dollars from the Public Treasury, out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
 Approved January 13th, 1886.

An Act restoring George L. McField of Montserrado County, Charles F. Cook of Sinoe County, and James Williams of Maryland County Republic of Liberia, to the rights and privileges of Citizenship.

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

SEC. 1 That from and after the passage of this Act, that George L. McField of Clay-Ashland, Charles F. Cook of Sinoe County, and James Williams of Maryland County, be and they are hereby restored to all the rights, privileges, and immunities granted to all other good Citizens of this Republic.

Approved January 13th, 1886.

An Act repealing the Act regulating the Liquor Traffic.

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, that said Act regulating the Liquor Traffic approved January 1883 be and the same is hereby repealed; and that the sum of sixty cents (.60) duties in Gold shall be as-

sessed, levied and collected upon each and every gallon of Rum, Gin, Whiskey, Brandy, Sweet Johnny, and all other alcoholic liquors imported into this Republic.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that any person or persons desirous of selling any Rum, Gin, Whiskey, Brandy, Sweet Johnny or any other alcoholic liquor in quantities of less than twenty gallons, shall be required to pay an annual tax of one hundred dollars for such privilege ; and of more than twenty gallons Three hundred dollars, to be paid into all chartered corporations and local townships where licenses are paid, and said license shall be paid in Liberian Currency.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation January 15th, 1886

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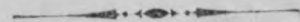
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An Act to grant Seventy five Acres of land for the Anna Morris School of Arthington, and to incorporate the same.

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

SEC. 1ST. All the Estate, right, title, and Interest of the people of the Republic of Liberia, of, in, and to, Seventy five Acres of the Public lands, lying, situate and being in or about the Town of Arthington, not otherwise appropriated, is hereby granted, released to and vested in the person named in the third section of this Act, as Trustee, and his successor, or successors so long as the property or Estate is applied to its legitimate purpose of establishing, building and maintaining thereon an Institution for the Literary, Industrial, Mechanical Education of the Natives of Liberia and Africa, and for their instruction in Christianity to be known by the perpetual title of "Anna Morris School."

SEC. 2ND. The aforesaid land shall be chosen as soon as this Act shall become a law, and the same is hereby granted and conveyed, as provided in the foregoing section.

SEC. 3RD. Edward S. Morris of Philadelphia in the United States of America shall be sole Trustee under this Act, with power to appoint his successor or successors, who shall have power to perpetuate themselves so long as the property or Estate is applied to its legitimate purpose. The said Trustee and his successor or successors shall be a body corporate, and may hold and manage, invest and reinvest, all property which may be given, or transferred to it, for the purpose of perpetuating the School named in this Act.

SEC. 4TH. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 6th. 1887.

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An Act amending an Act providing for the erection of a Court House in Grand Bassa County.

SEC. 1ST. That the Act passed and approved January 11th

1886 which provides for the erection of a Court House in the County of Grand Bissa, be so altered and amended as to read, that the walls of said Court House shall be constructed entirely of stone or bricks.

SEC. 2ND It is further Resolved; That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars appropriated in the aforementioned Act for the erection of said building, be, and the same is hereby reappropriated.

SEC. 3RD Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 6th. 1887.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Whereas it is the opinion of the Legislature that the official term for President, Vice President and Members of the Legislature is short and injurious to this State,

Therefore it is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled; and passed by the concurrence of two thirds of the Members of each branch of the Legislature.

SEC. 1ST. That the first clause of the 1st. and 2nd Sections of the 3rd Article of the Constitution 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 2nd and 5th. Sections of the 2nd Article of the Constitution be so altered and amended as to read respectively, four years instead of two years for the official terms of Representatives, and Eight years instead of Four years for that of Senators.

SEC. 3RD. It is further Resolved:—That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to have an extra election in May A. D. 1889 in each County to elect one Senator for each County who shall serve two years from the time of their elections.

SEC. 4TH. It is further Resolved:—That the alterations and amendments be submitted to the people at the next Biennial election agreeable to the provisions of the 17th Section of the 5th Article of the Constitution and the ballots shall be written "Adoption or no Adoption."

Approved January 11th. 1887.

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An Act Reimbursing the Superintendent of Robertsport.

Whereas the Superintendent of Robertsport by a petition sheweth, that he has expended the sum of One Hundred Dollars for clerks salary.

Therefore, 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 the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to the Superintendent of Robertspoor the sum of One Hundred Dollars, being the amount claimed by him for clerks salary and the same to be put in the appropriation bill.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved January 11th 1887.

An Act providing for a bridge in the Settlement of Tallah, Grand Cape Mount.

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, that the sum of Seventy Dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the construction of one bridge in the Settlement of Tallah. Said bridge to be situated between Peter Fuller's land, and James W. Wilson's land, and the same to be put in the appropriation bill.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 11th 1887.

Resolution for the immediate settlement of the difficulty between the Golahs and the Boatswain tribes, and opening of the road.

Whereas there has been dissatisfactions between the Ding Golah tribes and the Boatswains for over a year; and whereas said dissatisfaction did exist until it brought on a war between the aforesaid tribes, thereby causing the road to be shut to the detriment of trade by the interference of one "Dwollah Zeppia" successor to Farququa 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 resolution, the President be and he is hereby authorized to send out Commissioners at once who shall proceed to "Bongh" the town of the above Dwollah Zeppia to adjust and settle the difficulties and open the Road.

Sec. 2nd That said Commissioners shall have full power to summon any head man or Chief who may be implicated or said to be implicated and have them before the council, for investigation, and if in the opinion of the council, said party or parties are guilty, shall impose such fines upon them: as in the Judgement of a majority of the Commissioners may decide, and cost of said Commission, and on failure to pay, the party or parties shall be brought to the Capital and imprisoned until said fine be paid and costs.

Sec. 3rd It is further enacted that said Commissioners shall receive for their services the sum of two dollars per diem; and should it be necessary for a posse of men to accompany the Commissioners, they shall receive the sum of One Dollar per day each for their services.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th 1887

✓ An Amendment to the several Statutes Regulating the payment and the Collection of duties upon Imports and Exports within 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, the advalorem duty for and upon all goods or merchandise imported into this Republic, except the Specific duty articles, the sum of ten per cent upon each dollar, shall be assessed, levied and collected, according to the manner prescribed for the payment and collection of duties; and that said advalorem duties shall be payable one third in gold, and two thirds in Currency. The duty upon tobacco however shall be paid one half in gold and one half in currency. Duties on powder, alcoholic liquors, guns brass kettles, shall remain unchanged.

Sec. 2nd The export duty upon all clean coffee is hereby repealed, and the duty on Palm oil shall be one cent per gallon, two cent for each bushel of Palm kernels, and three and a half dollars per ton—(of 2240 lbs) on camwood and all other Exports to be paid in Currency.

Sec. 3rd All of the requirements and customs regulating as is set forth in the several unrepealed statutes authorizing the payment of Import and Export duties and the collection of the same remain as heretofore except such parts as are changed by this act.

Sec. 4th Any law or parts of law conflicting with this act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved January 17th 1887.

An Act appropriating the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Dollars, to open the Avenue for the people of Sassy Town, Louisiana Settlement.

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 to direct the Secretary of the Treasury, to contract with, and employ any respon-

sible person or Surveyor, who will undertake to open the Avenue between Outland and H. W. Dennis' Sr. land back to the settlement of Sassy Town, Louisiana.

SEC. 2nd, That the said person or surveyor, is to do the said surveying and opening of the said Avenue in a workman-like manner, and the road Overseer, is to furnish the Contractor with a certificate, signed by three witnesses, showing that the work is completed, before the payment can be demanded at the Sub. Treasury of Montserrado County; and on failure, the said Contractor shall forfeit the contract, and he shall be dealt with according to the law governing contracts.

Approved January 17th, 1887.

Whereas the Legislature at the Session of 1885 and 86 enacted a law providing for the appointment of a Superintendent for Montserrado County;

And whereas it appears since the appointment of said Officer, that it conflicts with the duties of the Superintendent of Cape Mount, Montserrado County, and as the warlike disposition of the Natives of that Section of the Country, makes it necessary, that it should be under the immediate direction of the Chief Executive Government;

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, the Superintendent of Robertsport be under the immediate direction of the Chief Executive Government.

Approved January 17th 1887.

Whereas from the report of the Secretary of the Treasury War and Navy, it appears that there exists a spirit of hostility and rebellion among the natives of Timbo, Grand Bassa County, insomuch that they frequently commit acts of aggression and wrong upon Liberian Factors residing there for the peaceful purposes of trade; and whereas if said acts remain unnoticed by the government, it will tend eventually to destroy our coastwise trade, Therefore:

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

SEC 1ST. That the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed, to interdict the said Port of Timbo, and vicinity, commencing at Quintizone point, and extending to Mannah point. The same to remain interdicted until the natives shall have fully complied with the requisitions of the Government, and returned to their allegiance to the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th, 1887.

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A Resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the Twentieth Legislature, second session.

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

SEC. 1ST That the second session of the Twentieth Legislature adjourn its present session sine die, on the 19th day of January A. D. 1887.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th, 1887.

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A Resolution authorizing the suppression of the rebellious attitude assumed by the Greboes at Half Cavalla in Maryland County.

It is 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 Act the President be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to adopt speedy and effective measures for the settlement of our differences with the Greboes of Half Cavalla and parts Adjacent, and compel them to yield obedience to the authority of the Government of this Republic and to desist immediately from further acts of hostilities against this Government.

SEC. 2ND. That if in the opinion of the President upon examination of the affairs at Maryland County it should be deemed necessary to resort to co-ercive means or to employ a military expedition to compel obedience, to the laws of this Republic, the sum of Twenty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of the same, and the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Public Treasury for said amount

SEC. 3rd And it is further resolved that the President be and he is hereby authorized to solicit the aid of any foreign Man-of War to assist the Government in suppressing the rebellion of Half Cavalla as well as to assist the Government to interdict said place.

SEC. 4th, Any law or parts of laws conflicting with this Act be, -and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed into a law by limitation.

January 15th, 1887.

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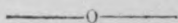
An Act to incorporate Zion Grove Baptist Church of Brewersville, Montserrado County.

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, that J. O. Hayes Pastor- R. H. Eubanks, Charles Freeman, Warren Phelps. March Gaskins, J. C. Sears and W. B. Gant Deacons, with John Brown, M. Wynn. L. Daily. Henry Clements and George Holmes Trustees, now worshipping in the Church Edifice called Zion Grove Baptist Church of Brewerville, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic; to have a perpetual succession by the name of Zion Grove Baptist Church of Brewerville; and with power to take hold, possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant purchase or otherwise, and to convey the same wherever the circumstances of said body shall make it conducive to its interest, in an amount not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of law or equity in this Republic; and to do all acts and things usual to be done by such bodies.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st 1887,



An Act to alter and amend the Several acts establishing the Judiciary and regulating the powers common to the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas of the Several Counties.

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 Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas in the County of Montserrado, shall not be restricted to the term of two weeks for the duration of its Session, as heretofore, but shall have authority to continue each of its Sessions, in the discretion of the Judge for a term of three weeks.

SEC. 2ND. The first two weeks of each Session of said Court shall be used for the trial of Jury cases, civil and criminal, and on the Second Saturday of each session all Jurors not then empannelled shall be dismissed, and no Jury shall be empannelled after that day of that Session, the remainder of the Session shall be used in the trial of such cases, as can be tried without a Jury, the hearing of reports and the hearing of arguments on motion in cases to be tried, at a subsequent term, and such other business as the Court may have to attend to at that time.

SEC. 3RD. All Justices of the Peace are hereby required to keep a list of writs issued and tried by them, showing the names of the Constables to whom the writ was directed, and the Constable who served the writ: and also showing the Executions issued by them, and the Constable

in whose lists are placed, such Justices shall be required to forward correct copies of such lists to the clerks of the Quarterly Courts, on or before the first day of each Session of said Court, to be used by the Courts in verifying the correctness of the Constables Reports.

SEC 4TH. That from and after the passage of this act, on all Judgements rendered in the Courts of Monthly and Quarterly Sessions in this Republic, in all actions of Debt Specific performance and damages when required by the Defendant or defendants, the cost being paid and sufficient surety approved by the Courts, first given, time for payment shall be allowed. All sums of one hundred dollars, two months, all sums from two hundred dollars to five hundred dollars four month all sums from five hundred dollarsto one Thousand dollars, Six months and all sums from one Thousand dollars and upwards one year shall be allowed, after which time execution shall be issued under the laws governing the issuing of the same, the parties paying an interest of four per cent from the rendition of said Judgement up to the time payment is made to the plaintiff or plaintiffs in the actions.

SEC 5TH That the third Section of the act to amend an Act establishing the Judiciary and fixing the powers common to the several courts approved January 15th 1879, be amended by striking out the words "nearly" after the word Court, in the fourth line from the top, and inserting the the word "nearest" between the words "next," and Court in said line of said section.

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

Approved January 21st. 1887.