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Joint Resolution making appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Inauguration of the President and Vice President elect.

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

That the sum of Three Hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Inauguration of the President and Vice President elect.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 30th. 1887,

An Act supplementary and amendatory to an Act regulating the residence of Native Africans within this Republic.

Whereas there are a great many youths both males and females of the aboriginal element, being raised up in families of of the Americo Liberians, becoming to a great extent civilized and christianized : and whereas it is the duty of Government to do all in its power to prevent said persons from reverting back to heathenism ;

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, the Aborigines who have been civilized and christianized within this Republic, shall be entitled to draw lands the same as "Emigrant Allotments," and enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to all other citizens of this Republic.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12th. 1888.

Joint Resolution for the relief of Charles R. Johnson formerly of the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County ; but at present a resident of Grand Bassa County.

Whereas C. R. Johnson is now the only surviving male citizen in the Republic of Liberia who settled on the Sherbro Island in the year A. D. 1820, who afterward removed from said Island to the present Capital the City of Monrovia and did aid in founding and settling said City ; who also from the time that the great battle was fought in the year 1822 to the year A. D. 1852 did render this Government invaluable services, as a soldier under the most trying circumstances. And whereas the said C. R. Johnson born in the year A. D. 1812 has now become infirm by being subject to the inconveniences to which the pioneers of this Republic were subject. And whereas it is the policy of this Government to provide for the patriotic pioneers of the same.

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

SEC. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Resolution Charles R. Johnson at present residing in Grand Bassa County for and in consideration of the patriotic services rendered by him as a pioneer in founding and settling the City of Monrovia aforesaid, receive an annuity of Four hundred dollars during his natural life time, to be paid out of the county fund from the Sub-Treasury Grand Bassa County, quarterly. And the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw on the said Treasury for the same out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2nd. It is further Resolved that any laws or parts of laws or resolution conflicting with this Resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved January 12th. 1888.

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An Act granting the Presbyterian Mission Two Hundred acres of land at Cape Mount, in Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act, that Two Hundred acres of land is hereby granted to the Board of Foreign Mission of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, in that section of Country, in the County of Montserrado, known as Glimah on the Mannah River or Glimah Creek.

SEC. 2nd. It is further enacted that the Land Commissioner shall grant to the Representatives of said Foreign Mission, an order to any legal Surveyor, to survey for said Mission, the above granted lands, he paying all expenses.

SEC. 3rd. It is further enacted that the said Mission shall possess and hold said premises, subject only to the laws governing similar Institutions,

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12th. 1888.

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Resolution authorizing the President of the Republic of Liberia to employ an armed force, domestic or Foreign to subdue the rebellious Greboes in Maryland County.

Whereas the Greboes of Half Cavalla in Maryland County are in a state of rebellion and hostilities, and have taken up arms against the Republic of Liberia. And whereas it is highly important that the supremacy and dignity of the Government should be maintained.

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 resolution the President of the Republic be and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ and put on foot an armed force, either domestic or foreign, or both, for the purpose of effectually subduing the rebellious Greboes at Half Cavalla in Maryland County, and all other natives who are in rebellion to the Liberian Government.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of Twenty five Thousand Dollars is hereby appropriated for the special purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution, and the Secretary of the Treasury is fully authorized and directed under the direction of the President of the Republic of Liberia to stipulate and negotiate a loan for the above amount, upon the best terms and conditions possible, interest not to exceed six per cent.

That the Government reserve to itself the right of redemption at any time, within the terms of months or years, for which the Secretary of the Treasury may grant a bond or bonds for the amount so borrowed in keeping with the provisions of this resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12th, 1888

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An Act for the better regulation of the Postal Service of this Republic.

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 letters and other mail matter of any kind and description whatever, shall, be passed through a Post Office of this Republic. All letters and other mail matter coming from Foreign Countries by mail Steamers, and not enclosed in the mail bag with or without post stamps, are subject to double rates of postage.

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All letters and other mail matter, coming enclosed in the mail bag without post stamps affixed, but having the appearance of having been stamped, and marked with the date stamps of the office of origin shall be considered as fully prepaid mail matter and shall be delivered free of charges.

SEC. 2. All letters and other mail matter coming through the mails, and not fully prepaid are subject to double the deficiency or balance due at the office of origin : all letters coming outside the mail bag, and containing nothing more than a Bill of Lading shall be considered as Consignees letters, and subject to free delivery : but should the letter contain any correspondence other than a Bill of Lading, shall be subject to one rate of Postage,

SEC. 3. The Post Master of any Post Office of this Republic shall not be bound to deliver any letter or letters or any other mail matter upon which any postage is due, but may hold all such mail matter until postage dues upon the same has been fully paid.

The Postmaster of the several offices shall keep a special account of all monies received for unpaid and insufficiently prepaid mail matter, and shall forward the same under a separate head with their quarterly accounts to the General Post Office.

SEC. 4. The prepayment of all mail matter is compulsory when presented at any of the Post offices for mailing, and the Postmaster of any Post Office shall only receive for mailing letters and such other mailable matter as shall have been fully prepaid. No Master, Agent, Supercargo, nor any other officer, person or persons on board of any sailing vessel, or Steamship shall receive or take for conveyance any letter, letters or other mailable matter but such as shall have been delivered him or them from the Post office. Any person or persons so offending shall be subject to a fine of Five Dollars for the first offence, and for the second offence the sum of Ten Dollars, in either case to be paid forthwith before any Justice of the peace, and in default of payment shall be imprisoned for not less than two weeks and not more than one month.

SEC. 5. The Postmaster General shall furnish the several Post offices of this Republic with a supply of Inland Post stamps, for the accommodation of the general public.

These Inland stamps shall only be available for the postage of all letters and other mailable article from one port to another in this Republic, by sailing vessels and the Steamers of A. Woermann so long as the present contract with the said A. Woermann and this Government exists.

SEC. 6. The rates of domestic postage by sailing vessels or steamers calling at the several ports of Entry, other than British Steamers shall be as follows.

For every letter not exceeding one ounce of three cents one rate.

For every letter over half an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce, two rates.

For every letter over one ounce, and less than two, four rates.

For every letter over two ounces, and less than four, six rates and so on, charging two rates additional for every ounce or fractional part of an ounce.

On all Newspapers of single copy one cent, on Pamphlets not exceeding half an ounce in weight one cent, over half an ounce two rates, and above that weight two cents for every two ounces.

SEC. 7. All express carriers are hereby strictly confined to the safe delivery of all mails delivered them by Heads of Departments, and shall not take or convey any letters or other mailable matter while on their special errand; And should any express carrier take or be found delivering any letter or other mailable matter, he shall upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace be fined the sum of one dollar for the first offence, and for the second offence two dollars, in either case to be collected forthwith or suffer such imprisonment as the court may deem fit to inflict.

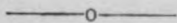
SEC. 8. The Heads of Departments in sending mails by express may at their opinion receive letters to be enclosed in their mail provided that each letter is covered by twelve cents in Inland postage stamps, the balance if any be due to be collected by the Postmaster at the office of delivery.

SEC. 9. The several Post offices of this Republic shall be opened daily to the Public for the transaction of business from 6 o'clock A. M. to 4 30 o'clock P. M.

The Postmaster General shall have the right to issue rules and regulations from time to time, as he in his Judgement may deem fit for the improvement of the several Post offices, said rules and regulations shall have the force of law in so far as relates to the management of the Postal Service of this Republic, and on conviction of any Postmaster of this Republic of any crime, before any court of competent Jurisdiction, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars, and suffer imprisonment in the common Jail for not more than six months.

SEC. 10. Any laws or parts of laws conflicting with any provision of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 12th, 1888.



An Act Interdicting the Port of Entry and Delivery at Half-Cavalla, Maryland County, in the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas the Heathen Tribe, at Half Cavalla, near Cape Palmas in Liberia have for a long time rebelled against the Laws of the Republic by a determination to nullify the State laws respecting the collection of the revenue arising from Commercial intercourse to this Port, and have also obstructed the high.

ways leading to interior trade and have further invaded a village of civilized christians (once native heathen) driving them from their peaceful homes, and have lately in the most defiant manner, hindered a Company of Missionaries lately from America to Cape Palmas, proceeding to their Missionary work interiorwards, and as the Government of Liberia, have resorted to every reasonable measure to pacify and secure peace and loyalty so much desired without success.

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 of this Act, the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to publish and proclaim an interdict on all that Section of Country known as Half Cavalla, and parts adjacent, and to continue the same until the Legislature direct otherwise.

SEC. 2nd. It is further enacted that from and after the publication of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any Liberian or Foreign vessel of any description whatever, through their Master Supercargoes, Agents or Traders to visit this section of the Country for trade or for any other purpose, until the said Half Cavalla tribe, shall have fully satisfied the Government as to their loyalty. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and on proof and conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined in a sum of not less than one Thousand dollars nor more than two thousand dollars for each offence.

SEC. 3rd. It is further enacted that the President shall cause copies of this Act, with his proclamation through the State Department to be furnished the agents or Managers of the "British and African Steam Navigation Company Limited" as well as the Agents or Managers of the "African Steam Ship Company" through the Liberian Consul Resident in Liverpool, England, and other Steam Ship Companies, whose vessels not knowing may act in violation of this Act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12th, 1888.

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An Act granting the Protestant Episcopal Mission in Liberia, Two Hundred acres of land in the County of Grand Bassa.

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, Two Hundred acres of land is hereby granted to the Protestant Episcopal Mission in the County of Grand Bassa.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that if at any time after the

grant of said land, any minerals should be discovered on any portion of it, the Government shall have the exclusive right or disposal of said deposits.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the Land Commissioner for the County of Grand Bassa is hereby authorized to order any Surveyor to survey for said Mission, Two Hundred acres of land out of any public lands in said County, they paying all expenses.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that the said Mission shall have full power to enjoy and possess said lands under the same regulations governing other benevolent or similar Institutions within this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12th 1888.

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A Resolution for the Protection of the Government against the fraud of Aliens.

Whereas the Statute Laws of this Republic relating to naturalization and the admitting of foreigners to citizenship is vague, and whereas it is among other attributes of sovereignty on the part of Governments to determine the conditions and qualifications which shall entitle individuals within their territory or under their Jurisdiction to political participation, as well as to impose conditions upon which their citizens may expatriate.

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 adoption of this resolution, the President be and he is hereby requested to cause to be negotiated and concluded through the Diplomatic representatives and Consuls of this Government such conventions in addition to our treaties with other nations, as will protect the Government of Liberia, against the fraud of aliens who seek naturalization in Liberia without any design of subjecting themselves by permanent residence to the duties and burdens of citizenship, but solely to fraudulently enjoy the advantages of two nationalities and to escape the duties and burdens of both.

Approved January 16th, 1888.

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An Act restoring James M. Curd and Peter Hilton 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 James M. Curd and Peter Hilton of Montserrado County be and they are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges granted to all other Citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th 1888

An Act granting the Citizens of Maryland County, assistance in repairing the causeway that connects the two wards of the City of Harper, known by the names of Latrobe and Hoffman Station.

Whereas there was a sum of money appropriated by the Legislature, some years ago to construct the abovementioned causeway, and owing to the inadequacy of the amount of money thus appropriated for the same, the company never has been permanently secured from the action of the water. And whereas the Citizens have been endeavoring to line both sides of the causeway with stones, in order to save it from time to time. And whereas the same causeway has been recently cut through and washed away by the water in several places. and whereas it is now absolutely necessary at the present crisis, that the Government should have the facility of more frequent intercourse between the wards.

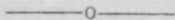
Therefore, It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature Assembled.

SEC. 1st. That the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to assist the citizens of the County of Maryland to repair the aforementioned causeway between Latrobe and Hoffman Station.

SEC. 2nd. The President be and he is hereby authorized to draw the aforementioned sum of money out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th, 1888



An Act restoring Thomas H. Johnson of Maryland County and Sarah E. Barnny, David Bryant and Samuel Jackson of Montserrado, 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. 1st. That from and after the passage of this Act, that Thomas H. Johnson, of Maryland County, Sarah E. Barnny David Bryant, and Samuel Jackson of Montserrado 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 16th. 1888,

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Resolution proposing Amendments to the Constitution to be submitted to the people at the next biennial election to be held A. D. 1889.

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

SEC. 1st. That Section 17th. of article 5th. which provides that the Constitution may be altered whenever two thirds of both branches of the Legislature shall deem it necessary in which case the alteration or amendments shall first be considered and approved by the Legislature, by the concurrence of two thirds of the members of each branch and afterward by them submitted to the people and adopted by two thirds of the Electors at the next biennial meeting for the election of Senators and Representatives, be so altered and amended as to read this Constitution may be altered whenever two thirds of both branches of the Legislature shall deem it necessary and afterwards by them submitted to the people and adopted by two thirds of all the Electors at any special election ordered by two thirds of each branch of the Legislature.

SEC. 2nd. The Ballot shall read Adoption or No Adoption.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16 1888.

✓ An Act repealing certain portion of An Act entitled An Act providing for and restricting the payment of Import and Export duties in each County of this Republic.

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

SEC. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the latter clause of the second section beginning with the word provided on the 11th line be and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th, 1888.

An Act making a special appropriation to pay one C. H. Morgan the sum of One Hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents, for services rendered the Government as Deputy Collector for the Port of Cavalla, Maryland County.

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

SEC. 1st. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and instructed to pay to C. H. Morgan of Cape Palmas, Mary-

land County the sum of One Hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th, 1888.

An Act to employ a scientific Mineralogist and Geologist, to make researches for valuable mines in this Republic.

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 President is directed to procure through our Diplomatic Agent, either in Europe or America, a Scientific Mineralogist and Geologist, at a reasonable sum per month, for not more than twelve (12) months or one year, associated with B- J. K. Anderson, to make researches in any part of the Republic for valuable mine or mines of any kind.

SEC. 2. Should any valuable mine or mines be discovered by said Mineralogist, he is to make out a clear report of the percentage of deposits, and upon said report, the President is authorized to put the same before the market world for contractors, who may be desirous of working the mine or mines, under such terms and conditions to be agreed upon by said Contractors and the President ; the same subject to the ratification of the Legislature.

SEC. 3rd. Whatever amount may be coming to the Republic, under the agreement made by the Republic with Contractors, for the right of working said mine or mines, the same shall be entirely appropriated to the liquidation of whatever balance may be remaining due on the Loan of 1870 until it is paid.

SEC. 4th It is further enacted, that for the meeting of the expenses of carrying out the foregoing Act, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars is hereby appropriated out of the One Tenth reserved for liquidating "Foreign Claims."

All laws or parts of laws conflicting with this Act, the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 16th, 1888.

Resolution exempting La Compagnie Francaise de L' Afrique Occidentale, that is to say the French Company of Western Africa line of Mail Steamers from tonnage dues in consideration of certain services to be rendered to the Republic of Liberia by said line of Mail Steamers.

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 La Compagnie Francaise de L' Afrique Occidentale, that is to say the French Company of Western Africa; line of Mail Steamers are exempted from tonnage dues at the several Ports of Entry within this Republic.

SEC. 2. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, La Compagnie Francaise de L' Afrique Occidentale, that is to say the French Company of Western Africa engages with the Republic of Liberia, for and in lieu of the Aforesaid tonnage dues to carry all foreign and domestic mail, for the said Republic, to convey the members and officers of the Legislature of Liberia His Excellency the President, Vice President and other Government commissioned officers, when travelling on official duty, from one County to another within the limits of Liberia without being required to pay any additional charges for the services rendered by said line of Mail Steamers as are provided for in this section.

SEC. 3. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, that all the persons travelling in the said line of Mail Steamers under the provisions of the last section of this Resolution shall in all respects be treated as first class cabin passengers.

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

Approved January 19th, 1888.

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An Act to incorporate the "Number 1. Division, Gentlemen's Mutual Relief Society" of East Harper Maryland County, Republic of Liberia.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this act J. J. Perry, J. J. Baker, Eli Barnes, J. L. Cox, C. J. George, R. A. Johnson, J. A. Tull, C. H. Gray, W. C. Cummings, A. L. Cummings, D. A. Cox, W. B. Dade, W. Williams, Jr. and R. A. Carpenter, all of the City of Harper, Maryland County, Republic of Liberia, together with such others as now are, or may hereafter become members of the Society called the "Number 1. Division Gentlemen's Mutual Relief Society" of East Harper, Maryland County, Republic of Liberia, be and they are hereby declared to be, a Body Corporate and Politic, under the name and style of the "Number 1. Division Gentlemen's mutual Relief Society of Maryland County, and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy Real and personal Estate, to the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the use and benefit of the 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 in any court of law or equity in this Republic having requisite Jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted that the said Society shall be capable in law, of receiving by bequest or donation, whether in money or other things, for the benefit of the 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 by purchase or donation.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted that the "Number 1. Division, Gentlemen's Mutual Relief Society" of East Harper, Maryland County 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 Law or Constitution of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved December 31. 1888.

An Act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of African Union Odd Fellows of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, A. D. Holliday, Urias H. Maddisen, Joshua J. Randall, William H. Jones, Robert A. Kennedy, James T. Smith, Edward Skipwith, N. W. Early and J. L. Taylor, Trustees, together with such others as are now, or may hereafter become members of the Society, known as the Grand Lodge of African Union Odd Fellows of Liberia be and they are hereby declared to be a body Corporate and Politic under the name and style of the Grand Lodge of African Union Odd Fellows of Liberia, and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal Estate to the amount of Two Thousand Dollars for the 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 in any courts of law and equity in this Republic having Jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the Society aforesaid is hereby vested with full power and authority to make, establish, amend and repeal such By-laws, Rules and regulations for their own Government as they may deem expedient and necessary, provided such by-laws rules and regulation be not repugnant to the laws or Constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 31. 1888.

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An Act making provisions for the Legitimation of illegitimate children that is children born out of lawful wedlock.

Whereas the practice heretofore obtained in legitimizing illegitimate children, that is children born out of lawful wedlock, by means of special Acts of the Legislature does not appear consistent in view that the Act of legitimation may be effected before Courts of Record. And whereas the Statute of Liberia does not make provisions for any definite court of this Republic to exercise Jurisdiction in such cases.

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 Monthly Court commonly called the Monthly and Probate Courts of this Republic be, and all of the same are empowered and authorized to receive and record the petition of any applicant or applicants to have his or their child or children legitimized.

SEC. 2 Said Monthly and Probate Courts are empowered to exercise original Jurisdiction in all cases of legitimizing illegitimate children as referred to in section first; And it shall be the duty of any applicant to legitimize any child or children before any of the Monthly and Probate Courts of this Republic to file said petitions under the rules and regulations governing the filing of Civil cases in said courts.

Any law or parts of laws to the contrary hereof be and the same are hereby abrogated.

Approved December 31. 1888.

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An Act authorizing a grant of Two Hundred Acres of Public Land to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, in the U. S. A. for Missionary purposes.

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 is authorized to direct the proper officers, to survey, and plot a parcel of land on the east bank of the Sinoe River, near the Junction which it forms with the Warnee Creek, not to exceed Two Hundred Acres, after which, the President will sign a deed for the same,

SEC. 2. Said parcel of land shall be deeded to, and held

by David W. Frazer, and W. W. McDonough, L. C. Sherman and J. J. Ross. as Trustees and their successors, for Missionary purposes under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. of America, so long as it is used for its legitimate purposes, said Trustees paying expenses usual in such cases.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December, 31. 1888.

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Resolution awarding the sum of Two hundred Dollars to Clement Irons and Scipio A. Givens builders and proprietors of the "Sarah Ann Irons" the first steam boat built in Liberia.

Whereas Clement Irons and Scipio A. Givens have set a noble example of Industry and enterprise by building and launching a Steam Boat on the St. Paul's River, Montserrado County said steam boat bearing the name "Sarah Ann Irons" and as said Steam boat is not only safely and well built, but is a great convenience in being able to carry passengers to the number of forty more or less as well as freight to the amount of ten tons more or less. And whereas said steam boat built and launched by the said Clement Irons and Scipio A. Givens is the first manifestation and production of that kind of industry and enterprise in Liberia.

Therefore as a public appreciation of said industry and enterprise as well as to give encouragement to industry and enterprise generally.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated as a grant to Clement Irons and Scipio A. Givens for and in consideration of their industry and enterprise in building and launching on the St. Paul's River a Steam boat named "Sarah Ann Irons."

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the President be and he is hereby empowered to draw upon the General Government fund in payment of said two hundred dollars.

Any law or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 31. 1888.

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An Act granting a Concession to Benjamin L. Thomson and others of London, England, to gather, collect and prepare Caoutchouc or India Rubber within the Republic.

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Whereas a PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT has been signed by Edward B. Gudgeon Consul General of Liberia residing in London and Benjamin L. Thomson of the firm of Thomson & Co, London, England, on the subject of granting to the said Benjamin L. Thomson the privilege of gathering, collecting and preparing the substance or product known as Caoutchouc, Rubber or Gum elastic, which proposal has received due consideration from the Government of Liberia, 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 a concession is granted unto Benjamin L. Thomson for himself and others who shall join him in the enterprise conferring upon him and them the sole right, liberty and privilege of gathering, collecting and preparing the substance or product known as Caoutchouc, Rubber or Gum elastic in or upon such public lands as shall be specified, designated or mentioned in a future agreement to be executed between the Government of Liberia and Benjamin L. Thomson and others.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that agreeably to the terms and conditions set forth in a preliminary agreement signed by Edward B. Gudgeon as Consul General and Commercial Agent for the Government of Liberia and Benjamin L. Thomson for "self and principal" dated the 25th, day of May 1888, the President of Liberia is authorized and empowered to enter into a further agreement with the parties herein referred to; specifying the locality and the special area within which the said Benjamin L. Thomson and others shall operate in gathering, collecting and preparing from such trees, vines and shrubs as are capable of, and proper and suitable for yielding the substance or product known as Caoutchouc, Rubber or Gum elastic with such other details as are proper and necessary to be expressed and understood in such agreement, requiring at the same time of Benjamin L. Thomson and principal, statement of the method in which they propose to gather, collect and prepare the said substance or product for export with such other details on their part as are proper and necessary to be expressed. The President is further authorized and directed to appoint a commission not to exceed three persons to inspect the operation of gathering, collecting and preparing the said substance or product for export as well as to ascertain and test the amount so gathered, collected and prepared.

SEC. 3. After the agreement provided for in the previous

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execution has been duly executed on the part of Government by the President or some duly authorized official he shall publish and declare the locality and special area within which it has been agreed that the said parties shall act. From and after this publication it shall be unlawful for any person or persons whatsoever to gather, collect or prepare the said substance within the area allotted the said B. L. Thomson and others unless he, she or they are employed by the said parties for the purpose; and when any Liberian heathen or civilized is so employed, he shall not adulterate the said substance. Any entrance upon the grounds for the purpose of gathering, collecting or preparing rubber in the unlawful manner already described shall be deemed a trespass, and any attempt to adulterate said substance collected, gathered or prepared for the company shall be deemed fraud, and both offences or either shall be punishable in our Courts of law as in other cases of trespass or fraud.

SEC. 4. The term for which this concession is granted is twenty one (21) years from the date of the execution of the agreement herein provided for, although it may be determinable at the option of the Government or of B. L. Thomson and principals at the end of the first seven or fourteen years.

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

Approved January 4. 1889.

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An Act restoring certain persons to Citizenship.

Whereas John Roe, Charles Knox and Joseph B. Warner of Montserrado County having been convicted of larceny, and Mary J. Hungerford of Maryland County of a Misdemeanor, and S. F. Cooper of a Felony and they having petitioned the Legislature for restoration 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 John Roe, Charles Knox, and Joseph B. Warner of Montserrado County, and Mary J. Hungerford and S. F. Cooper of Maryland County be, and they are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges granted all other good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4. 1889.

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An Act appropriating annually Seventy five Dollars to and for the use of Rosaline Clark widow of Jacob Clark of Montserrado County and her children.

Whereas Jacob Clark was employed in Government service in firing a Salute from Fort Norris in the month of May 1888, was injured, and within a few days died leaving a widow and four children.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution the sum of seventy five dollars annually be and the same is hereby appropriated as a Pension for the widow and children of the late Jacob Clark as aforesaid during her widowhood and the minority of the children, and that the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same quarterly out of any money in the Public Treasury of this Republic not otherwise appropriated.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4. 1889.

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An Act authorizing a special Election to be holden in Harper Maryland County on the 2nd, Monday in April 1889.

Whereas the Sheriff of Maryland County published a wrong day for the Election of Mayor, Councilmen and Aldermen for the City of Harper in view of which no Election was held according to the provisions of said charter.

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, a special election shall be held in the City of Harper in the County of Maryland on the 2nd Monday in April A. D. 1889, and the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court is hereby authorized to appoint Judges and clerks for said election according to law to elect a Mayor, Aldermen and Councilmen.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4. 1889.

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Resolution Providing for the immediate restoration of Peace 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. 1. That from and after the passage of this resolution the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized under the direction of the President to obtain a loan of Twenty five Thousand Dollars from any citizen or citizens Foreigner or Foreigners who are doing mercantile business in Liberia for the purpose of immediately forcing the rebellious tribes at Half Cavalla to terms of peace and Loyalty to this Government to be refunded by giving such dutiable obligations receivable at the Custom Houses of this Government.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that to effect the above purpose the President be and he is hereby empowered and authorized to have at least Three Hundred soldiers to be enlisted to act in concert with the entirety of the fourth Regiment.

Any law or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 4. 1889.

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HOMESTEAD AND HOUSEHOLD EXEMPTION
ACT.

An Act to exempt from sale on execution the Homestead of a Householder having a family.

Whereas it becomes necessary to encourage and strengthen the motives to industry and business among the community at large, under circumstances prosperous or adverse, and is in keeping also with the general usage, laws and practice of the civilized world made and provided respecting such cases ; 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 Householders and heads of families owning real estates, shall have so much of that real estate, exempt from the writs of their Crèditors ; that is to say, One Town lot or one acre of farm land upon which the House is situated with all the appurtenances and outdwellings of the same, which exemption

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shall mean, the Homestead of the family ; and this exemption shall last as long as any of the heirs of the family so occupying it shall live.

SEC. 2. To entitle any property to this exemption a notice by the Holder to the Register of lands where the property is located, must be formally executed and acknowledged that such property is designated and intended by the owner thereof to be so held.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that so much of the personal Property belonging or appertaining to the piece or parcel of land so registered to be designated by the Householder, and appraised by the proper officer to the amount of Two Hundred Dollars, shall in like manner be free from Execution.

All laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4. 1889.

An Act to incorporate the Grand United Order Daughters of Temperance Fidelity Division No. 2. of Greenville.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act G. A. Crayton, P. W. S. J. E. Marschalk, P. W. S. G. A. Kelly, P. W. S. S. A. Draper, P. W. S. E. Roberts, P. W. S. J. McCalla, P. W. S. E. F. Lewis, A. S. F. J. Green R. S. together with such others as now are, or may hereafter become members of this Society, Entitled "The Grand United Order, Daughters of Temperance Fidelity Division No. 2. of Greenville, be and they are hereby declared a Body Corporate and Politic, under the name and style of the Grand United Order Daughters of Temperance Fidelity Division No. 2. of Greenville and shall hold and enjoy lease of land, or hold Real Estate and Personal 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 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 do all 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 12. 1889.

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An Act supplementary to the several existing Acts regulating
Towns and Villages.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be lawful for citizens of any Township within this Republic, at the annual Townmeeting in the month of October, in each year, to allow or refuse License for the sale of alcoholic liquors within the limits of the Township. A copy of the Resolution of the inhabitants of each township shall in either case be filed with the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas in each County who shall govern himself accordingly.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons who shall sell alcoholic liquor in the Townships of this Republic contrary to the resolutions of the inhabitants agreed to at the said Annual meetings of Townships in the month of October in each year shall be guilty of a misdemeanor before any court having competent jurisdiction; and on conviction shall pay a fine of three hundred dollars, one Hundred Dollars shall go to the informer, and Two Hundred Dollars to the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12. 1889.

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An Act protecting Government against Fraud.

*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, It shall be the duty of all Sub-Treasurers to report at each Term of the Court of Quarter Sessions on the first Tuesday of the meeting of said Court, all monies received by them for Licenses, Taxes, Land Sales, Military and Judiciary fines. Said report is to contain the registration of said bills, the names of the person in whose favor drawn, the amount, number and the appropriation on which said Bills were drawn. Said reports shall be examined by the Clerk of the Court, and if found correct it shall be verified by the Clerk of Court, and attested with the seal of said Court.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that all Treasury Orders, Checks, and Audited Bills received according to the provis-

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copies of the first section of this Act shall be immediately destroyed by fire by the Court, and a verified report forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury by the first conveyance.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that it shall be the duty of the several Superintendents of Counties, i. e. Maryland, Sinoe, Grand Bassa and Montserrado, to cause each Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, to enter into Bonds for the faithful performance of their several duties of not less than One Thousand Dollars.

Any law to the contrary, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved January 12. 1889

An Act Restoring Alexander Jackson and Anthony Tubman of Maryland County, and Frank Crowel of Sinoe County, to citizenship.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Alexander Jackson and Anthony Tubman of Maryland County, and Frank Crowel, 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 January 12. 1889

Joint Resolution replying to A. Woermann of Hamburg, Germany.

Whereas A. Woermann of Hamburg, Germany has made proposals to the Government of Liberia in answer to the Secretary of Treasury concerning the difficulties at Half Cavalla in Maryland County asking for some aid to settle the same; And whereas the Secretary has submitted the proposals to the Legislature now in session; And Whereas it is just and right that the Legislature should give some expression respecting the proposed Loan.

Therefore, it is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature Assembled.

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SEC. That the Secretary of Treasury be authorized under the direction of the President to contract with A. Woermann of Hamburg, Germany as follows, Accepting the Ten Thousand Dollars in Coin to be paid in a given time at six per cent 6 o/6 interest payable yearly, he A. Woermann deducting a sufficient sum from the Ten Thousand Dollars to pay the cost of one of his Steamers to convey the Liberian Forces to and from Maryland County and send the remainder to the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 2. That the Government will take up any and all Bills, Checks or Scripts in A. Woermann's possession which have not been made null and void by the Act of consolidation of A. D. 1880 and settle the same by making them available for Custom Dues on Goods to be imported. The said Bills, Checks or Scripts shall be presented to the Secretary of the Treasury whose duty it shall be to examine them, and if any of them be found bearing dates previous to the date of the above referred to Act, he shall return the same to A. Woermann, but of those which are otherwise he shall retain, and give A. Woermann dutiable obligations receivable at the Customs on Goods to be imported,

SEC. 3. The Loan authorized by this Resolution shall be so construed as to be included in the sum of Twenty five Thousand Dollars authorized to be borrowed in a previous Act passed this Session Entitled "Resolution for immediate restoration of Peace at Half Cavalla in Maryland County.

Approved January 15. 1889.

Joint Resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the Second Session of the Twenty First Legislature of the Republic of Liberia.

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

That the Second Session of the Twenty first Legislature of the Republic of Liberia Adjourn *Sine die* on Friday the Eighteenth (18) Day of January A. D. 1889.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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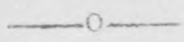
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Whereas the bridge that was across the Big Creek in Maryland County between Tubman town and Philadelphia is entirely down, thereby rendering the way impassable during the rainy season-

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

SEC. 1. That there be appropriated Two hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of assisting the citizens of Maryland County in rebuilding said bridge.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

SEC. 1. That there be appropriated the sum of Five hundred dollars for the purpose of opening an interior road between Gorranommah and Gouga for the benefit of trade, and for keeping peace on the Public Highway in said section in Cape Mount, Montserrado County.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of One hundred and Fifty dollars be appropriated to clean out Mi-inggar and Cabolia River. Also One Hundred dollars to clean out Gorranommah Creek, Cape Mount.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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A Joint Resolution making provision for the payment of the amount due Nelly Banks, Lilly Banks, Maria Banks and O. Banks.

Whereas William Douglas the Guardian of certain children named Nelly Banks, Lilly Banks, Maria Banks and O. Banks did deposit into the Treasury of this Republic the sum of Four hundred and thirty three dollars and sixty cents (\$ 433.60) which amount of money accrued from the Estate of Peter and Dilsey Banks, deceased parents of said Nelly, Lilly, Maria and O. Banks and, whereas said children were not old enough to know of

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and to understand the requirements of the law in respect to the Consolidation Act, at the time that said law was passed.

And whereas the said William Douglas Guardian of said children died before the passage of said Consolidation Act. And whereas Government officials have refused, and still refuse to pay unto said children said amount of money because of the disability placed thereon growing out of said Consolidation Act.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, The Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to order the payment of the amount that may be now due unto Nelly Banks, Lilly Banks, Maria Banks and O. Banks, accruing unto them as heirs of one Peter and Dilsey Banks late deceased.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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A Resolution removing the Interdict of Timbo.

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 of this Resolution the Interdict placed on the Section of Country in Grand Bassa, known as Timbo, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Act creating a Humane Order to be styled The Liberia Order for saving Human Life.

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

SEC. 1. That to encourage the saving of Human Life on land or water within the Republic of Liberia, an Order is hereby instituted to be styled—The Liberia Order for saving Human Life: to be under the auspices of the Government.

SEC. 2. Any person saving the life of another and the facts coming to the knowledge of the Government, may be enrolled as a member of the Order, to be informed thereof through the Department of State. After twelve persons have been so enrolled they may convene and proceed to a permanent organization by the election of the proper Officers from among themselves; but the notice of enrollment of new members shall continue to be made by the Secretary of State on receiving due infor-

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maison. Honorary members may be elected from foreign parts or appointed until a permanent organization is effected.

SEC. 3. The Order may strike off any number of Medals annually of any intrinsic value desired. The decoration or medal shall be a Maltese Cross surrounded by a wreath of laurels. On the obverse side, the Coat of Arms of Liberia may appear, while on the reverse side may be engraved the name of any one defraying the expenses necessary to the manufacture and engraving of said medal, or of the Order if done at the expense of the Order.

The Cross shall be suspended by a ribbon showing Turkish blue in the centre and Rose color on the outer edges.

SEC. 4. No more than four Medals can be conferred the same year, upon the persons most deserving the award, and under such regulations as may be adopted from time to time.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 8. 1890.

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An Act amendatory and supplementary to the several Acts regulating the Judiciary.

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

SEC. 1. Any Judge of a Court of record wishing to be absent from his official duties on account of ill health without resigning his office, may be allowed such absence by applying to the President, and showing to his satisfaction by a certificate of a Physician, or otherwise, that such absence is necessary on account of his health; the President may then give him permission in writing, to be absent from his duty as such Judge for a time not to exceed one year; and he shall also instruct the Clerk of that Court to notify the nearest Judge of a Court of the same grade, whose own sessions are held at such a time, as will enable him to be present at the regular sessions of the Court to which he is called to sit in the place of such absent Judge, and for so doing, the Judge called shall be paid at the rate of Three Dollars per diem, and Fifteen cents per mile, for each session of the Court in which he may preside. The Salary of the absent Judge to be suspended from the day that he receives his leave of absence.

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

Approved January 14. 1890.

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Whereas C. A. White Sheriff of the County of Grand Bassa has petitioned the Legislature for its clemency to re-imburse him in the sum of One hundred Dollars fine, paid by order of His Honor Associate Justice H. J. Neyle.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this resolution the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay Charles A. White of Grand Bassa County, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, being the amount paid by him on the 24th, day of August A. D. 1889.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Janry. 14. 1890.

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An Act granting the Methodist Episcopal Church Mission in Montserrado County, on the Farmington River, at the place known as Mount Olive, Three Hundred Acres of Land.

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, Three Hundred Acres of land is hereby granted to the Methodist Episcopal Church Mission in Mount Olive, Montserrado County, to be used for Mission purposes.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted. That if at any time after the grant of said land any minerals should be discovered on any portion of it, the Government shall have the exclusive right or disposal of said deposits.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted That the Land Commissioner for the County of Montserrado is hereby authorized to order the Land Surveyor to survey for said Mission, Three Hundred Acres of land not otherwise appropriated, near the Mission Station, they paying all expenses.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted That the said Mission shall have full power to enjoy and possess said land under the same regulations governing other Benevolent or similar Institutions within the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Janry. 14. 1890.

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An Act Chartering the National Division No. 1. Philanthropic Order of Sons of Temperance of Maryland County.

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, E. J. Woods P. W. P, H. J. Bell, W. P, J. W. Gross, W. A. H. H. Harris. W. T, T. H. Lauder, T. S., W. A. Barnes, C., W. D. Greenfield, A. R. S., C. A. Tasco. C., C. H. R'dgly A. C., J. H. Stevens, J. S., P. W. Mitchell O. S., W. G. Mc Knight and others, Officers and members, who are now and may become members of the National Division No. 1. Philanthropic Order of Sons of Temperance of Maryland County, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic with the above name, and by that name shall have power to purchase and own real Estate and convey the same if required, to the amount of Three Thousand Dollars, shall be capable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and be privileged to make for their government, any laws or by-laws not repugnant to the general laws of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14. 1890.

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An Act to grant certain Concessions for the Charter and Construction of a system of Railroads in the Republic of Liberia.

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

ARTICLE I.

There is hereby granted to F. F. Whittekin of the Borough of Tionesta State of Pennsylvania, United States of North America, for himself and associates, their heirs, successors or assigns, the right to construct, maintain and operate a system of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines in the Republic of Liberia from the principal cities and towns on the sea coast to the interior, together with such branches as may be from time to time required to fully develop the country through which the roads may pass as hereinafter provided for. The surveyors are to begin within two years from and after the passage of this Act. The right for construction shall cease with the thirty first (31st.) day of December A. D. 1910. The right of operation shall cease with the thirty first (31st.) day of December A. D. 1987. After the thirty first (31st.) day of December A. D. 1987 the Government may at its option, grant the right to operate the roads for another term of years or assume control of the roads for and on account of the Government, and if so assumed, the Government is to pay to the Concessionaire or other legal representatives, the then actual value of the roads and equipments to be ascertained by appraisements, the Government appointing an appraiser, the Concessionaire one, the two

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thus chosen to choose the third, and their award to be final, from which amount is to be deducted the sum of Five Thousand (\$ 5000.00) dollars per kilometre of the entire length of road and branches which sum is to be regarded as the sums paid as subsidy as provided for in Article VI.

Should it be desired to construct more railroads than provided for in this Act, the same is to be a subject for further consideration and concession.

ARTICLE II.

There is hereby granted to the said Concessionaire the right to appropriate for the purpose of the railroad for its tracks sidings and all buildings and works adjunct thereto from the Public lands of the Republic a "right of way" one hundred (100) metres wide, and the lands of private individuals Twenty five (25) metres wide, said Public land to be free, but Private lands to be paid for, price to be fixed by agreement or by arbitration between the Concessionaire and the individual except such individuals be aborigines within the meaning of Section 14 of Article 5 of the Constitution in which case the matter shall be arranged by Government through the Department of the Interior. The Government reserves the right to grant the right of way to other Companies who may desire to cross the lines of the roads built by the said Concessionaire, but when such crossings are made either at, under or over grade, the crossing Company is to bear the entire expense of such crossing. When the lines of road of the said Concessionaire shall occupy any existing Public Road or Native path of travel, the Concessionaire is to supply one equally as good as the one appropriated and as near thereto as practicable.

Should roads be built across the lines of road of said Concessionaire, it is to be without expense to him but he is to erect and maintain proper danger signals. When other railroads may cross the lines of said Concessionaire, said crossing road is to maintain a watchman at each such crossing if it be at grade.

ARTICLE III.

The gauge of road shall not be less than thirty six [36] inches but may be wider. The rails shall be of steel and not less than twenty [20] tons per kilometre for the main line, and sixteen tons per kilometre for the branches. All to be well fastened and spiked, and all equipments to be adequate to the traffic required of it through the country through which the railroad may pass.

ARTICLE IV.

The concessionaire is to furnish free transportation to the Persons of the President of the Republic, to the Heads

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the Departments or Cabinet, to the Chief Officers of the Army and Navy, to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, to the Members of the Supreme Court and may issue such other free transportation as he may deem proper.

ARTICLE V.

All persons travelling for and on account of the Government, and all goods and munitions of war carried for and on account of the Government shall be carried at Fifty (50 o/o) per centum of the prices charged for other like service, Official telegrams shall be transmitted at like rate. The rate shall never exceed the following, passengers per kilometre 10 cents. Freight per ton car load lots per kilometre 10 cents. Freight per ton less than car load per kilometre 12 cents. Freight per 100 lb Local per kilometre 5 cents. Telegrams 10 words 100 kilometres or less 25 cents. Telephone 20 words 50 kilometres or less 25 cents. All mails shall be carried free for twenty years

ARTICLE VI.

Whenever the said concessionaire, his successors or assigns shall complete and open to the public use a section of ten (10) Kilometres of Railroad, the Government is to pay the said concessionaire, his successors or assigns the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars per Kilometre in coined gold, or in default of the payment of coined gold the concessionaire is to be empowered to issue Bonds on the railroad and land grant hereinafter mentioned, to such an amount as may be necessary, from the sale of which he may secure the full sum of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars per Kilometre, which said Bonds shall run for a period of not less than Sixty (60) years from the date of issue, and be fully guaranteed both in principal and interest, and fully assumed by the Government of the Republic of Liberia, interest not to exceed seven (7) per centum per annum; and a like sum, conditioned as above of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars per Kilometre for each succeeding section of ten (10) Kilometres, provided that not more than five (5) such sections, or fifty (50) Kilometres be built in any one year, but the concessionaire may construct more than fifty (50) Kilometres in one year, but the sections shall not be entitled to subsidy, until the proper year arrives in which such sections shall be entitled to receive said subsidy, when it shall be considered due and payable as provided for above, when in default of coined gold payment the concessionaire may issue the Bonds as above provided for, and in such amount as may be necessary to secure the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000.) Dollars per Kilometre, for all the road to which subsidy is due, said Bonds to be fully assumed by the Government in both principal and interest, and the concessionaire relieved of pay-

ment of any part of said Bonds. The prevailing prices of the Bonds shall be their quoted value in the money markets of the world; the highest quotation to govern.

The Government shall also convey by a good and sufficient title, to the concessionaire each alternate section of territory through which the roads may be built for the benefit of said roads, and extending back a distance of Fifteen [15] Kilometres on each side of the track, to be one Kilometre wide and fifteen Kilometres long, or each alternate square Kilometre as may be preferred by the Government, which hereby reserves therefrom one half of all valuable minerals from all of the granted lands, if the minerals shall be mined by the said concessionaire for constructive purposes in connection with the road. By "Constructive Purposes," as used in this Article, is meant the use of such minerals as are used in the Industrial world, and which shall include only such minerals as may be required for construction and repairs along the line of road and the equipment thereof, and fuel for engines and foundries, machine shops and bridging and other like work in connection with the Railroad and its equipment and operation, that is, Iron ore in all of its compounds, Zinc, Tin, Copper, Lead, Bismuth, Manganese, Hematite and Quicksilver, excluding Gold, Silver, Platinum and all minerals more valuable than Silver, and Precious Stones. But if mining is desired as a separate business, it is to be a subject for future consideration and concession, provided that no grant for mining upon any of the granted lands shall be made to any other Corporation, if the concessionaire will undertake the same upon equally favorable terms to the Government, and that such minerals as shall be mined shall be delivered to the Government in their crude state at the entrance of the mine, that is, the proportion falling to account of the Government. Also the Government reserves from said lands the right-of-way for two Public roads on each side of the right-of-way of the railroad, Fifty [50] metres wide, to be laid out by the Government Engineers as nearly parallel as may be with the Railroad, and with connecting roads as occasion may require. Should there be no such land along the line of the railroad, then the Government is to convey other land of equal value in some other part of the Republic as near as possible to the line of the roads built by the concessionaire. The Bonds referred to above shall be fully guaranteed by the Government at the date of issue, and the concessionaire or the railroad to be relieved from all further responsibility arising out of the conditional payment of the said Bonds, either principal or interest, or any part of said Bonds.

ARTICLE VII.

The concessionaire is to have the right to convey through the

Government of the Republic of Liberia the lands granted above to settlers of the Negro Race who will utilize them for legitimate purpose, but he agrees and is not to convey lands to, or to import any Chinese or Coolie labor in building the said roads.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Government shall appoint an Inspection Commission to see that these provisions in article 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 7th. are faithfully carried out.

ARTICLE IX.

The concessionaire or his Agents are to commence the survey within two years from and after he receives notification of the passage of this Act, or the of the signing of these Articles or these Articles are to be null and void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

ARTICLE X.

The franchise for construction to cease on the thirty first (31) day of December A. D. 1910 and all payment of subsidies to cease at that date. If further construction is desired by either the Government or concessionaire it is to be a subject for further consideration and further concession. These articles are therefore to limit construction to a length of road which shall not exceed one thousand and fifty (1050) Kilometres and a subsidy which shall not exceed Five millions two hundred and fifty thousand (\$ 5,250,000) Dollars in gold.

ARTICLE XI.

All materials, wares and tools shall be free of import duties or "port charges" provided such are intended for use on the Railroad or telegraph lines or for the workmen of the Company or concessionaire.

ARTICLE XII.

The Concessionaire may have any number of associates which shall have all the powers and privileges of the most favored private Corporations in the Republic.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Deeds and Titles given by the Concessionaire or his successors or assigns shall ever be held as sufficient to rest a title of possession in any person or company to whom they may convey except as above prohibited in Article 7. All property of the Concessionaire or his assigns to be free of Taxes for Twenty five (25) years if the Title remain with Concession-

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aire or his assigns. The Concessionaire to use his influence in promoting immigration of persons of the Negro Race into this Republic.

Approved January 21 1890.

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An Act granting the Protestant Episcopal Church in Sinoe County, One hundred acres of land for Missionary purposes.

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, one hundred acres of land is granted to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Sinoe County, situated on the East Bank of the Sinoe River near the St James Fall.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that the Land Commissioner for the County of Sinoe, is hereby authorized to order the Surveyor to survey for the said Church, One hundred acres of land out of any portion of said lands not otherwise appropriated, they paying all expenses.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the said parcel of land be deeded to, and held by the Wardens and Vestrymen of the said Church and their successors in office, for Mission purposes.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that if at any time after the grant of said land, any minerals should be discovered on any portion of it, the Government shall have the exclusive right of disposal of said deposit.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1890.

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Resolution for the special relief of John W. Harland.

Whereas John W. Harland of Grand Bassa County is entirely blind occasioned by a shot received in the left eye in 1851, in war in Grand Bassa County.

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

That from and after the passage of this Resolution the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to pay under warrant of the President to John W. Harland annually the sum of One hundred dollars pension, out of any money in the County fund of Grand Bassa.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1890.

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An Act to incorporate the Baptist Union Sisters of Maryland County, Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Mary Lauder, Caroline Diggs, Margaret Brooks, Jeanette McIntosh, R. A. Moulton, A. R. Gibson, P. A. Tubman together with such others as now are or may hereafter become members of the Society called the Baptist Union Sisters of Maryland County, Republic of Liberia be, and they are hereby constituted a body Corporate and Politic under the name and style of the Baptist Union Sisters and shall be capable in law to receive hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars for the benefit of said Society and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members and may be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of law and equity in the Republic having jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that the said Society is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such By-laws, rules and regulations for their own government as they may deem expedient and necessary, provided such By-laws, rules and regulations are not repugnant to the laws or constitution of the Republic.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted. That the Land Commissioner for the County of Maryland be, and he is hereby authorized to order the Land Surveyor to survey for said Society, One Hundred Acres of land not otherwise appropriated, they paying all expenses.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1890.

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An Act incorporating the Woman's Missionary Native Aid Society Grand Bassa County, Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, L. A. Morgan, C. A. Crusoe, E. L. Gross, H. J. Scott, all of the County of Grand Bassa, Republic of Liberia together with such others as now are or may hereafter become members of the Society called the Woman's Missionary Native Church Aid Society, Grand Bassa, Liberia be and they are hereby constituted to be a body Corporate and politic by the name of the Woman's Missionary Native Church Aid Society with power to take, hold and possess all property real and personal that they at present have or shall hereafter by grant, purchase,

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gift, demise or bequest, with full power to sell and convey the same subject to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2 The 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 Twenty five Thousand Dollars.

SEC. 3. That the said Corporation is hereby vested with power and authority to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for its own Government, and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies Corporate and politic as made and provided by law, not incompatible with the laws and constitution of the Republic.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted. That the Land Commissioner for the County of Grand Bassa is hereby authorized to order the Land Surveyor to survey for said Mission, Two Hundred acres of land on the St. John's River not otherwise appropriated, they paying all expense.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1890.

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An Act declaring the meaning of the 2nd, Section of the IVth, Article of the Constitution of Liberia, and defining the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court Judges under said Article.

Whereas a doubt exists in the minds of some people as to the true meaning of the language of the 2nd Section of Article IV of the Constitution, thereby giving rise to the issuing of Original writs in Actions of Habeas Corpus by the Judges of the Supreme Court, whereby the people are put to great expense and trouble, and which doubt ought to be removed,

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, the 2nd, Section of Article IV of the Constitution of Liberia shall be taken and held to mean, as formerly it was always held to mean, that the Supreme Court, and the individual Judges thereof shall have Original Jurisdiction, that is have power to issue original writs to commence a suit or action in law or in cases affecting Ambassadors or other public Ministers and Consuls, and those to which a County shall be a party.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for the Supreme Court or any Judge or Judges thereof to issue any writ of Habeas Corpus, or any other Original Writ whereby a suit or action is commenced or to try or determine any such suit or action upon an original

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writ so issued by him or them unless it be in one or other of the cases where they are authorized to take original jurisdiction by said IV Article so declared by this Act.

SEC. 8. Any Judge or Judges of said Supreme Court issuing the aforesaid writ or writs or trying the aforesaid cases contrary to the provisions of the Statute shall be deemed guilty of high misdemeanor and on evidence thereof exhibited to the Chief Executive he shall suspend him or them from Office until he can lay the matter before the Legislature for their action, and such Judge or Judges shall also be liable in an action of damages to all parties against whom such writ or writs were issued.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1890.

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An Act granting a Concession to Messrs Ellis Parr, Lathan Augustus Withall and Richard Pearson of London, England a concession to gather, collect and prepare Caoutchouc or Rubber and Gutta Percha within the Republic of Liberia and for other purposes.

Whereas certain proposals have been made to the Government of Liberia by George E. Parkinson representing Messrs Ellis Parr, Lathan Augustus Withall and Richard Pearson of London, England for the privilege of gathering, collecting and preparing Caoutchouc or Rubber and Gutta Percha and for other privileges connected therewith; and whereas said proposals have been favorably considered, 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 a concession is granted unto Messrs Ellis Parr, Lathan Augustus Withall and Richard Pearson of Liverpool England, for themselves and for others who shall join them, the sole right liberty and privilege of gathering, collecting and preparing the substance known as Caoutchouc, Rubber or Gum elastic and Gutta Percha in or on all public lands in this Republic except such reservations as shall be expressed in detail in an agreement hereinafter provided for.

SEC 2. It is further enacted, That should any portion of the public lands referred to in the previous section be required by the Government for any purposes of the State that is to say for allotment to emigrants, sale, bounty or other purposes the Concessionaires being so notified are to quit the same as early thereafter as possible.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted, That for the instruction of native labourers and the facilitation of the collection and prep-

aration of the products herein referred to the Concessionaires are granted the privilege of establishing depots in various parts of the Republic and of selecting five hundred acres of land in each County for this purpose out of any public lands.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted. That the said Concessionaires possess the privilege of felling timber for fuel and for building purposes.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted. That the right of building accommodation roads, bridges and wharves is hereby granted unto the said Concessionaires which roads, bridges and wharves shall be free to the use of the people without expense or charge. Nothing however in this Section shall be construed to mean that these roads &c, may be used by any person to the detriment of the Concessionaires.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted, That the Concessionaires shall have the right to import machinery and the appliances necessary to their business free of duty, any portion of which machinery or appliances may be landed at any part of the Coast nearest to or most convenient for them to reach the public lands granted them. A Customs Officer or duly authorized person must be applied for, however to supervise such landing and to see that the revenue laws are respected; Said supervision to be at the expense of the importers. This section shall not be construed to grant the privilege of landing goods, wares or merchandise at any other than the ports of entry and in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Liberia.

SEC. 7. It is further enacted, That the Concessionaires shall have the sole right of exporting all Caoutchouc or Rubber and Gutta Percha gathered or collected within this Republic.

SEC. 8. It is further enacted, That any violation of the foregoing section by any individual or individuals citizens or foreigner shall be deemed a misdemeanor punishable by fine in a sum not less than Five Hundred Dollars nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars by any Court having competent Jurisdiction and in default of payment, execution must be issued against the deferdant. Any such fine collected for violation of this Act shall be disposed of as follows: one third shall be paid to the informer, one third to the Concessionaires, and one third shall be paid into the Treasury of the Republic. Any one giving information of the violator of the previous section shall not be disqualified to appear as a witness in the case.

SEC. 9. It is further enacted, That all Caoutchouc or Rubber and all Gutta Percha intended by the said Concessionaires for export shall be by them shipped from the ports of entry of Liberia they observing in every case the shipping laws and Customs regulations of the Republic except that during the term of this Concession the Concessionaires shall not be required to pay any export duty—on said India Rubber or Gutta Percha.

SEC. 10. It is further enacted, That the President of Libe-

ria be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the parties herein referred to, or with their duly authorized Agent, specifying the Concession and reservations of this Act. (as well as the Bonus and royalty which are to be paid in gold) agreed upon by the Executive and the agents of the Concessionaires, and hereby accepted by the Legislature, with such other details and provisions as are proper and necessary to be expressed in such agreement. The President is further authorized to appoint in each County a Commission not to exceed three persons, to inspect the operation of preparing the said substances for export as well as to ascertain the quantity of the Rubber and Gutta Percha gathered, collected and prepared.

Sec. 11. It is further enacted, That this concession is granted unto the said Concessionaires for a term of twenty one (21) years from the date of the agreement herein provided for. At the expiration of the said term a concession for another term of twenty one (21) years may be granted upon such terms as the Government and the Concessionaires may agree. The agreement authorized in Section 10 of this Act shall further require of the Concessionaires to commence their operations within eighteen months after the execution of said agreement as well as the payment of the bonus in English gold coin, to the Secretary of the Treasury at the Treasury Department in Monrovia within ninety days after said execution, otherwise this Concession and the agreement thereupon shall be null and void.

Sec. 12. And it is further enacted, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons except the Concessionaires to export from this Republic Caoutchouc or Rubber or Gutta Percha after ninety (90) days from the date of the President's Proclamation.

An Act passed at the last session of the Legislature entitled An Act granting a Concession to Benjamin L. Thompson and others, of London, England to gather, collect and prepare Caoutchouc or Rubber within the Republic is hereby repealed.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Janry. 21, 1890.

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Joint resolution repealing the present Act regulating the reshipment of goods and merchandise from one County to another within this Republic and reviving the Drawback Law.

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 that the present Act regulating the reshipment of goods and merchandise in this Republic be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Resolved that the Act regulating the transhipment of goods and merchandise, and authorising the drawback of du

ties paid; be, and the same is hereby revived and in full force, provided however that no drawbacks shall be allowed on any goods landed into this Republic before the passage of this Resolution, and further recommend the adoption of said Resolution thus amended.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1890.

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A Joint Resolution making an appropriation for the Inauguration of the President and Vice President of the Republic of Liberia for the term of Office 1890 & 91.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$ 300.00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to meet the Inaugural expenses of the President and Vice President of this Republic.

And that the Secretary of the Treasury be; and is hereby authorized to draw upon the Treasury for the same.

Dec, 23. 1889.

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Resolution restoring George W. Hardy and James W. N. Yates of Maryland County to citizenship.

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 that George W. Hardy, and James W. N. Yates of Maryland County are hereby restored to all the immunities and rights of citizenship in this Republic.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24. 1890.

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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 in the several Counties.

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 Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas in the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland 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 its discretion for a term of three weeks.

SEC. 2. The first two weeks of each Session of said Cour

shall be used for the trial of Jury Cases Civil and Criminal and on the Second Saturday of each Session all Jurors not then empanelled shall be dismissed and no Jury shall be empanelled after that day of the 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 arguments and the hearing of reports, arguments on motions in cases to be tried at a subsequent term, and such other business as the Court may have to attend to at that time.

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

Approved January 24. 1890.

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An Act granting one hundred Acres of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the President be and he is hereby authorized to direct the Surveyor of Montserrado County to survey One hundred acres of farm land in the vicinity of Careysburg, Montserrado County St. Paul's River, at Brown's Station, after which the President shall sign a deed for the same.

SEC. 2. Said parcel of land shall be deeded to, and held by the Trustees, Amos Brown, W. T. Hagan, and Rydan Boyce, and their successors, for Missionary purposes, under the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Liberia, to be used exclusively for Missionary purposes, said Trustees paying all expenses for surveying and plotting.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24. 1890.

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Resolution restoring certain persons to citizenship.

Whereas Armstead Woods, James E. Butler and John Briggs of Montserrado County, having been convicted of Larceny, and they having petitioned the Legislature for restoration,

Therefore ;

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, Armstead Woods, James E. Butler, and John Briggs of the County of Montserrado, be, and they are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges granted all other good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24. 1890.

An Act to incorporate the M. E. Eddy's Chapel, Virginia, St Paul's 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, the Methodist Episcopal Eddy's Chapel of Virginia, St Paul's River, Montserrado County, Liberia, is hereby chartered, incorporated and declared to be a body politic, that is to say, F. C. Holderness, Pastor; A. Snorton, D. A. Snorton, Thomas Brown, W. H. Johnson, Jacob Harris, Charles Johnson, and C. H. Capehart, Trustees and officers of the aforesaid Church, and their successors in office, are constituted a body Corporate and Politic; to have perpetual succession, by the name of the Methodist Episcopal Eddy's, Chapel Virginia, St Paul's River, Montserrado County, to take, hold, possess and enjoy, real and personal Estate by grant, purchase, demise or otherwise.

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 Twenty Thousand Dollars, and to have full right and privilege to do all other Acts and things done by similar bodies, Corporate and Politic.

Any laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24. 1890.

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An Act to repeal an Act approved January 5th. 1879, amendatory and supplementary to an Act regulating the payment of duties passed and approved February 8th. 1878.

Whereas the above recited Act is of no benefit to the Government, and is not applied to the legitimate purpose as contemplated by said Act.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24th. 1890.

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An Act supplementing the several Acts respecting the Post Office Department.

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 Postmasters shall give a separate bond with respect to said office, said bond to be fixed by the Postmaster General; subject to the approval of the President; the amount of said bond to depend upon the business of the office. The penalty of said

bond shall from the passage of this act be payable in gold.

SEC. 2. Any Postmaster failing to prepare and transmit his financial and statistical accounts within thirty days after the end of each quarter, together with the postal funds then in his possession, to the General Post office, shall be dismissed and his bond forfeited.

SEC. 3. The Postmaster General is hereby directed to conclude with foreign postal administrations such Parcel Post and Money Order Conventions as in his opinion will be useful and serviceable to the people of this Republic in connection with the Postal administration thereof. All such Conventions before being concluded are to be laid before the President of the Republic for examination, and they shall not go into force unless he shall assent thereto.

SEC. 4. No foreign money order shall be issued for a less sum than one dollar, or a greater sum than Fifty Dollars. The Commission to be paid at the post office in this Republic, for foreign money orders shall be as follows:—For sums of one dollar, and not over ten dollars Five per cent, for sums above ten, and not over twenty dollars, Four per cent, for sums above twenty, and over thirty five dollars, Three per cent, for sums above thirty five dollars two and a half per cent. All money order transactions to be in coin, current in the Republic of Liberia.

SEC. 4. The Postmaster General is further authorized to establish a uniform domestic Postal Order System, at such Post offices in this Republic as he may deem suitable therefor: and the offices that he shall designate for that purpose, shall be known as "Money Order Offices." No domestic Postal order shall be issued for a less sum than one dollar, or a greater sum than Twenty five dollars, for which the remitter shall pay the Post offices for sums of one dollar and not more than ten dollars, Four per cent, above ten, and not over twenty, dollars, Three per cent, above twenty, dollars Two per cent.

SEC. 6. After the establishment of the money order system, no letter containing coin shall be received in or allowed to pass through the mails.

SEC. 7. The Postmaster General is authorized as soon as practicable to establish Post offices at Robertsport and Marshall and Branch Post offices amenable to some post office, to be named by him in such Townships as he may deem best, for public convenience and utility; provided that for the present no such branch post office shall be established within Fifteen miles of a previously existing office. The Postmaster General may close any such office, if the business is in his opinion insufficient to warrant its continuance. He may also stop the issue of money orders by any office within the Republic.

SEC. 8. In case it is deemed expedient by the Government to levy a tax on parcels circulating through the parcel post over and above the charges laid down in any parcel post convention that may be concluded, the Postmaster General is authorized to fix the tax provisionally until the matter can be reg-

ulated by the Legislature. Postmasters are hereby authorized to detain all dutiable articles coming through the parcels post until the duty thereon shall have been paid.

SEC. 9. The General Post Office is hereby authorized to have a Seal similar to those in use, in the other Executive Departments,

SEC. 10. Any person or persons who shall within this Republic, counterfeit or forge the postage stamps of Liberia, or of any country belonging to the Union, or shall sell, cause to be sold, or circulate stamps so forged or counterfeited, shall on conviction, be imprisoned for three years with hard labor, and such counterfeit stamps shall be confiscated.

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

Approved January 25th, 1890.



An Act fixing a Tariff on goods wares and Merchandize imported into, and on produce exported from the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1 That from and after the passage of this Act the present regulations with respect to invoices and to the landing and shipment of goods, wares, merchandize and produce, and the time of payment of duties shall continue in force.

SEC. 2. The Collectors of Customs are hereby authorized in cases where there is a prospect of the payment of duties being evaded, or where there is a patent disposition to avoid the payment of duties, to detain the goods of any importer in bond until the legal duties have been paid.

SEC. 3. All invoices of goods imported into the Republic of Liberia must be verified and certified by the Consul of the Republic at the port of departure under the penalty of Confiscation of the goods affected. This section shall take effect from the first day of May of the present year;—The fee of the Consul shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents for invoices covering goods of the value of not more than fifty dollars, and two dollars and fifty cents for invoices covering goods of over fifty dollars value. The Secretary of the Treasury may issue such instructions from time to time to the Consuls of Liberia explanatory of this provision as he deems opportune and necessary.

SEC. 4. That from and after the first day of March 1890. Specific duties upon the following articles if imported into the Republic, shall be levied, assessed and collected at the following rates.

PROVISIONS.

Dried Fish per pound, one cent.

Pickled Fish in Barrels, one dollar	\$ 1.00
Bacon per pound, one cent.	" .01
Ham per pound, two cents.	" .02
Beef per Bbl. one dollar and twenty five cents.	" 1.25
Pickled Sausage per pound, three cents	" .03
Beef Tongues per barrel, two dollars.	" 2.00
Sugar (Brown) per pound, six cents.	" .06
Sugar (Refined) per pound, two cents.	" .02
Fancy Biscuits per pound, four cents.	" .04
Butter per pound, six cents.	" .06
Lard per pound, two cents.	" .02
Pig feet and Pig heads per Barrel, one dollar.	" 1.00
Gold Duty. Salt per 100 lbs. five cents gold	" .05
'Tea per pound, ten cents.	" .10
" Rice per 100 lbs. thirty cents Gold.	" .30
Candy and Confectionery per pound, five cents.	" .05
FANCY COTTON AND WOOLEN GOODS.	
Prints, Croydons, White Shirting, Satin Stripes, Grey and Blue baft per yard one cent.	\$.01
Printed Cotton Hdkfs. in pcs. each Hkfs. one & one half a cent.	" .01½
Sheeting per yard, two cents	" .02
Oxford and other colored Shirting, Blue Drill, White Drill, Denims and Cotton Tweed per yard two cents.	" .02
Gold. Fancy worsted Tweeds, Cashmeres per yard, twelve cents Gold.	" .12
Gold. Broad Cloth per yard, twenty four cents Gold	" .24
" " Suits. each two dollars & fifty cents "	" 2.50
" " Cloth coats each one dollar Gold.	" 1.00
" " " Trousers each one dollar, "	" 1.00
" " " Vests each Fifty cents "	" .50
" Fancy Tweed Cashmere etc. suits each, one dollar and fifty cents Gold.	" 1.50
" " " Cashmere etc. Coats each one dollar	" 1.00
" " " " Trowsers each seventy five cents "	" .75
" " " " Vests each fifty cents Gold.	" .50
" Ladies Silk Costumes each three dollars "	" 3.00
" " Cashmere, Coburg, Merino and other worsted Costumes, each two dollars and fifty cents	" 2.50
" " Printed Calico and other cotton costumes, each one dollar and twenty-five cents.	" 1.25
" Silk in pieces, per yard twenty five cents	" .25
Gold. Cashmere, Merino, and other Worsteds per yd six cents.	" .06
" Satins per yard six cents	" .06
" Flannel or Serge per yard five cents.	" .05
" " " Suits each one dollar.	" 1.00
" " " Coats " fifty cents	" .50
" " " Trousers " thirty-seven cents.	" .37
" Flannel or Serge Vests each twenty five "	" .25

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" Woolen Shirts each twelve cents.	" .12
" Cotton " " " "	" .12
" Trimmed Hats " fifty cents.	" .50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paint per pound one cent	" .01
Gold. Kerosine per case of 10 gall. ea. forty cts. Gold	" .40
Common Soap per pound, two cents.	" .02
Fancy Toilet Soap per pound, six cents.	" .06
Starch " " six cents.	" 09

HARD WARE ETC.

Outlasses or Billhooks per doz. twenty five cts.	" .25
Galvd. Iron and Capping per pound, half a cent	" 0.01
" Nails, Washers & Screws per pound half cts.	" 0.01
Steel in bars per pound two cents	" .02
Iron Pots, Ovens and Spiders " " one cent	" .01
Gold. Percussion Guns each sixty cents Gold.	" .60
" Flint " " forty cents Gold.	" .40
" Brass Kettles per pound six cents.	" .06
" Powder " " five cents Gold.	" .05
" Leaf Tobacco per pound five cents Gold.	" .05
" Manufactured Tobacco per lb. twenty five cents	" .25
" Cigars each one cent Gold.	" .01
" Cigarettes each half cent Gold.	" 0.01
Lumber per foot half cent.	" 0.01

CROCKERY WARE.

Trade Plates (not in sets) per doz, twelve cents.	" .12
" Basins not exceeding 12 inches per doz. 12 cts	" .12
Trade Basins, exceeding 12 inches per doz twenty five cts.	" .25

ALCOHOLIC, FERMENTED LIQUORS &c.

Gold { Brandy, Old Tom Gin, Jamaica Rum,	
{ Scotch or Irish Whisky and all other finer qual-	
ities of Alcoholic Liquors per gal. One Dollar	\$ 1.00
" Common Rum or Gin " " Seventy five cts.	.75
" Wines, Champagnes, Cordials and all liquors }	
" or Sweet Waters per gallon One Dollar,	\$ 1.00
" Beer, Ale, Stout, Porter, Cherry Wine	
per gal. Fifty cts,	\$.50
Gents and Ladies underclothing, Lace, Edging	
Embroidery &c. Advalorem Duty of (50 o/o)	
Fifty per cent.	

FREE GOODS.

Seines, Lye, Thread, Agricultural implements and Machinery of all kinds, (cutlasses and Bill hooks excepted) Tools, Sewing Machines, Palm Kernel and Coffee Bags, Shooks, Hoop Iron, Rivets, Tenter Hooks &c, Musical Instruments, Books for use of Missions and Schools.

Upon all other goods not enumerated in the foregoing there shall be levied and collected a duty of Twelve and one half

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per cent advalorem; Transient traders not excepted; one half to be paid in Gold and one half in Liberian Currency.

EXPORT TARIFF.

Palm Oil	per gallon one cent	\$.01
Palm Kernels	" Bushel two cents	" .02
Camwood	" Ton Three 50/100 dollars	" 3.50
Rubber and Gutta Percha	per pound Six cts. Gold	" .06
Ivory	" " Five cts.	" .05

The foregoing export duties except Rubber and Gutta Percha to be paid in Currency. All articles of produce not hereinbefore mentioned shall pay no Export duty.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28th, 1890.

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An Act chartering the City of Buchanan.

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

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

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

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

SEC. 4. The Corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to make and fulfill contracts; take and hold real and personal estate to the value of one hundred thousand dollars (100,000,00) levy all such taxes as may be necessary for city purposes, and pass all necessary laws and ordinances. Said body politic shall have full power to settle its own rules of proceedings, to appoint its own officers, regulate their fees, and all necessary acts not incompatible with the general laws of the Republic.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved Jany. 13th. 1891.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved Jany 13th. 1891.



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

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

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

Sec. 1. That there be appropriated the sum of Three hundred Dollars for the purpose of assisting the Citizens of Virginia, in building a Bridge and Causeway through a large Creek between Vonswah and Zoda Kie's Town.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 13th. 1891.



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

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 13th. 1891.

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

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

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

Approved Jan. 13th. 1891.

An Act incorporating and chartering the Free Will Society, Number Three of Jimmerson Town, Caldwell, in the County of Montserrado.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act Jas. H. Wilson Daniel Cowers, John D. Morris, William Roberts, James Butler, Ceasar Starkes, Charles Starkes, Henry Caphart, Robert Lynch, Jacob Ricks, William Weaver, Henry Paxton, Robert Benson, and William Carr, citizens of Jimmerson town in Caldwell, Montserrado County, Trustees of the 'Free Will' Society Number Three of Jimmerson town of Caldwell in the County of Montserrado are hereby chartered and incorporated a body politic under the name and style aforesaid, capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the value of Five Thousand dollars, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded under the aforesaid name and style with full power to enact rules and by-laws for their regulation and government—Election of Officers to be annually.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13 1891.

Resolution for the relief of Thomas Curd of Montserrado County.

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

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

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th, 1891.

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

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

Sec. 1 That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the Superintendent of Grand Cape Mount, under the direction of the President is hereby authorized and directed to apprehend and bring to justice, King Darwarnar and his son of the Town of Cong-gar in the Gorouammah section Cape Mount; and all other hostile and turbulent chiefs within his jurisdiction.

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 13th. 1891.

An Act making Appropriation for cleaning out Ayres Creek, a branch of the Stockton, in Montserrado County.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this act the sum of Two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for cleaning out the said Creek, and the President be and he is authorized to draw for same.

Any law or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th. 1891.

Resolution providing for laying out and running a road from the

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

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

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to enter into arrangements with any responsible person or persons to have a road surveyed and opened from the main road in Upper Sassy Town, or in Congo Town to Fendall, Louisiana, to be not less than sixteen feet wide, and to build bridges of durable poles across the Creeks which said road passes through.

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th. 1891

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

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

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution the sum of Two thousand and three hundred dollars be and the sum is hereby appropriated to assist the

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

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

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

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 16th. 1891.

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

Therefore it is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature Assembled :

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, all aborigines whatsoever, returning from any foreign Port or place as common laborers, shall not be required to pay duty or tax upon any merchandise whatsoever, Guns, Powder and other ammunition, Tobacco and Alcoholic Liquors excepted.

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

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 23 1891.

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

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

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the President be and he is hereby authorized to purchase as soon as possible, a Steam Vessel, of not less than Two hundred and fifty Tons Burthen, to be armed for the protection of the Government. The President shall have the power to appoint one Agent to proceed to England or any other foreign port to purchase the said Steam vessel, and guns of sufficient size for the accommodation of the vessel aforesaid, or he may negotiate and contract for the purpose of carrying into effect

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

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

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

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

Approved January 23 1891.

Joint Resolution respecting Public Records.

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

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to procure a sufficient number of blank books, properly ruled, paged and labelled with an Index to each, and that each be bound in leather.

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

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

Approved January 23. 1891.

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

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

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 28rd. 1891.

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

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

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution a Special Election shall be held in the City of Greenville, in the County of Sinoe, on the Second Tuesday in March A. D. 1891. And the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court is hereby authorized to appoint Judges and Clerks for said Election according to law, to elect a Mayor, Four Aldermen, and Five Common Councilmen.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23. 1891.

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

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and required to put into proper repair the Light House of Monrovia.

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

Approved Jany. 23. 1891.

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

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

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

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution the sum of one hundred and seventy five Dollars be and the same is hereby specially appropriated for William Henry Taylor school Teacher at Bexley, for his efficient and faithful services in teaching the Children of said locality during the year 1890.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23. 1891.

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

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23. 1891.

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

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

That from and after the passage of this resolution, there be appropriated the sum of Forty five Dollars as an Annual pension for Ceasar Kingsly.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23. 1891.

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

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 29th, 1891.

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

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

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be lawful for Merchants or Traders, Liberians or Foreigners resident in Sinoe County, to conduct trade and establish factories along the banks of the Sinoe River on Public domain, within one quarter of a mile distant from said river, as

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

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 1891.

Joint Resolution endowing Scholarships in Liberia College.

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

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

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

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 1891.

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

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

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the Secretary of the Treasury be and he hereby authorized to enter into arrangements with any person or persons to carry into execution the provisions of this Act as follows :

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

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

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

Any laws or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29th. 1891.

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

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, that two fifths of the Revenue arising from Imports and Exports in each of the Counties of this Republic be, and the same is hereby set apart for the support of the General Government and the other three fifths shall be used for County purposes in carrying out the requirements of the Appropriation bill.

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

Approved January 1891.

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

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

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

Sec. 1. That there be appropriated the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for the purpose of assisting the citizens of Paynesville in building a bridge and causeway through a large swamp which separates Old Congo Town from Paynesville.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 1891.

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

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

Sec. 1. That there be appropriated the sum of One Hundred and forty dollars, for the purpose of assisting the citizens of Farmersville, Sinoe County, in throwing up a Levee across the large swamp situated and lying between the Settlement of Farmersville and Po River.

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.