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An Act to close the Port of Entry at River Cess, Grand Bassa County.

Whereas this Port of Entry has for some years past ceased to be of any benefit to the Government,

And whereas it is a needless expense to continue a Custom Office at that Port, there being no Imports or Exports by foreign vessels to or from said Port,

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the passage of this Act,—The Act entitled An Act creating a Port of Entry at River Cess be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th. 1892.

An Act to repeal so much of an Act, requiring Constables, and other collecting officers at Robertsport to make their report to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas Montserrado County in common with others, Approved January 1st, 1885.

Whereas from the apparent disadvantages to the Government in having Constables and other collecting officers at Robertsport to report quarterly their doings to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas ; And whereas said reports of Constables and all such collecting officers could be made to the Provisional Monthly and Probate Court of Robertsport ; Therefore ;

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, all Constables and Tax Collectors residing in or near Robertsport and Talla or parts adjacent shall report Monthly their doings to the Provisional Monthly Court of Robertsport.

SEC. 2. That all reports of Constables and Tax Collectors,

and such that have been made to report to said Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas, shall be endorsed by the Chairman of the Provisional Monthly and Probate Court as correct, and said report shall be forwarded quarterly to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, Montserrade County.

SEC. 2. That after the endorsing of said reports of Constables and Tax Collectors by the Chairman, the same shall be countersigned by the Clerk of Court officially, he receiving for each report by countersigning, the fee of fifty cents.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 18. 1892.

An Act granting the Zion Grove Association, Baptist Mission of Sinoe County, Two hundred acres of land on the Joeyah Road, in the aforesaid 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, Two hundred acres of land, be, and are hereby granted to the Zion Grove Association, Baptist Mission, Sinoe County, in that section of Country, in the County of Sinoe known as the Joeyah Section, on the main road to the interior.

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18. 1892.

Resolution providing for the surveying and plotting of the Town of Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount.

Whereas the lands as surveyed and laid out in the Town of Robertsport being improperly done, and which often is the cause of contentions between the citizens as to the original landmarks; Therefore:

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

SEC. 1. That the President be and he is hereby requested to employ a competent Surveyer for the purpose of surveying and plotting, and to put in order the land Records of said Town.

For this purpose the sum of Five hundred Dollars is hereby appropriated to be paid out of the Local Government funds.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18, 1892.

Joint Resolution for the completion of cleaning Jay Creek in the County of Grand Bassa.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$ 200.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to complete the cleaning of said Jay Creek, Benson River.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1892.

Joint Resolution for cleaning out Mechlin River in the County of Grand Bassa.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Two thousand (\$ 2000.00) dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the cleaning out of said Mechlin River infested with rocks, trees and other obstructions.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1892.

Joint Resolution making appropriation, for 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 six hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Inauguration of the President and Vice President elect January 4th, 1892.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act creating a Native African Bureau, and Supplementing "An Act authorizing the appointment of Shipping Masters at the several ports of Entry in Liberia."

Whereas the objects of the law, "An Act authorizing the appointment of Shipping Masters at the several Ports of Entry in Liberia are not fully met, and its requirements are frequently avoided; therefore.

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

SEC. 1. That after the passage of this Act a Native African Shipping Bureau is created and shall be in charge of an officer to be styled General Shipping Agent. The Shipping Masters of the ports shall be under his control and direction, they shall make quarterly reports to him of the business of their office, and do and perform all other acts as may from time to time be required of them. It shall be the duty of the General Shipping Agent to examine and keep all reports received from the Shipping Masters, supervise them in their duties, and see that the requirements of law are faithfully fulfilled, make such regulations as shall secure system and facility in the work of the Bureau, and shall have authority to do all other acts and things necessary to secure a prompt obedience to the laws regulating the Shipping of native laborers. He shall keep in proper books a record of the name of all laborers who leave for other parts, of what tribe and locality, probable age, for what term engaged, dates of shipment, name of shipper and name of steam or sail vessel, and to what destination; when returned, from whence and to what port, date of arrival and name of ship; he shall keep as well a list of deaths, occurring during absence and at what place or places. A summary of these facts must be published annually as other public printing and reported to the Legislature at each regular Session, with such recommendations as he may deem proper. He shall also keep a proper record in a book of all correspondence. The General Shipping Agent shall receive a salary of Four Hundred Dollars per annum.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, That Section 1st. of "An Act authorizing the appointment of Shipping Masters at the several ports of entry in Liberia," be, and the same is hereby repealed amended so as to make it the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish each Shipping Master with suitable blank forms by them to be filled out in duplicate with the information already required of them by law to be registered in their shipping book on every occasion when native Africans are shipped at their office. Said list shall also contain the certificate to be signed by the master, owner, agent or supercargo, in which shall be expressed the existing requirements on his or their part as contained in Section 2nd. and 6th, as well as the amount of fine limited in said latter Section.

X SEC. 3. That section 2nd. of the above entitled Act is hereby amended to read: The Shipping Master shall collect a tax of two dollars in gold from every master, owner, agent or supercargo of every foreign vessel for every male shipped from any port of the Republic of Liberia, which he shall pay into the Treasury or Sub-Treasury; a receipt for the sum so paid in shall entitle him to receive seventy five cents for each person shipped, to be paid on presenting at the Treasury

Department a certificate from the General Shipping Agent as to the number of persons shipped.

SEC. 4. A consul shall be appointed who shall be a Liberian citizen, or foreign resident at the said point or place to the south of Liberia, whose duty it shall be in addition to the ordinary and usual duties of a consul, to receive all laborers of whatever class arriving within his jurisdiction from Liberia, have proper and lawful articles of agreement executed by those wishing to employ them, see that the stipulations of agreement are honestly and faithfully fulfilled, secure to them every right, privilege and immunity guaranteed by the laws of the Government under which they reside and by treaty (if any exists) between said government and Liberia: that they are fully paid up for their services and returned to the Liberian port from which they embarked: This section shall not be construed to forbid the appointment of more than one consul: the consular district of each shall be clearly described. These districts may be enlarged or abridged by the President as circumstances may render it necessary.

SEC. 5. The consular fees shall be as follows: For every certificate to an agreement the employer shall pay two dollars and fifty cents (\$ 2.50). For every certificate to a discharge list he shall pay one dollar and twenty five cents (\$ 1.25). For every return list one dollar (\$ 1.00) to be paid in gold by the Captain or other person who shipped the said laborers or the person representing him. For every certificate of death, desertion or other cause, the employer shall pay fifty cents (\$.50). Every discharge list shall state who have been discharged, terms of service of each, at what wages, and what amount had been paid to each. Every return list shall state, who are being returned, from whence, by whom, by what Steamer or vessel, on what date, and in what condition of health. On the signing of articles of agreement, the Consul shall receive for each labourer fifty cents (\$.50). For certificate to an invoice not exceeding fifty dollars, he shall receive fifty cents (\$.50); if exceeding fifty dollars, the fee shall be one dollar (\$ 1.00). The consular fees herein provided for shall in no case exceed the sums here named: If the fees in any consular district should prove excessive, the President shall have authority to fix a scale of fees lower than the fees already named.

SEC. 6. Each discharge list and return list shall be made out in duplicate: one shall be forwarded to the General Shipping Agent, and the other to the Shipping Master where the laborers are to be returned to Grand Bassa, Sinoe or Maryland. One of the shipping lists provided for in Section 1st. shall be forward by the Shipping Master to the consul within whose district the labourers are to arrive; the other to the General Shipping Agent.

SEC. 7. When any labourer is about to return home with goods wares, or merchandise an invoice of the same, in triplicate

shall be filed with the consul who shall forward one to the Secretary of the Treasury, and one to the Collector of Customs at the port of destination, both duly certified to. No goods, wares or merchandise imported by labourers under the Act, as the equivalent of their wages shall be subject to import duty, except guns of every description, powder (sporting powder in flasks not included) and quantities of one gallon, or more than one gallon of rum, gin, brandy or whiskey.

SEC. 8. Each shipping Master shall be provided by the Secretary of the Treasury with a safe and commodious boat and a set of oars, and he shall land all returned laborers with their luggage, goods, wares or merchandise. The expense of landing shall be paid immediately by the persons so landed, in default of which, the shipping Master shall have a lien upon the goods or articles landed.

The landing charges for boat and crew shall be the same as are usual to be paid at said port. A strict account of these expenses must be kept in a proper book and faithfully reported monthly to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the General Shipping Agent. Amounts collected for boat hire shall be paid immediately into the Treasury or Sub-Treasury. Any overcharge or misappropriation by any shipping master shall be deemed a misdemeanor and may subject him to dismissal at the request of the General Shipping Agent. Any regulation or rules, in addition to the general rules made by the General Shipping Agent, to secure a faithful and honest conformity to the provisions of this section, shall be lawful.

SEC. 9. Any violation of the provisions of this Act by any Captain or other person shipping labourers, shall subject him or them to the fine imposed in Section 6th, of An Act authorizing the appointment of shipping masters at the several ports of entry in Liberia; which violation shall be considered a misdemeanor. The labour to be performed by labourers, as intended by this Act, is that which pertains to commerce, agriculture, and other peaceful employments. The shipping of native Africans or other inhabitant of the Republic or of persons belonging to the far interior tribes or elsewhere, at the ports of entry, or elsewhere on the Liberian Coast, for foreign military service as soldiers, baggage-carriers, recruits or otherwise shall be unlawful and is hereby forbidden. Any such act shall be punishable as a high misdemeanor by any legal tribunal of the Republic of Liberia having competent jurisdiction. Any overt act or attempt on the part of any citizen or foreigner to induce any person to enlist shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term of not less than two years and a fine of ten thousand dollars by any court of competent jurisdiction. It shall be obligatory upon the Shipping Master to report to the County Attorney, or to the Attorney General any violation by any master, owner, supercargo or other person of the provision of this Act. For neglect of duty or any unlawful conduct on the part of any shipping master (not provided against in a previous section) he shall be indicted and on convic-

tion shall be fined in a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars according to the gravity of the offence.

Any labourer embarking from any port or ports of Liberia failing to comply with the provisions of this law and the Act which this supplements, shall pay the Consul double the amount required as a tax for shipping, and for every duty performed by the Consul in his behalf he shall pay double the fees allowed herein.

SEC. 10. The consul or consuls having been authorized to be appointed shall report quarterly all of his General Official acts to the Department of State, and transmit as well to the Secretary of the Treasury a financial report of all fees collected on whatever account, as well as every other matter relating to fiscal Affairs. He or they shall receive such further compensation as may be appropriated from year to year in the General appropriations.

Any law to the contrary is hereby abrogated.

Approved Janry. 19. 1892.

Joint Resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the First Session of the Twenty third 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 first Session of the Twenty third Legislature, of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *Sine die* on Saturday the Thirtieth day of January A. D. 1892.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1892.

A Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State, to accept the Invitation of the United States Government to co-operate in the International Columbian Exhibition to be held in the City of Chicago, A. D. 1893, and the appointment of Commissioners to the same.

Whereas the Government of the United States of America has through the U. S. Minister Resident near Monrovia, corresponded with the Republic of Liberia, requesting its co-operation in celebrating the Columbian Exhibition to take place in the year A. D. 1893 :—Therefore

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of State of the Republic of Liberia be, and he is hereby directed to inform the United States Government, that the Republic of Liberia, accepts the invitation, and will do all in its power to contribute to the interest of the Columbian Exhibition of 1893, and prays that space be allowed to the Liberian Government, in the Exposition Buildings.

SEC. 2. And it is further resolved, that the President of the Republic of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized to appoint two commissioners to the Columbian Exposition of the U. S. A in the usual way. The Commissioners shall receive as a compensation for their services the sum of one Thousand and five hundred dollars each.

SEC. 3. And it is further resolved that for the carrying in to effect of the provisions of this resolution : and for a proper representation of the products of the Republic of Liberia at said Exhibition, the sum of Seven Thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same under the warrant from the President, out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25. 1892.

Joint Resolution for the Educating in the Liberia College thirteen male youths.

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, there shall be annually appropriated the sum of Two thousand, and five hundred dollars for the support of Thirteen male youths in the Liberia College.

Sec. 2. Said youths coming from the different Counties of this Republic ; That is, one from the Saint Paul's River, one from Junk—Marshall, one from Careysburg district, one from Robertsport—Grand Cape Mount, three from Grand Bassa County, three from Sinoe County, and three from Maryland County for a Term of five years.

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

Approved January 25. 1892.

An Act to incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association in the County of Maryland.

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

SEC. 1. That J. S. Pratt, E. H. A. Dennis, C. H. Tascoc, Nathan Barnes, A. H. Dent, J. W. Gross, W. T. Smith, J. A. Neal, Allen Yancy, H. H. Evans, W. G. McKnight, J. T. Wilson, Wm. H. Yancy, S. W. Yancy, A. R. Harmon, J. W. Dent, H. H. Yancy, J. W. Yancy, W. J. Chase, D. W. Cain, R. A. Brewer, W. C. Tunning, J. A. Tull, James, S. Dent, J. W. Yates, J. R. Gibson, W. Hance, A. L. Gibson, E. J. Price, and all other persons who now are, or hereafter may become associated with them, are hereby constituted a Body Corporate by the name and

style of the Young Men's Christian Association of Cape Palmas, and by that name and style be capable of purchasing, holding, and conveying such real estate as the purpose of the corporation shall require.

SEC. 2. The objects of the said Corporation are charitable, and religious, designed for the improvement of the spiritual, mental, and social condition of the Young men in Maryland County, and for the propagation of the Gospel among the heathen.

SEC. 3. The said Corporation shall have power to do any, and all things which Corporate bodies are generally authorized to do by the laws of the Republic, to sue, and be sued, and to enjoy all immunities, and prerogatives granted by said laws, and provided by the Constitution, and Bye-laws they may think proper, provided always that said Constitution and Bye-laws do not conflict with this Charter, and with the laws of the Republic.

Approved January 25. 1892.

An Act amending the Charter of the City of Edina Grand Bassa County.

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 Edina be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic under the name and style of President, and Common Council of Edina, 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 Edina in whom all legislative power shall be vested, one of said members shall be Chairman of that body.

SEC. 3. The corporate bounds of the City of Edina shall be as expressed and defined in the Original Charter, within which the Corporation, 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 being made him by any Corporation officer: 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 fulfil contracts, take and hold real and personal estate, to the value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100.000) levy all such taxes as may be necessary for corporation purposes; and all necessary laws, and ordinances. Said body politic shall have full power to settle its own rules of proceedings, appoint its own officers, regulate its fees and all necessary acts not incompatible with the general laws of this Republic.

SEC. 5. The Corporation aforesaid, shall be required to appropriate three fourths of all monies arising from taxes, licenses, fines,

and forfeitures and from all other sources to measures of improvement in the Corporation or to purposes of benefit to the citizens and tax payers. The remainder one being fourth of the net revenue may if necessary be applied to the compensation of appointed officers of the municipal Government. Said corporation shall have the benefit of all taxes on real or personal estate within the Corporate bounds.

SEC. 6. All ordinances, and municipal laws established by the Common Council shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the President, if disapproved, his objections shall be made in writing to the Chairman of the Council within three days, and if not returned within that time 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 President's approval.

SEC. 7. The election of Charter Officers, shall take place annually on the second Tuesday in March excepting that of the President which shall be biennial and shall be conducted according to the law governing election, 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 President, or other authorized Corporation officers at the expense of the Corporation make all necessary arrangements for and be present during all elections the same as required in elections under the general government. The return of all elections shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Common Council, excepting the return 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 they being so notified shall convene at the time ordered by law, as Common Councilmen, determine the election of its members, count the votes for President and declare who is thereby elected in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

SEC. 8. The election of Charter Officers of the Municipal Government shall be a President, and five Common Councilmen, all of whom shall hold their office for the term of two years, unless vacated by resignation, removal or death; vacancies shall be supplied by special election, to be ordered by the President, and in case of his resignation, removal or death, by the Chairman of the Council, none of whom shall receive any compensation for their services. No person shall be eligible to the office of President, who is not a resident of the City of Edina, and who does not possess unincumbered real estate to the value of five hundred dollars. No person shall be a Common Councilmen who is not a resident of the City of Edina, and who does not possess unincumbered real estate to the value of one hundred dollars, and no person who does not possess real estate and reside in the City of Edina shall be allowed to vote.

SEC. 9. The appointed officers of the Municipal Government, shall be one Recorder, one Treasurer, one Market Clerk who shall act as inspector of weights and measures, one or more Tax Col-

lectors, one or more magistrates, one or more Street Commissioners, and a suitable number of Policemen, all of whom shall be nominated, and with the advice, and consent of the Common Council, be annually appointed and Commissioned by the President. The duties of said appointed Officers, shall from time to time, as occasion may demand, be specified, and determined upon by the Common Council.

SEC. 10. The stated meetings of the Common Council shall be the third Tuesday in March, June, September and December in each year, and occasional meetings shall be regulated by the ordinances of the City. 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 of its members, and the members so expelled shall by such expulsion forfeit all his rights, and powers as a Councilman, the President may when actually necessary, or in case of extreme necessity, call a Session of the Council not however to exceed five days.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the President to communicate to the council quarterly a general statement of the situation, and condition of the Corporation in relation to its Government, finances and improvements, to recommend to the adoption of the, Common Council, all such Measures connected with the Police, the security of health, cleanliness and ornament of the City, and the improvement of its Government, and finances, as he shall deem expedient. He shall be Chief Executive Magistrate of the Corporation, 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 corporation. He may when actually necessary for the suppression of Mobs, Riots, Quarrelling, or insurrection of whatever nature order out the Militia within said Corporate bounds which shall by force and arms compel those engaged in such Mobs, Riots, quarrelling, insurrection to obedience the President alone being responsible for the abuse of this power; 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 presented to him, by the Charter, and Corporation, ordinances, and the laws of the Republic of Liberia.

SEC. 12. Whenever there be vacancy in the office of the President and whenever the President shall be absent from the Corporation, the Chairman of the Common Council shall possess all the rights and powers of the President during such vacancy or absence.

SEC. 13. No money shall be drawn from the Corporation 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 Corporation treasury except accompanied by the signature of the President.

SEC. 14. No money shall be expended by the Corporation for any procession, or entertainment of any kind except for the celebrating of the anniversary of the National Independence, unless by the unanimous vote of the President and Common Council.

SEC. 15. All officers, or other persons to whom the receipts, or expenditures of the funds of the Corporation 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. 16. Any officer of the Municipal Government, or any person or persons employed in any department thereof who shall wilfully violate any the provisions of this Charter, or commit fraud, or convert any of the Public property to his use, or knowingly permit any other so to convert it, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and in addition to penalties imposed by law, shall forfeit his office and be excluded forever after from receiving or holding any office under the Corporation Charter.

SEC. 17. The common jail of the County of Grand Bassa, now situated in the City of Buchanan upperward, shall be at the service of the Corporation authorities at any time that the use thereof shall be deemed necessary to the maintainance of the Public peace and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, or his deputy shall be subject to the order of the President in all cases, in which for the Public peace and security, his services shall be demanded.

SEC. 18. That all monies arising from licenses, petty fines, poll taxes ect. within the Corporation bounds of the City of Edina shall be, and the same is hereby appropriated, and made payable to the Corporation authorities, for the use and purposes of said Corporation.

SEC. 19. If this Charter shall be found inconsistent 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. 20. The Monthly Court of the County of Grand Bassa, shall be authorized and requested to appoint Judges, and Clerks for every stated Corporation election, said Judges and Clerks, to be notified by the Clerk of said Court, the monthly Court shall be authorized and requested to take such steps, as will carry out the provisions of this Charter.

SEC. 21. Said Corporation shall have power to sell any property within its bounds, the owners of which, shall have failed to clean said property of all bush, after being requested to do so, three separate and distinct times by the said Corporation authorities. All such sales of property, shall in every respect be valid.

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

Approved January 27. 1892.

Joint Resolution, relating to Immigration

Whereas in the opinion of the Legislature of Liberia, some measure should be adopted to encourage Negro Immigration to this country, in order to colonize our unoccupied Territory thereby avoiding international questions and disputes, as regards our Sovereignty over certain portions of our Coast as well as interior possessions, and also in view of the long, and indefatigable efforts of the American Colonization Society in the cause of Liberia, it is meet and proper that this Government should in some way recognize the noble, and philanthropic service rendered this country for the past Seventy years by the said Society,

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

SEC. 1. That the American Colonization Society of the City of Washington, District of Columbia, in the United States of America be, and it is hereby granted an annuity of Six Thousand dollars in gold to aid them in sending Negro immigrants to Liberia, and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized under the direction of the President, to pay to the said Society the aforementioned sum in America.

SEC. 2. It is further Resolved, that all immigrants coming to to Liberia under this arrangement shall be subject to disposal, as regards location by this Government, and shall in all cases be distributed alternately in equal numbers in the four counties of this Republic.

SEC. 3. It is further Resolved; that any person or persons, immigrating to Liberia, under the provisions of this Resolution, who may become dissatisfied, and desire to return to America, or to go elsewhere, shall in every case, refund to this Government in gold the sum paid for his, or her passage to Liberia together with any other expense that may have been incurred in sending them out, before he, she or they shall be allowed to depart.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27. 1892.

Joint Resolution authorizing a negotiation for the ratification of an Extradition Treaty between the Republic of Liberia, and Her Britannic Majesty's Government the Colony of Sierra Leone, Mannah Salijah and other British possessions on the North-west.

Whereas the boundary of the Republic of Liberia on the North-west is conterminous to that of Mannah Salijah in British Territory in Mannah River dividing the same from the Republic of Liberia as apportioned, and from the proximity of the two Governments to each other, criminals without that due restraint guaranteed by law are continually crossing and recrossing, and whereas it becomes the duty of all christian nations to ignore crime and to punish the perpetrator.

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 president be, and he is authorized to enter into suitable negotiations with Her Majesty's Government for the ratification of an Extradition Treaty between the Republic of Liberia and the British Colonies on the North-west.

SEC. 2. That said Treaty shall be entered into and made by the Representatives of the two Governments, at whatever place appointed and to be ratified according to the law governing treaties.

SEC. 3. That for the carrying into effect the provisions of this Resolution, the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia for the sum of Five hundred dollars.

SEC. 4. That said Representatives shall be fully commissioned with Plenary powers from their several Governments to act in such negotiations, and that the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint and commission a suitable Representative to meet in conference, on any subject appointed by Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

Any law or parts of of law conflicting with the same is hereby repealed.

Approved January 28. 1892.

An Act providing for the registration of claims against the Government.

Whereas it is necessary for the better regulation of the affairs of Government that a sound financial policy should be inaugurated and pursued :

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause the Secretary of the Treasury to proceed at once to ascertain the amount of Treasury and Sub-Treasury Notes, Bonds, Audited Bills, and any and all other script representing government indebtedness, now in the hands of citizens, merchants and traders, either foreign or domestic originating since the passage of the consolidation Act of A. D. 1880.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that for the facilitating of the object of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President shall immediately issue circulars, requesting all persons holding any species of the above-named obligations, to present the same to the Superintendents of the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoo, and Maryland, whose duty it shall be to register in a book specially provided for the purpose, all such

claims, noting the date of the issue, by whom issued, the amount, and on what account issued, numbering each claim, under its appropriate account, in the order of presentation beginning in each account with number (1) one and continuing onward in regular numerical order.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted, that in the County of Montserado, the citizens and others interested in this Act shall apply to the Superintendent nearest to the Settlement in which they may reside, for the purpose of registration as aforesaid.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted: the circular having been previously issued, and published throughout the Republic, that each Superintendent shall commence the duty of registration on the 15th day of February of the current year, and continue if necessary, until the 30th day of June next following.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted, that each claim so registered, shall be endorsed by the Superintendent, with the number, date of registration, and his official signature, after which be returned to the holder.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted, that immediately after the 30th of June, aforesaid, each Superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury, a certified copy of the claims thus registered by him, and the Secretary of the Treasury, shall cause the same to be recorded in a book or in books specially set apart for the purpose, the same to form part of the archives of his office, for future guide in the disbursement on account of Outstanding Claims and other special appropriations.

SEC. 7. It is further enacted, that any and all claims, not presented for registration according to the provisions of this Act, shall be forever barred, and are hereby declared null and void both at law and in Equity.

SEC. 8. It is further enacted, that during the progress of registration, should any Superintendent have cause to doubt the legality and validity of any purported claims for want of the proper evidence which the law requires, said Superintendent shall take a special note of the same with full particulars to be gathered from the face of the instrument, endorse the same with the word "Doubtful," sign officially, and return to the holder, and in his report to the Treasury Department as aforesaid, call the special attention of the Secretary to the same, who shall under the direction of the President, proceed to investigate the same, and then submit the result of such investigation to the next Session of the Legislature, for action thereupon. The Secretary of the Treasury, shall also make a full report of the Government indebtedness as above obtained, to the next Session of the Legislature of 1892 & 3.

SEC. 9. It is further enacted, that the Secretary of the Treasury in the execution of the duties herein named, may issue such blank forms, as he may deem most suitable and convenient, requiring the several Superintendents to follow the same in forwarding their reports to his Department.

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

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Resolution authorizing and designating a site on the west side of Norris Road, in the County of Maryland for a Pest House.

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

SEC. 1. That two acres of land situated on the west side of Norris road forty rods from the North side of Hance road, owned by James W. Ashton, citizen of said County, be and the same piece of land is hereby designated as a Pest site, and that the previous site which was used as a pest site, be and the same is hereby let to James W. Aston.

SEC. 2. That the Superintendent of said County be, and he is hereby authorized to cause the lawful conveyance of the aforesaid site or piece of land to be conveyed to the aforesaid James W. Ashton.

SEC. 3. Any Resolution to the contrary be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved Jany. 19. 1893.

Joint Resolution paying a Judicial claim of A. D. Williams of Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That immediately after the passage of this Resolution the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay to A. D. Williams of Montserrado County the sum of three hundred and fifty eight dollars and fifty cents without interest as the one fold due him growing out of Judicial sentence of one Doe who was duly sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Montserrado County in the year 1884.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 20. 1894.

An Act making the payment of import duties in gold, and the payment of export duties in currency or gold.

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, all import duties, upon goods and merchandise imported within this Republic, whether specific or ad valorem, shall be assessed, collected and paid in gold, and that the export duties upon all African produce upon which a duty is assessed, shall be collected and paid in Liberian currency or gold.

SEC. 2. That after the passage of this Act, one fourth of all the currency received into the Treasury Department, shall be destroyed quarterly by the Sub-Treasurer of each County, on the first day of the meeting of the Court of Quarter Sessions in each County in the presence of the Grand Jury of said County, the Judge of the aforesaid Court having first caused the Clerk of said Court to count said Currency, and to note the same upon the Journal of the Court. He shall also give to said Sub-Treasurer, duplicate receipts of the amounts of said one-fourth currency destroyed, and the said Sub-Treasurer shall transmit one of said receipts to the Secretary of the Treasury with his report, and said receipt shall be his voucher, and be placed to his credit as the one fourth of the currency paid into his office during that quarter. The remaining three-fourths of currency paid into the Treasury Department, shall be applied exclusively to the payment of interest on Bonds, and in redemption of all Bonds created by the consolidation act of 1880.

SEC. 3. That any revenue officer or officers of the Treasury Department, violating the provisions of this act, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars, recoverable before any of the Admiralty Courts of this Republic within the County that said violation may take place.

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

Approved Jan'y. 20. 1893.

Joint Resolution declaring certain claims presented by J. S. Smith of Grand Bassa, for account of Pension of Ex-President Gardner, a nullity - the same having been already paid

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

SEC. 1. That the Warrants dated July 30th 1883, July 16th 1884 and May 21st 1884, signed by Ex-President A. F. Russell, for five hundred dollars, and two hundred and fifty dollars each signed by Ex-President H. R. W. Johnson, in favor of Ex-President Gardner, are not *bona fide* and just claims against this Republic as the Secretary of the Treasury's orders accompanying

are hereby declared a nullity.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 20. 1893.

Joint Resolution providing for the education of Twelve Native youths from the collection of interior taxes and the Keeping o peace on the Public Highway to the interior of this Republic.

Whereas it is very desirable that light and knowledge be disseminated among the aboriginal inhabitants of our interior; and whereas it is difficult for the Government to keep up public schools in the interior, And whereas Rick's Institute at the Zodokie Station in Montserrado County is established for the education and proper training of Americo-Liberians, as well as the native African which in comparison is far superior to that which is obtained at the Public Schools.

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 interior be and he is hereby authorized under warrant of the President to obtain twelve native youths that is three from each County and place them at Rick's Institution for education and training under the rules and regulations of said Institute.

SEC. 2. That the sum of Twelve hundred dollars is appropriated for the support and tuition of the aforesaid native youths at Ricks Institute and the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw warrants for the aforesaid sum of money and cause the same to be paid to the proper officer of said Institute out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior shall have the interior of each County laid off into districts, take the census of every district, appoint a head-man to each district, and cause him to become responsible for every male inhabitant of his district, who fails to pay the lawful poll tax to the tax collector appointed as such Collector.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to to lay before the President a true account of the number of male inhabitants of each district who shall appoint a tax collector over each district, causing them to enter into bond to double the amount of taxes to be collected by each of them.

SEC. 5. The several collectors under this resolution shall give the headman of his district a clear receipt for the amount of taxes collected by him in his district, and said receipts shall be presented to the Secretary of the Treasury to be compared with said collectors reports.

SEC. 6. The aforesaid collectors shall render quarterly reports to the Superintendent of their County showing all moneys paid into the Sub-Treasury during the year to be compared with the

SEC. 7. Any Collector who may be found deficient in his accounts shall be deemed guilty of fraud, and upon conviction for said offence before any court of Justice having jurisdiction in such cases, his bond shall be forfeited and he shall be dismissed from the office of interior tax collector, and pay all costs of the case.

SEC. 8. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Janry. 20. 1893.

An Act to increase the number of Regiments in 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 after the passage of this act the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the Republic of Liberia shall be fully authorized and requested to organize the fifth Regiment of the army out of the first Regiment as follows :

The fifth Regiment shall be composed of the Militia and Volunteer companies in Clay-Ashland, Louisianna, Millsburg, Harrisburg, Arthington, Muhlenburg White Plains, Robertsville, Crozerville, Bensonville, and Careysburg, and other settlements that are now or may hereafter be formed in that region.

SEC. 2. That the fifth regiment as soon as it shall be organized shall enjoy all the rights and immunities enjoyed by other regiments in this Republic and shall be subject to all the laws, commands rules and orders to which other regiments are subject.

SEC. 3. The regimental and monthly parades of the fifth regiment shall be the same time as the regimental and monthly parades of the first regiment and shall take place alternately at Millsburg and Crozerville.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 20. 1893.

✓ Joint Resolution authorizing the Exchange of Liberian Currency for bonds and the payment of the interest upon the same.

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 all holders of Liberia Currency shall have the option of registering the same on or before the 30th day of September 1893 and all holders of not less than fifty dollars shall have the right to exchange the said currency for bonds payable in gold and bearing interest of 3% three per cent annually redeemable at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Treasury after three years, said interest as well as the redemption of all currency bonds, to be in gold, and payable by the Treasurer, or Sub-Treasurer of

tendent of any of the Counties within this Republic. The Secretary of the Treasury shall prepare said bonds to be signed by the Secretary of the Treasury, duly registered upon the Book of the Treasury Department.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 21. 1893.

An Act to incorporate the Independent Congregational Church of Greenville Sinoe County.

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

SEC. 1st. That from and after the passage of this act, James K. P. Greene, Pastor, Perry A. Greene, Jesse E. Harris, Peter Greene, and Z. B. Brown, Deacons, Z. T. Greene H. Maccaulay, and W. E. Harris' trustees Z. T. Greene, Church Clerk and other members of the Independent Congregational Church of Greenville Sinoe County are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic to have a perpetual succession by the name of Independent Congregational Church of Sinoe, with power to take hold, posses and enjoy real and personal estate, by grant, purchase, or otherwise, and to convey the same whenever the circumstances of said body shall make it conducive to its interest, in an amount not exceeding Ten thousand dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity in the Republic and to do all other acts and things, that is done by similar 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 Jany, 20. 1893.

Joint Resolution restoring John L. Green of Maryland County to citizenship.

Being satisfied that it is proper to relieve persons who are penitent for previous violation of law.

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 John L. Green of Maryland County be and he is hereby restored to all the rights, privileges and and immunities of any good citizen of this Republic.

SEC. 2. Any resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 21. 1893.

An Act entitled an Act to amend an Act regulating the Militia organization discipline and pay, and to repeal the bounty land Act.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the fourteenth section of the above entitled Act be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read, whenever the Militia, or any portion thereof shall be called into actual service, the pay of a private soldier shall be twelve dollars per month. Corporals shall receive fourteen dollars per month, Sergeants shall receive seventeen dollars per month, Ensigns shall receive nineteen dollars per month. Lieutenants shall receive twenty dollars per month, Captains shall receive twenty five dollars per month, Majors shall receive thirty dollars per month, Lieutenant Colonels shall receive thirty seven dollars per month, Colonels shall receive forty dollars per month, and the Brigade General shall receive forty four dollars per month; but the rations of each soldier shall remain the same as prescribed in the above named section.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that no person shall receive pay as a soldier, unless he shall have been mustered into the service of the nation as hereinafter prescribed. That is, the commanding Officer of each regiment shall appoint a suitable person, whose duty it shall be to muster into the services every soldier, who is to serve in the Army, by administering to each soldier an oath or affirmation to the effect that he will discharge the duties of a soldier, obey his superior officers, and continue in the Army of the nation until regularly discharged. In all cases the enlisting officer shall take in writing, the name, age, complexion, height, and occupation of the soldier, and to which County he belongs at the time of enlistment.

SEC. 3. That each soldier who shall serve twenty days or more in the Army of the nation upon being discharged from the Army shall be furnished with a printed certificate of discharge, which shall describe him according to the description given by the enlisting Officer; and said certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such service and honorable discharge.

SEC. 4. It further enacted that the Act granting bounty land to soldiers be and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 21. 1893.

Joint Resolution authorizing the payment of the heir of James C. Gittens, Estate the sum of One hundred and fifty six dollars and sixteen cents.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of one hundred and fifty six dol-

lars and sixteen cents and the same is hereby appropriated to pay a claim of the heir of James C. Gittens. That is to say, sixty one dollars for his principal, and ninety five dollars and sixteen cents for his interest, making the above named amount, one hundred and fifty six dollars and sixteen cents.

SEC. 2. That the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw out of any monies in the public Treasury of this Republic not otherwise appropriated, and cause said amount of one hundred and fifty six dollars, and sixteen cents to be paid over to the heirs of the Estate of the aforementioned James C. Gittens.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany 21 1893.

Joint Resolution granting the Citizens of Bexley, Hartford, and Fortsville in Bassa County money to build bridges and throw up causeways.

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 One thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to assist the citizens of Bexly, Hartford, and Fortsville in building a bridge across Jackson's Creek in Bexley and one across Monroe's Creek between Bexley and Hartford and one across Zion's Creek in Fortsville, and to throw up causeways across the swamp.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to build a bridge across a large Creek between Hartford and the settlement east of Hartford, and that the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Sub-Treasury of Grand Bassa County under warrant of the President for the above amount, out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 21. 1893.

✓ Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to negotiate for the loan of Thirty thousand dollars to carry out effectually the purposes of the South East expedition of Cape Palmas.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this resolution the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized to enter into suitable negotiations with any merchant or merchants, foreign or domestic, for the a-

amount of Thirty thousand dollars to carry an expedition against the Half Cavallians at Cape Palmas.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to negotiate for the loan of an amount of money from any merchant or merchants as above mentioned sufficient to pay all and every expense of the present session of the Legislature and the Supreme Court of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 21. 1893.

An Act to Incorporate the first Baptist Church in Upper Buchanan Grand Bassa County.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Henry Butler, William Jones, Ishmael P. Harris, James A. M. Peters, and all other members worshipping in the Church edifice called the first Baptist Church in Upper Buchanan Grand Bassa County, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic to have a perpetual succession by the name of the first Baptist Church of Upper Buchanan Grand Bassa County with power to take, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal estate by grant purchase or otherwise and to convey the same whenever the circumstances of said body shall make it conducive to its interest in an amount of Fifty Thousand dollars, and to have the privilege to sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity in this Republic and to do all other acts and things done by similar 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 Jany. 24 1893.

An Act to regulate the Importation and sale of Fire-arms and Ammunition.

Whereas the Republic of Liberia has expressed its adhesion to the General Act signed at Brussels on the second day of July eighteen hundred and ninety by the Plenipotentiaries of the United States of America, and Powers of Europe for the repression of the slave trade in Africa, and the restriction of the importation in to, and sale of fire-arms, ammunition and spiritous liquors in Africa within certain defined limits by the ratification of the same by the Senate in the exercise of its constitutional executive powers on first day of December Eighteen hundred and ninety two.

Therefore,

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

SEC. 1. That in order to meet the provisions of the General act referred to and to facilitate the observance of the terms thereof, the importation of firearms especially of Rifles and improved weapons for accurate or swift firing as well as of powder balls, caps, and cartridges is forbidden except for individual use in the case of persons furnishing sufficient evidence that such weapons and ammunition shall not be given assigned or sold to any of the native tribes or any member of these tribes or others who would themselves or by subsequent sale transfer such arms or ammunition to the class of persons forbidden by this Act.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that ordinary trade powder and flint lock musket with unrifled barrels may be imported for sale as heretofore and under no greater restrictions. The sale of all accurate firing and repeating arms such as rifles magazine guns or breach loaders whether whole or in detached pieces, their cartridges, Caps, or other ammunition intended for them shall be under the following restrictions; One such arms and the ammunition therefor may be sold to any Liberian soldier, officer, or any citizen exempt by law from military duty either from age or other causes be given the merchant or seller a memorandum in the following words Purchased from (insert name of seller) one (insert name and description of the arm) for (state whether for sale or acting as buyer for some one else) this (give date in full. This memorandum must be signed and left with the seller who shall report monthly to the Collector of Customs of the Port the number of such arms sold during the month and the quantity of ammunition accompanying said report with the memorandum received from each purchaser, any failure to forward genuine memoranda for arms sold equal to the number reported must be reported by the Collector to a Justice of the Peace who shall be authorized to issue the proper process and try the party, who on conviction shall be fined in a sum equal to the price at which said arm or arms in excess of memoranda were sold with all cost.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that any person bartering or selling any such arms to any of the natives tribes, or any member of these tribes, or one whose name is not upon the muster roll or if muster free is the owner of real estate in fee simple, he shall be indicted for a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars and shall pay all costs of prosecution, or may be fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court according to the gravity of the case and in proportion to the importance of the infraction. Any such arm found in the possession of any person or member of a native tribe as just described, shall be seized and sold at public Auction to the highest bidder, and such person shall be a competent witness to inform and tea-

tify against the person from whom he procured said arm.
Any law to the contrary be and the same is hereby repealed.
Approved Jan. 24. 1893.

EXTRADITION ACT.

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 same shall be cited as The Extradition Act. 1893.

SEC. 2. Where an arrangement has by treaty been made with any foreign State, with respect to the surrender to such state, of any fugitive Criminal; The President may direct by proclamation that this act shall apply in the case of such foreign State.

SEC. 3. Every such order by proclamation shall recite or embody the terms of the arrangement, and shall not remain in force for any longer period than the arrangement.

SEC. 4. Every such order shall be laid before the Legislature at its next meeting for their information.

SEC. 5. No fugitive criminal shall be surrendered for any offence not embodied in section 21st of Act.

SEC. 6. No fugitive criminal shall be surrendered to a foreign state unless by arrangement made with said foreign state as provided for in the second section of this Act.

SEC. 7. A fugitive Criminal who has been accused of some offence within the jurisdiction of Liberia not being the offence for which his surrender is asked, or his undergoing sentence under any conviction in Liberia, shall not be surrendered until after he has been discharged whether by acquittal or on the expiration of his sentence or otherwise.

SEC. 8. A fugitive criminal shall not be surrendered to any foreign State within the time limited in the arrangement made with said State, commencing from the date of his being committed to prison to await his surrender.

SEC. 9. When this act applies in the case of any foreign State, every fugitive criminal of the State, who is in, or suspected of being in any part of Liberian territory, or that part which is specified in the order applying this Act (as the case may be) shall be liable to be apprehended and surrendered in manner provided by this Act, whether the crime in respect of which the surrender is sought was committed before or after the date of the order, and whether there is, or is not any concurrent jurisdiction in any Court of Liberia over that crime.

SEC. 10. A requisition for the surrender of a fugitive criminal of any foreign State who is in, or suspected of being in the territory of Liberia, shall be made to the Secretary of State, by some person recognized by the Secretary of State, as a diplomatic representative of that foreign State. The Secretary of State may, by order under his hand and seal, signify to a Magistrate that such requisition has been made, and require him to issue his

warrant for the apprehension of the fugitive criminal. If the Secretary of State is of opinion that the offender is one of a political character, he may, if he think fit, refuse to send any such order, and may also at any time order a fugitive criminal accused or convicted of such offence to be discharged from custody.

SEC. 11. A warrant for the apprehension of a fugitive criminal whether accused or convicted of crime, who is in, or suspected of being in the territory of Liberia, may be issued by a Magistrate, on the receipt of the said order of the Secretary of State, or on such evidence as would in his opinion justify the issue of the warrant, if the crime had been committed or the criminal convicted in Liberia.

SEC. 12. A fugitive criminal apprehended on a warrant issued without the order of the Secretary of State, shall be discharged by the Magistrate, unless the Magistrate, within such reasonable time, as with reference to the circumstances of the case he may fix, receive from the Secretary of the State an order signifying that a requisition has been made for the surrender of such criminal.

SEC. 13. When a fugitive criminal is brought before the Magistrate, the Magistrate shall hear the case in the same manner, and have the same jurisdiction and powers as near as may be, as if the prisoner were brought before him, charged with an indictable offence committed in Liberia. The Magistrate shall receive any evidence which may be tendered to show that the crime of which the prisoner is accused or alleged to have been convicted, is an offence of a political character, or is not an extradition crime.

SEC. 14. In the case of fugitive criminal accused of an extradition crime, if the foreign warrant authorizing the arrest of such criminal is duly authenticated, and such evidence is produced as (subject to the provisions of this Act) would, according to the law of Liberia justify the committal for trial of the prisoner, if the crime of which he is accused had been committed in Liberia, the Magistrate shall commit him to prison but otherwise, shall order him to be discharged. In the case of a fugitive criminal alleged to have been convicted of an extradition crime, if such evidence is produced as (subject to the provisions of this Act,) would, according to the law of Liberia, prove that the prisoner was convicted of such crime, the Magistrate shall commit him to prison, but otherwise, shall order him to be discharged. If he commit such criminal to prison he shall commit him to the County jail within his jurisdiction, there to await the warrant of the Secretary of State for his surrender, and shall forthwith send to the Secretary of State a certificate of the committal and such report upon the case as he may think fit.

SEC. 15. If a Magistrate commit a fugitive criminal to prison, he shall inform such criminal that he will not be surrendered until after the expiration of the time agreed upon in the arrangement; (see sec. 8) and that he has a right to apply for a writ of Habeas Corpus upon the expiration of the said time or, if a writ of Habeas Corpus is issued, after the decision of the Court

of conviction purports to be certified by a Judge, Magistrate, or officer of the foreign state where the conviction took place if in every case the warrants, deposition, statements, copies, certificates and Judicial documents as the case may be, are authenticated by the oath of some witness or by being sealed with the official seal of the minister of Justice or some other Minister of State and all courts of Justice, Justices and magistrates shall take judicial notice of such official seal, and shall admit the documents so authenticated by it to be received in evidence without further proof.

DEFINITION OF TERMS.

SEC. 20. The term "Extradition crime" means a crime which if committed in Liberia would be one of the crimes described in the 21st. section of the Act.

The term "fugitive criminal" means any person accused or convicted of an extradition crime committed within the jurisdiction of any foreign state, who is in, or is suspected of being in some part of the territory of Liberia. And the term "fugitive criminal of a foreign State" means, a fugitive criminal accused or convicted of an extradition crime, committed within the jurisdiction of that state.

The term "Magistrate" means a Justice of the peace, or Magistrate of an incorporated city.

The the "Warrant," in the case of any foreign State includes any Judicial document authorizing the arrest of a person accused or convicted of crime.

SEC. 21, The following list of crimes is to be construed according to the law existing in Liberia, of the date of the alleged crimes, whether by common or by statute law made before or after the passage of this Act.

Murder, and attempt and conspiracy to murder, Manslaughter, counterfeiting and altering money, and uttering counterfeit or altered money.

Forgery, counterfeiting and altering and uttering what is forged or counterfeited or altered.

Embezzlement and Larceny.

Obtaining money or goods by false pretences. Crimes by bankrupts against bankruptcy law. Fraud by a bailee, banker Agent, factor, trustee, or director or member or public officer of any Company made criminal by any act for the time being in force.

Rape, Abduction, Child stealing, Burglary and house breaking Arson, Robbery with violence; Threats by letter or otherwise with intent to extort. Piracy by law of nations.

Sinking or destroying a vessel at sea or attempting or conspiring to do so. Assaults on board a ship on the high seas, with intent to destroy life or to do grievous bodily harm.

Revolt or conspiracy to revolt by two or more persons on board a ship, on the high seas against the authority of the Master.

SEC. 22. The Secretary of State shall issue the necessary

upon the return of the writ, as the case may be, or after such further period as may be allowed in either case by the Secretary of State, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of State by warrant under his hand, and seal, to order the fugitive criminal, if not delivered on the decision of the Court, to be surrendered to such person as may in his opinion be duly authorized to receive the fugitive criminal by the foreign State from which the requisition for the surrender proceeded, and such fugitive criminal shall be surrendered accordingly. It shall be lawful for any person to whom such warrant is directed, and for any person so authorized as aforesaid to receive, hold in custody, and convey within the jurisdiction of such foreign State the criminal mentioned in the warrant, and if the criminal escape out of any custody to which he may be delivered on or in pursuance of such warrant, it shall be lawful to retake him in the same manner as any person accused of any crime against the laws of Liberia may be taken upon an escape.

SEC. 16. If the fugitive criminal who has been committed to prison is not surrendered and conveyed out of Liberia within two months after such committal, or if a writ of Habeas Corpus is issued after the decision of the court upon the return of the writ, it shall be lawful for the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County where said Magistrate resides, upon application made to him by or on behalf of the criminal and upon proof that reasonable notice of the intention to make such application has been given to the Secretary of State to order the criminal to be discharged out of custody unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary.

SEC. 17. The warrant of the Magistrate issued in pursuance of this Act, may be executed in any part of Liberia in the same manner as if the same had been originally issued or subsequently indorsed by a Justice of the peace, having jurisdiction in the place, where the same is executed, and may be returned to the nearest Magistrate.

SEC. 18. Depositions or statements on oath, taken in a foreign state and copies of such original depositions or statements, and foreign certificates of judicial documents stating the fact of conviction, may if duly authenticated, be received in evidence of proceedings under this Act.

SEC. 19. Foreign warrants and depositions or statements on oath, copies thereof, and certificates of, or judicial documents stating the fact of a conviction shall be deemed duly authenticated for the purposes of this Act, if authenticated in manner provided for the time being by law or authenticated as follow ;

(1.) If the warrant purports to be signed by a Judge, Magistrate, or Officer of the foreign State where the same was issued.

(2.) If the depositions or statements or the copies thereof purport to be certified under the hand of a Judge, Magistrate or officer of the foreign State, where the same were taken to be the original depositions or statements, or to be true copies thereof as the case may require.

(3.) If the certificate of a judicial document stating the fact

forms of order from the State Department, warrant of apprehension, Warrant of committal, Warrant of surrender, to be observed in the arrest and surrender of fugitive criminals which shall be a part of this Act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan'y. 24. 1893.

An Act providing Port Regulations for 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 the following Articles shall constitute the Port Regulations of this Republic, and shall have the force of law, from and after the first day of April 1893.

Sec. 2. That all penalties for the violation of the said Article shall be collected in a summary manner, before the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions, and Common Pleas, for the County in which such violations shall occur, and said judge shall have power to dispose of all such questions in chambers. The Attorney for the County, shall file an information verified by the affidavit of the person charging such violation, and the court, after due notice to the Defendant or person charged, which notice shall never be less than five days, shall at once dispose of the matter, unless satisfied by affidavit or otherwise, that the ends of justice require a postponement, reserving to the defendant in every case, his right to appeal.

The informant in every case, shall receive one fourth of the penalty, or penalties imposed when the same is collected, but shall not on this account be disqualified from giving evidence, and the other three fourths shall go to the General Government.

Art. 1. The lawful commerce of all nations shall be on equal footing in the Ports of Entry of this Republic, so far as the same shall be transacted lawfully.

Art. 2. All sailing ships, except those regularly engaged in the Coast wise trade, upon their arrival in harbour, shall deliver their papers at the Custom House, or the Consulate of their nation, if there be such a Consulate, which papers shall be returned as soon as a clearance shall be obtained, and not before.

Art. 3. All foreign vessels, except steamers belonging to lines, which shall be exempted by law, and vessels in distress shall pay a light and anchorage duty of fifteen dollars at the first port of this Republic, at which they shall come to anchor.

Art. 4. No boat shall be allowed to go alongside of or board any vessel entering any port of this Republic, except such vessels as are regularly engaged in the Coast-wise trade, until the Harbour Master has visited the same, and granted it permission to communicate: and all persons violating this regulation, shall forfeit and pay a sum of not less than twenty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Art. 5. No sailing vessel shall be allowed to unload cargo un-

til the master thereof has regularly reported, deposited his papers, and obtained a permit from the Collector of Customs under a penalty of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than two hundred dollars, which may be enforced against the master of said vessel or by seizing the vessel or cargo or any portion thereof. Steamers shall not be allowed to unload until their papers have been duly examined by the Harbour master, and as soon as he is satisfied that the said papers are correct and grants permission to said vessel to communicate, he shall also grant a permit to land cargo.

ART. 6. All vessel entering any port of this Republic shall show their National and House flags and shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars for failing to do so. Vessels anchoring after sunset, shall show said flags on the following morning immediately after day-light.

ART. 7. No guns, muskets, pistols nor other fire armes shall be discharged in the harbour after Sun set, except necessary and customary signals or except upon urgent occasions under a penalty of five dollars for each offence.

ART. 8. All vessels shall present to the Collector of Customs, within twenty four hours after arrival, a correct manifest of the cargo, and list of the passengers to be landed at that port under a penalty of twenty five dollars.

ART. 9. The harbour masters shall see that these regulations are duly observed, and to this end they shall furnish all masters of vessels entering the ports of this Republic with a printed copy of the same, receiving for each copy so furnished twenty five cents and all directions given by them, shall be observed without delay under a penalty of five dollars for each offence.

ART. 10. The harbour master shall have the power to order any vessel into quarantine which does not satisfy him by the exhibition of a clean bill of health from her last port, that she is free from disease until said vessel is examined by the health officer. And even should a vessel present a clean bill of health he may still direct her to go into quarantine until such axamination is made, if he shall have any reason to suspect that any contagious disease is on board, or that said ship is otherwise infected.

ART. 11. When the President shall by proclamation declare any port or ports infected it shall be the duty of the health officers of the several ports of the Republic to prescribe regulations for the government of intercourse with vessels from said port or ports, unless the President shall have done so, and the harbour master shall on pain of fine and dismissal see that such regulations or those prescribed by the President are observed by all persons, and shall prosecute, or cause to be prosecuted all persons violating the same, and the said person or persons shall be subjected to a penalty of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars for each violation of such regulations.

ART. 12. In no case shall the harbour master delay the business of any vessel or Steamer by failing to board them immediately after their arrival into port in the day, and by six o'clock

Resolution authorizing the President of the Republic of Liberia on the anticipated arrival of the Gunboat "Gorronammah" to make immediate provisions in demanding Collection of the Nanna Kroo bonds and punishment of the outrages by the natives of the Setra Kroo tribes ;

Whereas agreeable to a resolution passed by the Legislature approved January 18th 1884 provisions were made for the punishment of the outrages committed by the Little Cess fishermen in their piratical destruction of the boats of W. E. Harris and the murder of the crew contrary to common and international law as set forth in said resolution and for the disloyalty of the Setra Kroo tribes in contravening the Revenue laws of the Republic.

Therefore,

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

SEC. 1. That immediately on the arrival of the Gunboat "Gorronammah" the President of the Republic of Liberia, be and he is hereby authorized to procure the necessary means in punishing all outrages committed by the natives on the coast against the interest of the Government and to compel certain restitutions to Government by the Little Cess fishermen approved by act of Legislature January 18th 1883. And he is also authorized to have assessed the amount due Government by the Setra Kroo tribes for contravening the revenue laws of this Republic from the year 1884 to the present time and to have the same collected.

SEC. 2. That the President is also directed to use the service of said Gunboat in demanding the collection of the Nanna Kroo bonds and he is hereby authorized to direct the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant to draw on any moneys belonging to the General Government not otherwise appropriated to procure and comply with the provisions of this resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany, 24. 1893.

Resolution authorizing the President of the Republic of Liberia to put on foot a sufficient armed force to quell the rebellious attitude of the natives in the Vey and Zarroh sections of Country Grand Cape Mount towards Government in the continuation of the perpetual raids on each other and their obstinate disloyalty in refusing executive authority commanding peace, and also to drive out all invaders in said section of Country.

Whereas certain tribes in the Vey and Zarroh section of Country Grand Cape Mount, County of Montserrado having confederated themselves and taken up arms against each other employed in their raids the services of Cossohs and Sofars contrary to the laws of the Republic with a view to the depopulation of said section of country and to the destruction of commerce in the settlement of Robertsport and its environs, and whereas it is highly important that the supremacy of the Government be maintained

in the morning when they arrived during the night. For any violation of this Article, he shall forfeit and pay a fine, of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars recoverable in the same manner, as for violation of the port regulations.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 24. 1893.

An Act amendatory and supplementary to an act to repeal an act requiring Constables and other collecting officers at Robertsport to make their reports to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, Montserrado County in common with others. Approved Jany. 18. 1892.

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

SEC. 1. That section second of said act shall read, "that after the endorsing of said reports of constables and tax collectors by the Chairman, they shall be countersigned by the Clerk of Court officially; he receiving for each report by countersigning, twelve and a half cents, to be forwarded quarterly by him to the County Attorney, and a copy to the Sheriff of Montserrado County on or before the first day of each session; who shall present them at the court in comparing with constables report, at the expense of the government.

SEC. 2. That all Justices of the Peace within the Jurisdiction of the district of Robertsport, are hereby required to keep a correct list of writs issued and tried by them, showing the names of the constables to whom they were directed, and the constable who served them. Also showing the executions by them, the constable in whose hands said writs were placed, and their Judgments such Justices shall be required to report all of such writs and executions in common with the constables and other reporting officers as set forth in Section 1st of said Act to be used by the courts in verifying the correctness of the constables report. There shall be no fee paid by Justices of the Peace to the clerk for reporting.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of said Court to receive together with the reports of the constables and tax Collectors, all reports of Magistrates, and to report quarterly the same in duplicate as set forth in Section second of this Act keeping a true record of all such reports.

SEC. 4. Any and all such officers as have been made to report their doings as set forth in the requirments of this Act, shall, upon complaint made, be dealt with according to the magnitude of the offence and according to the statute governing Clerks, Justices of the Peace, and tax collectors.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 24. 1893.

in the upbuilding of the Republic in its political and commercial avenues.

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 President of the Republic of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized and directed to put on foot a sufficient armed force for the ostensible purpose of effectually quelling the rebellious uprising of the Vey and Zarroh tribes in the County of Montserrado and all other native tribes who are found committing desolation and destruction in said section of country including Sofars and Cossoshs.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of four thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution, and the Secretary of the Treasury is fully authorized and directed under Warrant of the President to draw for the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 24. 1893.

Joint Resolution amendatory to the Act, entitled an Act, to regulate the Militia, passed at the Session of the Legislature A. D. 1847.

That the fourth Section of the above entitled act, be so amended, as to read. that to each regiment, there shall be one Surgeon, with the rank of Major, and two Surgeon Mates with the rank of Lieutenants. The pay of the latter for services, rendered, during actual services shall be the same as that of the regular regimental company lieutenants.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 21. 1893.

✓ An Act to amend an Act fixing the Tariff on goods wares and merchandise imported into the Republic of Liberia, approved Jany. 28. 1890.

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 Tariff law shall be amended so as to read That the duties on all cotton goods shall be assessed and collected at the rate of twelve and a half per cent.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted That the duties on all Woolen goods, twelve and a half per cent. All kind of Silks twelve and a half per cent. In all cases where cotton or other materials are mixed with wool, twelve and a half per cent.

Cotton or other material mixed with silk, twelve and a half

per cent. All kind of Hats, Bonnets, Caps, Gents and Ladies under-clothing, Lace, Edgings, and Embroidery, Paints Bill-hooks, Galvanized iron, Nails, Washers, Iron pots, twelve and a half per cent.

Rice twenty five cents per Bag of one hundred and twelve pounds.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted, That the Consul's fees, shall be one dollar and twenty five cents for all amounts over fifty dollars, and half the amount for amounts under fifty dollars.

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

Approved Jan'y. 21. 1893.

Joint Resolution.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to investigate the bills and claims held by the Widow of the late M. T. Worrell against the Government amounting to Three thousand, four hundred eighty eight dollars and eighty four cents (\$ 3,488.84) in connection with the books of the Treasury Department; and that if any balance be found due thereon, that the same be paid to the widow; if not, then said bills shall be taken in and destroyed.

Approved Jan'y. 24. 1893,

✓ An Act causing all liquor licenses to be paid in Gold.

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 Corporations in the Republic of Liberia are authorized to collect in gold coin, all liquor licenses, which by the terms of the charter of each Corporation or other Statutes are payable into the treasury of the same Corporation-

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan'y. 21. 1893.

Resolution providing for the relief of the heirs of S. A. Benson, late of Grand Bassa County.

Whereas the Legislature of this Republic at its session in the year 1860 made provisions that a road should be opened interiorward commencing at Ghus Mountains in the County of Grand Bassa and that should said road run through land owned by any Citizen of said County said citizen should receive a sum not exceeding three dollars per acre or two acres of land for one.

And whereas the aforesaid road runs through a tract of land owned by the Estate of S. A. Benson late of Grand Bassa County and takes up the number of thirty acres and

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the heirs of said estate have petitioned the Legislature for the payment of said thirty acres of land.

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

That the sum of ninety dollars is hereby appropriated to the said heirs of S. A. Benson. And the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw out of any money not otherwise appropriated from the Sub-Treasury of Grand Bassa County for the relief of said heirs.

Any resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan. 21. 1893.

Joint Resolution to incorporate the Saint Augustine's Lodge No. 2, of the Evangelical Zoanknights 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 immediately after the passage of this resolution, the Saint Augustine Lodge No. 2, of the Evangelical African Zoanknights in Maryland County is hereby incorporated, and declared to be a body politic, that is to say, John F. R. Scotland, A. L. Gibson, James L. Henson, E. M. Cummings, W. A. Harmon, C. W. Harmon, J. W. Hutchings H. Johnson, Wellington, Mitchel, E. Wilkinsen, G. A. Tippet, G. A. Howard, W. A. Greenfield, Officers of said institution and their successors in office are constituted, a body, Corporate and politic to have perpetual succession by the name of the Saint Augustine Lodge No. 2, of the Evangelical African Zoanknights. To take, hold, possess, and enjoy real and personal estate by grant, purchase or otherwise.

SEC. 2. That the said corporation shall be granted the right, and privilege to sue and be sued plead and be impleaded before any of the courts of this Republic and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real, and personal estate to the value of Five thousand dollars.

And to have full rights, and privilege to do all other acts and things done by similar bodies corporated and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Dec. 31. 1892.

Joint Resolution restoring Mrs. Charlotte Kingfield of Sinoe County to Citizenship.

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 Charlotte Kingfield of Sinoe County is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship.

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Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved Dec. 31. 1892.

Joint Resolution repealing Joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, providing for the support of the General Government Approved Jany. 1891.

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this resolution one half 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 half shall be used for County purposes in carrying out the provisions of the appropriation bill.

SEC. 2. Resolved that any law or parts of laws conflicting in any way with this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

Approved Decr. 31. 1892.

Joint Resolution Re-opening the Port of River Cess in Grand Bassa County.

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 Port of Entry of River Cess in the County of Grand Bassa, is hereby declared re-opened in accordance with and under the original act making and declaring the said River Cess to be a Port of Entry.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Dec. 31. 1892.

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

Approved Jany. 28th 1890 and amended Jany. 1893.

ALL IMPORT DUTIES PAYABLE IN GOLD.

Specific.

Dried fish per One hundred pounds	\$ 1.00
Pickled " " Barrl.	" 1.00
Beef " "	" 1.25
Beef Tongues per "	" 2.50
Pig's feet and Heads per Barrl.	" 1.00
Bacon per lb.	" .01
Ham per lb.	.02
Pickled Sausages per lb.	.03
Sugar (Brown) " "	.06
Sugar (Refined) " "	.02
Fancy Biscuits " "	.04
Butter " "	.06
Lard " "	.02

Candy, Confectionery per lb.		.05
Salt	per 100 lbs.	.05
Tea	" "	.10
Rice	" 112 "	.25
Common Soap	" "	.02
Fancy Toilet Soap	" "	.03
Starch	per lb.	.06
Steel	" "	.02
Brass Kettles	" "	.06
Cutlasses	" doz.	.25
Gunpowder	" lb.	.05
Paints	" "	.01
Kerosine	" gallon	.04
Tobacco leaf	" lb.	.05
Percussion Guns	" each	.60
Flint lock "	" "	.40
Ovens and Spiders	" lb.	.01
Manufactured Tobacco	" "	.25
Cigars	" each	.01
Cigarettes	" "	.01 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lumber per foot		.01 $\frac{1}{2}$
Trade plates not in sets per doz.		.12
Basin not exceeding 12 in. per doz.		.12
Brandy, Old Tom Gin, Jamaica Rum, Scotch or Irish Whiskey, and all other finer qualities of Liquors per gall.	\$ 1.00	
Common Rum or Gin per gallon		.75
Wines, Champagne, Cordial and all other liquor or sweet waters per Gall.		1.00
L. Beer, Ale, Stouts, Porter, Cherry Wine, per gall.		.50

Advalorem

Upon all other goods not enumerated in the foregoing there shall be levied and collected a duty of twelve and a half per cent advalorem. Transit traders not excepted.

Free Goods.

Seine, Lye, Thread, Agricultural Impliments machinery of all kinds (Bill hooks and Cutlasses Excepted.) Tools Sewing Machines, palmkernel and Coffee bags Shooks, Hoop Iron Rivets, Tenter Hooks, Musical Instruments, Books for use of Missions and Schools.

Export Tariff.

All Export duties payable in Gold or Currency except that on Rubber and Gutta Percha, which is payable in Gold.

Palm oil	per gal.	\$.01
" kernels	" bushl.	.02
Camwood	" ton	2.50
Rubber and Gutta percha	per lb.	.06
Ivory	" "	.05

All articles of produce not herein before mentioned shall pay no Export duty.

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Joint Resolution accepting the resignation of Chief Justice C. L. Parsons, and retiring him after June 30. 1894.

Whereas Chief Justice Parsons, has petitioned the Legislature, setting forth his desire to resign said office in consequence of failure of eyesight, and that said resignation shall take place June 30, 1894, and that he be allowed his salary of One thousand dollars (\$ 1,000.00) ; and whereas we recognize his long and devoted service upon the bench of over thirty years, and it is a cause of profound regret that the loss of his eye-sight disabled him to perfectly discharge the duties of said high office.

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

That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby directed to pay to Chief Justice C. L. Parsons, or his order the sum of One thousand dollars (\$ 1,000.00) as advanced salary, and that he pay to the said C. L. Parsons a pension of Five hundred dollars (\$ 500.00) annually during his natural lifetime. The said pension to commence from January 1895.

It is further resolved : that Chief Justice C. L. Parsons is retired after June 30. 1894 and the said office of Chief Justice shall at that date be vacant, and that the President of the Republic of Liberia shall be fully authorized to fill the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3. 1894.

Joint Resolution for the relief of the widow of Captain John Johnson of No. 3 Militia company of the second Regiment 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, Susan M. Johnson, widow of Captain John Johnson who fell in the battle of Rocktown, Maryland County, June 21st 1893, be paid an annual pension of One Hundred and fifty dollars (\$ 150 00) as support for herself and her children until the children

shall have attained the years of maturity. And that the President is authorized to direct the payment of said pension out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3. 1894.

Joint Resolution restoring J. N. Skipwith, of Grand Bassa County to citizenship.

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

That J. N. Skipwith, of Grand Bassa County is hereby restored to all the privileges and immunities of any other good citizens.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3. 1894.

An Act creating a Secretary of War and Navy, and defining his duties.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the President of the Republic of Liberia, is directed to appoint a suitable person as Secretary of War and Navy, whose salary shall be Seven hundred dollars per annum; and he shall constitute one of the Executive Cabinet Officers of this Republic. He shall have under his special control, all ships of war, revenue cutters and boats belonging to this Republic, as well as all ordinance guns, ammunition, arsenals and commissaries. He shall have oversight and control over all subordinate officers belonging to his department, including the officers and crew of the ships of war or other vessels; as well as the several commissaries of this Republic.

SEC. 2. The said Secretary of War and Navy shall from time to time make such rules and regulations for the government of his department as shall to him seem best for the better working of said department.

He shall make an annual report to the Legislature of his doings during the year. He shall cause an inventory to be made by the several Purser of vessels and of the several commissaries in each County, of all stores, arms and ammunition on said vessels or as shall be in each commissary of the several counties. He shall recommend to the Legislature any measure that he may think would improve his department from time to time.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13. 1894.

An Act Supplementary and Amendatory to "An Act" entitled "An Act Amending the Charter of Edina Approved January 27. 1892.

SEC. 1. And second line of said "Act" shall read: Under the style of Mayor and Common Council of Edina and that in sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17, where occurs the word "President" shall be read "Mayor" instead.

SEC. 2. That section 8th and third line shall read "All of whom shall hold office for the term of one year excepting the Mayor, who shall hold his office for the term of two years." And that on 7th line of said section which reads "None of whom shall receive any compensation for their services," shall be expunged, and to read "That for any and all services rendered by Chartered officers a due compensation shall be made according to the ordinances of said Charter governing Ways and Means, and in keeping with section 5th of said Act.

SEC. 3. That section 17th of the aforesaid Act shall read "The Common Jail of the County of Grand Bassa" now situated in the City of Buchanan shall be at the service of the Corporation 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 orders of the Mayor in all cases in which for the Public Peace Security, his services shall be demanded." And for all minor officers, not otherwise criminal, said offender or offenders shall be locked up in a house to be termed as a "Guard House" made and provided for with the monies accruing from the sources devised for such purposes by the City ordinances.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th 1894.

An Act to amend "An Act to grant certain concessions for the charter and construction of a system of Railroads in the Republic of Liberia" Approved January 21st 1890.

Whereas F. F. Whitteken, to whom the government granted a concession for the construction of railroads, telegraphs and telephone lines within the Republic, died while on his way to Liberia to perform his contract with the government, and whereas he had bought up in England railroad and other rolling stock to the amount of half a million dollars with a view of fulfilling his engagements; and whereas the time for beginning the work under the concession has expired; and whereas his nephew F. F. Whittekin, prays for an extension of time, 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, that the time for the surveyors to begin work under the act to grant certain concessions for the Charter and construction of a system of railroads in the Republic of Liberia, Approved January 21st 1890 be extended to April 1894.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th 1894.

An Act authorizing the opening of a Canal to connect the waters of the Cavalla and Hoffman Rivers in the County of Maryland.

Whereas it is of paramount importance for the Government to make accessible by way of cutting a Canal leading to the great Interior of Maryland County, for the purpose of opening up and bringing into market the wasting millions of her undeveloped resources; and whereas this Canal if effected will give a new impetus to various enterprises and encourage foreign capital into the Country and thereby secure to government a large revenue.

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 President be, and he is hereby authorized to have a Canal opened from the Ruplu Creek to the Big Creek, in the eastern jurisdiction of the County of Maryland: said canal is designed and intended to connect the waters of the Cavalla and Hoffman Rivers, in order to facilitate trade and travel and open the market to the great resources of the vast interior.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the Superintendent of Maryland County acting under instructions of the President shall enter into a written contract with some responsible person or persons, Liberian or Foreign resident Merchants agreeable with the First section of this Act to carry into effect the aforesaid canal project upon the best possible terms and conditions.

SEC. 3. And it is further enacted that the sum of Eight thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated in carrying out to the satisfaction of the government the provisions of this Act, and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is authorized to draw on the Treasury for the said amount of Eight thousand Dollars payable out of the County funds, out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th 1894.

An Act to restore to Citizenship J. W. Brown and Icum Brown of Sinoe County, Levi Martin of Grand Bassa County, A. L. Cummings of Maryland County, and A. P. Burnett and John Drayton of Montserrado County.

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

That J. W. Brown who was indicted and convicted for High Misdemeanor, Icum Brown for Assault and Battery, both of the County of Sinoe: Levi Martin of Grand Bassa County for attempting to Murder, A. L. Cummings of the County of Maryland for Forgery: A. L. Burnett of the County of Montserrado for Manslaughter, and John Drayton of the County of Montserrado for Petit Larceny, be, and they are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges and immunities granted unto all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th 1894.

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Joint Resolution fixing a place for a High School in the County of Grand Bassa and providing competent Teachers for said school.

Whereas the American Colonization Society has offered to furnish Buildings for High Schools in Liberia and bear half of the expenses of Teachers for said schools.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution the first High School be established in the County of Grand Bassa on the North east side of the Saint John's River, and the Secretary of the Interior be authorized to have surveyed one hundred acres of land of at a site known to have been claimed by J. S. Smith of Grand Bassa County on the aforesaid side of said River, and cause the lawful conveyance to be made to the proprietors of the aforesaid High School: and the said site be the place where said High School shall be established.

SEC. 2. That the sum of One thousand and five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the spirit of this Resolution: and the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw warrants for the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th 1894

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An Act Chartering the Young Men's Lyceum of Lower Buchanan Grand Bassa 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 Henry P. Hall President, Isaac Bishop Yancy Vice President, Daniel

J. Page recording Secretary, Philip A Thatcher corresponding Secretary, Ishmael P. Harris, C. H. Johnson, W. H. Perry, Peter Capeheart, J. B. Thomas, J. W. Payne, Gabriel Burke-C. H. Nurse, John T. Harris, A. D. Holliday, Officers and members of the Young Men's Lyceum of Lower Buchanan be, and they are hereby declared to be a Body Corporate and Politic under the above mentioned name, and style and shall be capable in law to receive, hold, and enjoy Real and Personal Estate to the value of Two thousand dollars, for the use and benefit of said Lyceum, and shall have regular succession of officers, and accession of members, and may have and use a common seal, and under the name and style aforesaid, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, into any Courts of law or equity in this Republic having proper jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the said Lyceum shall be capable in law of receiving by bequest or donation whether in money or other things for the benefit of said Lyceum by name and style aforesaid to sell, lease, or exchange any estate by them acquired whether by bequest purchase or donation.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the said Lyceum is vested with power and authority to make such By-Laws, Rules and Regulations as they may think necessary for their own government, provided such By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations be not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this Republic.

SEC. 4. And it is further enacted that for the purpose of carrying more fully into effect the object of the aforesaid Institution, there shall be elected annually by a majority of the members of the Institution a President, and Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, an Affirmative and Negative Foreman who shall have the management of the affairs and property of said Institution.

Any law or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 13th 1894.

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An Act to Incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church Marshall.

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

SEC. 1. That J. P. Artis Pastor, W. G. Mathis, Geo. W. Williams, Trustees. W. G. Mathis, Geo. W. Williams, J. W. Gordan, T. N. Wright J. H. Marshall, J. E. Davis, Stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Marshall, in the County of Montserrado and Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a Body Corporate and Politic, with perpetual succession, by the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and with power to take all property, Real and Personal that may have heretofore, or be hereafter acquired by grant, purchase, gift or demise, and to hold and convey the same, subject to the provisions and limitations of the Act.

SEC. 2. That the said Corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be defended, before any Court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold Real Estate to the amount of Ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. That the Church Edifice and all and singular property pertaining to the same which said Corporation now possess, or may hereafter possess, conformably to the provisions of the First Section of this Act, shall be held in trust by said Board of Trustees; and said Church Edifice shall be used for Christian Worship in accordance with the evangelical Faith, Ministry, Worship, and usages in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America as heretofore and now existing, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church now in this Republic, and said Church Edifice shall be free from taxation.

SEC. 4. That there shall be two Trustees and six Stewards, more or less, as occasion may require, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who shall have the management and control of the property of said Church. The Stewards may at any time and at all times make such arrangements and resolutions in reference to the Church as the circumstances of the case may demand; provided such arrangements and resolutions are not incompatible with the conditions of this Charter and laws of this Republic.

SEC. 5. This Charter may be amended at any time upon Joint Petition of the Trustees and Stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Marshall.

SEC. 6. 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 13th, 1894.

Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of the Currency accruing from gold bonds issued, and extending the Act authorizing the issue of gold bonds for currency.

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

SEC. 1. That immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to exchange the currency on hand in the Treasury Department for redemption of Bonds of 1880, and payment of interest upon the same, or he shall sell the same to the highest bidder, for County audited bills of any county within this Republic, as well as all other currency in any of the Sub-Treasurer's office of this Republic, shall be thus disposed of as above recited; and that the Act passed during the session of 1892-3, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue three per cent gold bonds in exchange for deposits of Liberian Currency, be and the same is hereby extended until September 30th, 1895. All currency taken in for ex-

change of gold bonds within that time shall be included in the provisions of this Joint Resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th, 1894.

Joint Resolution Chartering the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Marshall.

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 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Marshall, Republic of Liberia is hereby Incorporated, and declared, to be a Body Politic, that is to say, J. H. Marshall, P. W. F., W. S. Mathis N. S., J. B. Cole N. G., G. H. Marshall V. G., T. B. Woodson S. W., W. G. Mathis J. W., Officers of said society and their successors in office are constituted a Body Corporate and Politic to perpetual succession, by the name of the "Grand United Order of Odd Fellows," to take, hold, possess and enjoy, real and personal estate by grant purchase or otherwise.

SEC. 2. That said Corporation shall be granted the right and privilege to sue, and be sued, plead and be impleaded, before any Court of this Republic, and shall be allowed to acquire and possess real and personal estate to the value of One thousand Dollars, and to have the right and privilege to do all other acts and things done by similar bodies Corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13th, 1894.

An Act amendatory to the Act establishing the Judiciary and fixing the powers common to the several Courts and amending the Acts regulating appeals.

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, all defendants wishing to appeal from any County Courts of record, shall be allowed ten days from the rendition of final judgment to prepare and tender his bill of exceptions to the Judge of said court for his signature, which he shall attach in open court or in chambers provided the said bill of exceptions is submitted within the aforesaid ten days. The appellant shall in all cases sign the bill of exceptions before submitting the same to the said Judge for his signature. Appeal bonds are to be approved by the Court from which the appeal is taken, within sixty days after final judgment, as well as payment of all costs; this being done, the Clerk of the said court shall forthwith issue a notice to the Appellee, informing him that the appeal is taken, and to what term of the Court; and that said appellee appear to defend the same which shall complete the said appeal. The Clerk of said court from which an appeal is taken, shall make a full and com-

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plete copy of the records containing all the writs, notices, certificates, returns, complaints, answers, replies, verdicts, judgments, bills of exceptions, minutes, and all other proceedings in the said cause; and shall, within ninety days after the appeal has been taken and completed as aforesaid, transmit to the clerk of the appellate court to which said appeal is taken, the records as aforesaid. Upon reception of said records by the clerk of the appellate Court, he shall forthwith docket the same, and forward a receipt to the clerk who transmitted the said records to him.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall have authority to dismiss cases upon motion for the following causes:—non appearance, non approval of bonds, failure to pay costs, bill of exception not taken, or not signed by appellant or judge of said court after rendition of final judgment. In all cases other they shall be heard and determined upon their merits, and the Supreme Court shall be authorized to affirm or reverse the decision of the said inferior court, and award such other decision as in its opinion will best conduce to the ends of law, equity and justice. And from the opinion and judgment of the Supreme Court, in all cases before it, there shall be no further appeal, but the same shall be absolute and final.

SEC. 3. Should any clerk of the several courts violate any or neglect any of his duties herein prescribed, he shall on complaint to the President of this Republic, be immediately dismissed from office, and his bond foreclosed. In all cases of appeal, no costs are to be allowed or taxed for, or against the Republic of Liberia, where the said Republic of Liberia, is a party to the suit, whether as plaintiff or defendant, Appellant, or Appellee. That in all cases where a statute prescribes ten days, or any other given number of days for any act to be completed within that time shall be construed to compute said time from the first day of to the last day inclusive. In all cases of diminution of record, the Appellate court shall issue a mandate to the inferior court, requiring that said judge cause the wanting document or record to be forthwith sent to the aforesaid Appellate court. Appeals in cases of Habeas Corpus, shall act as a supercedeas or suspension of the decree or judgment of the judge, adjudicating said Habeas Corpus, as in all other cases affected by a bill of exceptions upon appeal to the superior Court.

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

Approved January 13th, 1894.

An Act to incorporate The Roberts Hospital.

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

SEC. 1. That H. D. Brown, W. E. Dennis, H. J. Moore, H. A. Williams, Arthur Barclay, J. H. Roberts, G. C. Dennis, and such others, not exceeding ten persons, whom they shall associate with them, be and they are hereby declared to be a body corporate under the name and style of the Trustees of the Roberts

Hospital; said body shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of One hundred thousand (\$ 100,000.00) dollars for the use and benefit of said Institution, and shall have a perpetual succession of officers and members, and may have and use a common seal, and make by-laws for the government of said corporation, and under the name and style of the Trustees of the Roberts Hospital, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of law and equity having the requisite jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. The said Trustees shall make a report annually of their transactions, to which they shall give publicity. The property held by said Trustees shall not be taxed.

SEC. 3. The President of the Republic of Liberia is hereby directed to give to said Institution four (4) Town lots out of public lands in or near the city of Monrovia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th, 1894.

Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of War and Navy to furnish Sinoe County with certain arms and ammunitions.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this resolution the President be, and he is hereby authorized to cause the Secretary of War and Navy to forward to Sinoe County seventy-five Pea-body Rifles, and twenty thousand rounds of ammunition, to place said County in a state of defence, and to carry out the spirit and intension of a resolution Approved January 23rd, 1891.

Any laws to the contrary be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 17th, 1894.

Joint Resolution Appropriating annually Seventy-five Dollars to and for the use of John Hess of Montserrado County.

Whereas John Hess was employed in Government service in firing a Salute from Fort Norris December, 1892, and was injured in his head and eyes.

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 said John Hess during his life-time, 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 laws or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th, 1894.

Joint Resolution levying a special Navy Tax upon all inhabitants within the incorporate townships of this Republic without exception as to Nationality or Citizenship.

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 Navy Tax of Fifty cents in coin be levied and collected annually, on or before the 30th day of September, from each and every inhabitant who has attained to Manhood, residing within the several townships in the Counties of this Republic, without exception as to nationality or citizenship. Said Tax of Fifty cents in coin, from each male as aforesaid, shall be devoted and applied solely to assist in the support of the Navy of this Republic.

SEC. 2. That a special Tax Collector for each County be appointed except Montserrado County which shall have four. They shall receive five per cent on each dollar collected to be paid out of the tax money collected. He or they shall give bond of One thousand dollars, payable in gold, for the faithful and honest discharge of their duties said amount of special Tax shall be set aside by the Treasury Department to be applied to no other purpose but the support of the Navy. The Sub-Treasurer shall give duplicate receipts to the Navy Tax Collector, who shall forthwith forward one to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the other to the Court of Quarter Session of the county in which said Collector resides.

SEC. 3. That said Navy Tax Collector shall make a quarterly report with duplicate registers, showing the dates, names of persons, and amounts collected, to the Sub-Treasurers; and the Sub-Treasurer shall forward one copy to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the other to the Court of Quarter Session.

SEC. 4. That any person failing to comply with the first section of this Joint Resolution, shall forfeit and pay the amount of not less than *Two dollars*, nor more than *Three dollars*, in any court having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th, 1894.

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An Act granting the Agent of the New York State Colonization Society exemption from duties on imports.

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

SEC. 1. That the outfit of Prof. O. F. Cook, Agent of the New York State Colonization Society, consisting of scientific instruments, rectified spirits, tinned provisions, drugs and personal effects, and articles designed to be given away as presents in his journeys through the interior of this Republic, shall be admitted into this State free of duty. Professor Cook, on the other hand, will, it is understood, file in the Department of State,

copies of any maps which he may draw ; and will also afford any other scientific information which he may deem useful to the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th, 1894.

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An Act to provide support for Liberia College.

Whereas the Faculty of Liberia College have for the past two years received only such support as the very limited funds at the command of the Board of Trustees provided, and Whereas said Faculty rendered faithful and efficient services, although financially embarrassed ; and Whereas Liberia College is the only Institution of its grade in the Country, is a national Institution, and should be perpetuated :

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 first day of January, One thousand eight hundred and ninety four, the sum of Three thousand six hundred dollars be and is hereby annually appropriated to support in full or in part all Professors filling Chairs in Liberia College.

SEC. 2. Any Professor receiving One thousand dollars per annum from any other source shall not be entitled to receive any addition under this Act. Any Professor receiving a less sum shall have his salary supplemented to the above amount under this Act.

SEC. 3. For the support of a Principal and assistant Principal of the Preparatory Department, Tutor, Matron, Janitor, Overseer of Industrial Department, as well as for keeping in order the Road-ways and such other expenses, the sum of Two thousand dollars is hereby annually appropriated.

SEC. 4. All sums herein appropriated are to be drawn for quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury upon the warrant of the President, to be paid out of any money in the Public Treasury, not otherwise set aside for other purposes by existing laws, arising from Imports, Exports, or other sources. These sums are to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Liberia College, or upon his order.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted that this Act shall remain in full force for ten years from the date of its becoming a Law.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th, 1894.

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Joint Resolution making further provisions for the appropriation of a sufficient amount to complete the building of a Jail and Court House at Robertstown, Montserrado County.

Whereas by An Act made and approved January 16th, 1875

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by the Legislature, at and during its session of said year, providing for the building of a Jail and Court House at Robertsport, and authorized by an appropriation approved January 19th, 1893] and whereas said amount has been found inadequate to the completion of said Jail and Court House which determined dimensions are Twenty five feet by Thirty five feet, Rock Basement of nine feet from the ground floor, to be used Jail, with suitable Windows and Doors, the mean dimensions of said House from top of basement to be twelve feet in height, on the second floor of said House to be a room of sufficient size for Court Room, and with two other rooms for Superintendents office, and Collector of Customs, to save needless expenditures of Government in Rents, said House to be zinc Roofed.

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 thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out effectually the completion of said Jail and Court House in Robertsport, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized under warrant of the President to draw for the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th, 1894.

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Joint Resolution Granting an Annuity to Ida W. Outland, Catherine J. Thompson, Patsey Hardy, Martha Woodson, Fannie E. Smith, and Minty Ann Moore, whose husbands died in the battle of Rock Town; also Geo. S. Padmore, Daniel Morris, R. T. Taylor, Josiah Benson, Isaiah Ireland, Henry Rogers, who were wounded in the battle of Rock Town; also George Trembo who was wounded in the battle of Benelu in 1875.

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

Sec. 1. That the sum of One hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated as an annuity to each of the named widows.

Sec. 2. That the sum of Two hundred dollars be, and the same is also appropriated for G. S. Padmore, for Daniel Morris One hundred dollars, for R. T. Taylor One hundred dollars, for Josiah Benson One hundred dollars, for Isaiah Ireland One hundred dollars, Henry Rogers One hundred dollars, and George Trembo One hundred dollars. And the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized under warrant of the President to pay the same to each of the afore-said parties out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th, 1894.



Resolution authorizing the celebration of the Fiftieth year of Liberian Independence.

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

SEC. 1. That a National Fair be held in the year 1897, in the capital of the Republic, beginning in the month of January and closing in the month of February, to mark the Jubilee Year of the Independence of the Republic of Liberia.

SEC. 2. That the President be authorized and directed to appoint an Executive Committee (not to exceed thirteen) and a Jury of Award of seven numbers. The Executive Committee shall proceed at once to advocate said Fair, and make such preliminary arrangements as are necessary to be made early. The committee shall also appoint such auxiliary or Sub-committee as shall be necessary, shall arrange for exhibits, foreign and domestic, and shall give notice of the class of objects and articles desirable.

SEC. 3. The sum of One thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of public moneys for preliminary expenses of the said exhibition.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th, 1894.

Whereas the New York State Colonization Society has signified through Prof. O. F. Cook, its agent in Liberia, a desire to establish a station in the Republic, where experiments can be made as to the best means of introducing, receiving and propagating beasts of burden, commercial plants, indigenous and introduced, and has also signified its intention of diffusing the information acquired among the people of this Republic, therefore:

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

That the President of the Republic is directed to grant to the New York State Colonization Society one thousand acres of land for said purpose in one or more parcels, and at such place or places, and for such period of time as the said society through its agent may desire.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th, 1894.

Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to procure and purchase a Steam Gun Boat.

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, immediately after the passage of this Resolution, to contract, procure and purchase a Steam Gun-Boat of not less than Two hundred Tons; and that the said Secretary of the Treasury is fully authorized to make the said contract with

any Mercantile firm transacting business within this Republic only; and that the sum of Sixty thousand dollars is hereby specially appropriated to carry this resolution into effect, and any contract or stipulations and engagements made by the Secretary of the Treasury for and in behalf of the Republic of Liberia shall be absolutely binding upon his successors in office.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that after said Gun-Boat has been constructed and ready to be launched, it shall be named the "Rock Town."

SEC. 3. It is further resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to put said Gun-Boat, as soon as it arrives, into actual service by laying a blockade from Lower Buchanan to River Cavalla, protecting and demanding the respect due to Liberia pertaining to the Revenue Laws.

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

Approved January 20th, 1894.

Joint Resolution regulating the payment of the members and officers of the Legislature.

Whereas the members and officers of the Legislature are greatly inconvenienced by the present method adopted by the government in paying them for their services, and whereas the greater number of the said members reside at a distance from the capital, which in view of the irregular and uncertain means of communication between the counties, renders it hazardous to remit money, and whereas the members of the Legislature should be paid in full for their services immediately upon the adjournment of each and every session, they not being salaried officers payable quarterly, and whereas their interest and convenience should be consulted in common with all other public servants; therefore:

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

SEC. 1. That after the passage of this resolution, each member of the Legislature as well as the Chaplains, Secretaries, Clerks, Serjeants at Arms and Messengers of each branch of the same shall receive full payment for their services each session at the rate prescribed by law, five days before the Legislature shall adjourn *sine die*; provided, however, that whenever the condition of the general Treasury will not warrant payment of the entire sum in gold coin on the day aforementioned, each member or officer shall receive an order upon any Sub-Treasurer of this Republic as may be required by the said member or officer for whatever sum or balance that may be due him or them, and on no account whatever shall this right be refused, said order of the Secretary of the Treasury in favor of said member or officer of the Legislature

any gold duties due the general government upon import duties.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved, that nothing in the preceding section shall be construed as preventing, or in any wise prohibiting any member or officer from receiving any portion of the amount to which he may be entitled by law while the Legislature be in session or immediately preceding the session.

Any and all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provision of this Resolution, are hereby repealed.

Joint Resolution authorizing the removal of Judge I. N. Roberts, Grand Bassa County.

Whereas the Citizens of Grand Bassa County, have exercised their constitutional rights and privileges, and have petitioned the President of the Republic of Liberia to remove Hon. I. N. Roberts, Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas in consequence of certain charges set forth in said petition, which charges in their nature are very grave. And whereas the wishes of the People should at all time be respected in order to perpetuate Peace and happiness throughout this Republic,

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

SEC. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to remove the said Hon. I. N. Roberts Judge as aforesaid, at the earliest practicable date, and supply his place with another.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th, 1894.

Joint Resolution authorizing the payment of a certain claim held against the government by Thomas Smith of Montserrado County.

Whereas it has been made apparent to the Legislature of this Republic, by Thomas Smith of Montserrado County, that he was possessed of a balance due thereon of One hundred and thirty seven dollars and fifty cents, which bill has been lost and whereas the said balance is still to the credit of George Bailey upon the books of the Treasury Department, therefore :

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Thomas Smith, the above named amount out of moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, if the said balance is true, and can be found upon the books in the Treasury Department.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th, 1894.

Joint Resolution authorizing the sale of the Schooner Beatrice by the Marshal of Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury cause the Marshal of Montserrado County to expose to sale by public auction on the 15th, day of February 1894, the Schooner Beatrice and boat, to the highest bidder for gold or war claims of the last expedition to Maryland County, and payment to be made to the Marshal, and that he forthwith deposit the proceeds of said Schooner Beatrice in the public Treasury by payment to the Treasurer of this Republic, and take duplicate receipts for the same, said Marshal shall receive Two and a half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) per cent which shall be paid him by the Secretary of the Treasury on his presentation of one of his receipts from the Treasurer of this Republic as to his payment of the purchase money of said Schooner Beatrice, and that the Government reserve bid on said Schooner Beatrice is Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars.

Any law conflicting with this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed,

Approved January 20th, 1894.

Joint Resolution authorizing the payment of certain claims of Thomas Smith of Montserrado County.

Whereas Thomas Smith of Montserrado County petitioned the Legislature, setting forth the indebtedness of the Government to him, as per papers in his possession, which amount has not been paid, therefore:

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Thomas Smith of Montserrado County, the amount of Six Hundred and Eighteen Dollars out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th, 1894.

Joint Resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the First Session of the Twenty-fourth 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 First Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *sine die* on Saturday the Twentieth day of January A. D. 1894.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act amendatory and supplementary to An Act entitled An Act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers approved February 8th, 1878.

Whereas every accommodation should be given to the soldiers of our country, men who are frequently called upon to lay aside their peaceful pursuits according to our Military system, and take up arms to maintain order and the majesty of our laws; and, whereas patriotism is frequently evidenced by the sacrifice of their lives.

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 officers and soldiers who shall be killed, or die from sickness or otherwise while engaged in actual service, and in a line of duty against the common enemy of the State, their widows, orphans, and aged and infirm parents shall be entitled to, and shall have the pecuniary emoluments provided in the above cited Act.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that the fifth section of the above cited Act be so altered and amended as to read: That the annual amount for a commissioned officer below the rank of Major shall be Seventy-five dollars; and all field officers beginning from the rank of Major be One Hundred dollars.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted, that this Act shall be so construed as to provide for the officers and soldiers engaged in the army and navy during the military campaign of 1893 against the rebellious Half Cavalla and Rock-town people in the County of Maryland.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th, 1894.

L. H. Simms
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Joint Resolution calling in all War Certificates now in circulation within the Republic.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this resolution, all holders of War Certificates, bearing on their faces grants for lands for services rendered in Military Campaigns, shall present the same to the President, on or before the thirtieth day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety five, who shall inspect or cause them to be inspected and if found genuine, either grant lands, or certificates in exchange to the holder or holders, whichever he or they may prefer.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that on presentation of written orders or certificates from the President, or the Superintendents of the several Counties, by him or them ordered, to the land commissioners, the said commissioners shall immediately have said lands surveyed by the Government land surveyor in such a manner as to give the exact situation, boundaries, quantity and number of acres, at the expense of Government.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that all persons failing to comply with the provisions of the first section of this resolution, shall forfeit their claims; and their certificates are hereby in that case declared null and void.

Any law the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3. 1895.

An Act requiring the Auditor of the Treasury Department to visit the Leeward Counties once a quarter, for the purpose of examining and checking the public accounts and expenditure.

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

SEC. 1. That it is hereby made the duty of the Auditor of the Treasury Department to visit the Leeward Counties once a quarter, for the purpose of examining and checking the public accounts and expenditures from the first of October A. D. 1893.

In each County, he shall associate with himself an assistant to be recommended by the Senators of the County. The Auditor shall receive his necessary expenses. His local assistant shall receive three dollars for each days' actual service.

SEC. 2. In every case where the Auditor shall find balances against receiving and disbursing officers, which cannot be explained he shall report the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall ask the President to suspend said officers till their accounts are properly adjusted.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3rd., 1895.

An Act to incorporate the National Museum and Library.

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 organization known as the National Museum and Library is hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of twenty five thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the Board of Trustees of said organization shall have supervision thereof, and shall have power to make rules and regulations for the same, and the Secretary of State the Attorney General and the Secretary of Interior shall *ex-officio* be said trustees, with three other persons to be nominated by them at their first meeting and they shall meet on the first Monday in March, June, September, and December in each year and at such other times as they may fix for that purpose. The said Board shall fill all unofficial vacancies by elections, and shall make annual reports to the Legislature of the condition and needs of said Institution.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that there shall be a Secretary, Librarian and Curator appointed annually by the Board of Trustees. They shall have the oversight of the Library and Museum under the direction of the said Board of Trustees And the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars per annum be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of said institution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3rd. 1895.

An Act amendatory and supplementary to An Act entitled, An Act fixing the Boundaries of Town of Robertsport.

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

SEC. 1. That the boundaries of the Town of Robertsport at Grand Cape Mount, shall be as follows, that is to say, the depth of the town shall be one mile, from Water Street, and extend from the river running parallel with the side of the town two

mies. The southern boundary shall be a line parallel with Water Street.

SEC. 2. There shall be an Avenue sixty feet in width on the southern side of the town which avenue shall be the base line of the farm lands.

SEC. 3. The law preventing farm lands being drawn on the Mountains is hereby repealed and abrogated, and all persons so choosing can draw lands on the Cape as provided by the law governing Government Grants.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that all laws or parts of laws mitigating against this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 3rd, 1895.

Joint Resolution providing for the survey and rectification of lands at Talla and Waterville, Grand Cape Mount, Montserrado County.

Whereas from the unsettled state of lands on the Lake in the Settlements of Talla and Waterville, Grand Cape Mount, there have been increasing disputes owing to land holders making encroachment upon the lands of each other without regard to original apportionment; and whereas since the laying off of said lands no authorized Government Survey has been made: and whereas it is the chief object of the Government to maintain peace and harmony among its citizens.

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

SEC. I. That from and immediately after the passage of this resolution the President be and he is hereby authorized to have the lands of Talla and Waterville, Grand Cape Mount, surveyed and apportioned. And that the sum of Three Hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of the Resolution, to be paid out of the Local Government funds

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3rd., 1895.

Joint Resolution providing for a Court House, Jail and Government Houses in the County of Grand Bassa, and Watch house in the County of Sinoe.

Whereas it was made known by the President in his Message that an arrangement has been entered into between the Government and the firm of A. Woermann, whereby the premises of said A. Woermann, in Upper Buchanan has been transferred to Government and need repairs; and that it is highly necessary for a watch house to be erected on Blue Barrah point, in the County of Sinoe.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to repair the said premises at Buchanan Grand Bassa County, and One thousand dollars to erect a Watch house at Lhie Barrah Point in Sinoe County

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury, under warrant of the President, is authorized to draw for the same out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 5th., 1895.

An Act amendatory to the Homestead Exemption Act approved January 4th., 1889,

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, any Sheriff or Clerk attempting to seize and expose for sale any property that has been Homesteaded under the "Homestead Exemption Act" approved January 4th. 1889, agreeable to the provisions of said Act, shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and the issue of said Writs by the Clerk and the service, or attempt at Service by the Sheriff, shall be *prima facie* evidence of his or their guilt.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th. 1895.

Joint Resolution providing for the Settlement of disturbances on the Kroo Coast.

Whereas it appears that that Settra Kroo, Krobar, Little Kroo, Nanna Kroo, and King William's Town known as the five towns of the Kroo tribes in Sinoe County, have revolted against and bade defiance to the Republic of Liberia for many years by wantonly violating the Port of Entry law, as well as neglecting and refusing to pay the Import and Export duties assessed under the revenue laws of this Republic, and finally endeavoring to excite and confederate other tribes on the Coast to join them in hostilities against the State.

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 cause the above named five Kroo tribes in the County of Sinoe to comply with the laws of this Republic within ten days after demand shall have been made by the Gun Boat for the One thousand dollars the President had informed the Settra Kroo and Nanna

Kroo tribes that they would each have to pay as duties due the Government for the many years. they had been shipping produce and landing goods to and from the English Steamers without any payment of duties. Said payment of the One thousand dollars from each tribe, Settra Kroo and Nanna Kroo, may be received in Gold or Silver coin, palm oil, palm kernels, or in live stock, that is to say, bullocks, goats, and sheep; and in case they fail or refuse to comply with the requisition aforesaid immediately after the expiration of the said ten days, bombardment of five towns of the aforesaid Kroo tribes shall follow, and the President is further authorized to put into service a sufficient Military force by land or sea to compel the said five towns to yield perfect obedience and loyalty to the Sovereignty of this Republic.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of Ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this resolution, and the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to draw for the same under the warrant of the President out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 14th., 1895.

An Act to amend the Acts establishing the Judiciary and fixing the Powers and Jurisdiction of the several Courts.

Whereas it has been apparent under the existing circumstances that the holding of the Courts of Common Pleas and Admiralty, quarterly, incurs enormous expenses to Government, which expenses could be avoided by extending the Jurisdiction of the several Monthly and Probate Courts, and granting to Justices of the Peace an extension of power thereby limiting the Courts of Common Pleas and Admiralty to a Semi Annual Session, which at all events would meet the requisition sought for in lessening the expenses of Government.

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, that the said Courts of Common Pleas and Admiralty shall be held in the County of Grand Bassa on the Fourth Monday in February and August in each year, and in the County of Maryland on the second Monday in March and September in each year.

SEC. 2. That the jurisdiction of the Monthly and Probate Courts, is hereby extended ; That is to say in all cases of Debt where the amount does not exceed Three Hundred Dollars, said courts shall have original jurisdiction to try and dispose of

and according to law and facts. The Power of the Justices of the Peace is also extended in actions of debt to the amount of One Hundred Dollars, and the time to be allowed upon all Judgments in actions of debt in a Justice Court, when the amount is above Fifty Dollars and does not exceed One Hundred dollars, shall be six months; the party giving sufficient Bond and Security to be approved by the Justice of the Peace, or Bail Commissioner. Parties have their right to appeal if they so desire.

SEC. 3rd. It is further enacted that in all cases of Criminals committed by Justices of the Peace, the Clerk of the Monthly Court shall summon six days before the time of the Session at which the cases are to be examined, two Justices of the Peace who are to be associated with the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Courts, and said Court shall have inquisitorial Power to judicially examine the evidence only on the part of the State, and in all cases when the evidence is not sufficient to put the accused on trial may discharge the suspected person; and when the evidence appear sufficient to put the accused on trial the Court may allow the suspected party to give good and sufficient security for their appearance at the Semi-Annual Session to abide their trial

Any law conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved January 14th, 1895.

Joint Resolution reviving the Act establishing and fixing and export duty on Coffee Scions and dried Coffee, passed and approved December 26th, 1878.

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 Act establishing and fixing and export duty on Coffee Scions and dried Coffee, passed and approved December 26th. 1878, be and the same is hereby revived. Clean marketable Coffee excepted.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act to regulate the Fees to be allowed the Marshall of the several Courts of Common Pleas and Admiralty in the Republic, also the Marshall of the Supreme Court.

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

SEC. 1st. That in all cases in Admiralty and Maritime Jurisdiction, the Marshall shall receive for an attachment in Revenue or a Libel in Admiralty two dollars; for service of a warrant, attachment or summons, one dollar and fifty cents for each person

on whom such service may be made. For serving a Subpeona on witness fifty cents. For sales of vessels or other property, and for receiving and paying monies for any sum under one thousand dollars, five per centum; For every commitment or discharge of a prisoner fifty cents: For travelling expenses in going to serve any Precept ten cents per mile, provided that when more than one Writ or other precept may be served on the same parties and witnesses in the same cause and at the same time, the Marshall shall be entitled to compensation for mileage on only one of each Writ or other precept; and it shall be the duty of the Clerk to insert the names of as many witnesses in a subpeona as convenience in serving the same will permit. For attendance in Court three dollars per day, and in cases in which no fee is provided for, the Marshall shall receive three dollars per day for his services.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15th, 1895.

Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of War and Navy to furnish Robertsport Grand Cape Mount, and Careysburg, Montserrado County, Sinoe, and Maryland Counties with certain Arms and the necessary ammunition.

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 cause the Secretary of War and Navy, to supply Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount, and Careysburg, respectively with fifty Peabody rifles, and fifteen thousand rounds of Cartridges, to place the aforesaid districts in a state of defence.

SEC. 2. That the President is further authorized to cause Sinoe and Maryland Counties to be supplied with one Gatling Gun each, and two hundred Peabody rifles for Sinoe County; and one hundred Peabody rifles for Maryland County; Twenty thousand rounds of Cartridges for Sinoe, and two thousand rounds of cartridges for Maryland County.

Any law to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Approved January 15 1895,

An Act supplementary, and amendatory to An Act entitled, An Act Chartering the City of Harper, Approved December 27th 1878.

That on second line of second Section the word "Nine" shall be expunged, and the word "Five" inserted instead.

That after the word Mayor in sixth section, ninth line to the word 'Common shall be expunged, and read, seven Aldermen and Five Common Councilmen.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, January, 15th 1895.

Joint Resolution providing for Immigrant Receptacles in the several Counties.

Whereas there is a manifest disposition on the part of the Negroes of the United States of America to emigrate to Liberia, on their own responsibility, and to join us in building up the Republic of Liberia. And whereas recent indications evince the fact that large accessions are likely to arrive in a short period,

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 of the Treasury, be and he is hereby authorized, under direction of the President, to have suitable Immigrant Receptacles built in the several Counties of the Republic.

SEC. 2. That in the County of Montserrado there shall be Two Receptacles, one at Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount, and the other at such place as may be most suitable; and the appropriation be Twelve hundred dollars. In the County of Grand Bassa, there shall be two Receptacles; one at Hartford at a cost of eight hundred dollars, and one at Lower Buchanan at a cost of eight hundred dollars. And in the County of Sinoe, one Receptacle at a cost of one thousand dollars; And in the County of Maryland in the township of Philadelphia, one Receptacle at a cost of a thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. And it is further resolved that on arrival of Immigrants into Liberia, who are unable to maintain themselves the Government shall render such pecuniary aid as will assist them to support themselves for the first three months after their arrival.

SEC. 4. And it is further resolved, that the sum of Twelve Thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the building of the respective Receptacles aforementioned in the several Counties, and maintenance of Immigrants, which shall be proportioned as they may be distributed in the several Counties, And the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to draw under warrant of the President for the said sum out of the Public Treasury from any amounts not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15. 1895.

Joint Resolution authorizing the President to appoint two suitable persons in the Counties of Montserrado, Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland to select suitable places to establish civilized settlements.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint two suitable persons in the Counties of Montserrado, Grand

Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland to select suitable places as Public Reserves in each of the aforesaid Counties for the express purpose of establishing civilized settlements.

SEC. 2. That upon report of the persons sent out to make selections, being submitted to the President 8000 Acres of land at Mount Coffee, or any land near it in Montserrado County, be and the same is hereby appropriated and set apart as a public reserve for the express purpose of establishing a civilized settlement; and when it become necessary, the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to have said land surveyed in twenty-five acre blocks agreeable to the courses and boundaries of the lands in Crozerville and the district of Careysburg, Montserrado County, and a similar site on the banks of the Little Cape Mount river.

SEC. 3. In the County of Grand Bassa 800 Acres of land between Little Bassa and the mouth of the Junk river, and 800 Acres at Gorcor, running toward's Zuzoah, be and the same is hereby selected and set apart as reserved to establish civilized settlements, that the proper officers of said County instruct the surveyor to lay off a civilized settlement at each of the above mentioned places two square miles in Town Lots, the remainder of said land to be run off in farming lots.

SEC. 4. That Blue Barrow Point, in the County of Sinoe, be, and the same is hereby appropriated and set apart as a Township to be surveyed in town lots of one-quarter of an Acre each, and to extend Two miles square running across Wyett Creek, said settlement or Township be named Cheesemanville. It is further resolved that a suitable place on the West bank of the Cavalla river, Maryland County, be selected and set apart as Public Reserve for the express purpose of establishing a civilized settlement, and 3000 Acres of land be, and the same is hereby appropriated and reserved for said purpose.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 15. 1865.

Joint Resolution granting lands in the several Counties of this Republic, to the Trustees of Bishop Taylor's Industrial Missions.

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

SEC. 1. That there shall be given and granted for Mission Work, in each of the several Counties of this Republic, and to each Station connected with said work, Two hundred acres of land.

SEC. 2. That said Mission Work throughout shall be denominated "Bishop Taylor's Industrial Mission School," and to be held in Trust for Mission purposes by a Board of Trustees composed of the Bishop having Episcopal supervision, the Presiding Elders of the respective districts, the Pastors in charge of this Mission, and Two Laymen to be elected by the Quarterly Conference in the Circuits where said lands are granted.

SEC. 3. That said lands for Mission work, shall be located as follows, Monrovia District, Glemah Station, Vey Country; Powersville Marshall Junk River. St. Paul's River District; Golah Mission, Mount Coffee, Bassa District: Fortsville Mission near Fortsville, New Cess Joe West Mission: Sinoé District; Grand Cess, Sasstown (interiorward). Third Town, Gibbo Nimmo people, Jack town Mission, Wah Mission, Niffo, Nanna Kroo, Settra Kroo, and Badill (interiorward). Cape Palmas District: Bebboo on the West side of the Cavalla River eighty miles from its mouth.

2. Enboky on the West side of the Cavalla River forty five miles from its mouth.

3. Wessikie on the west side of the Cavalla River forty miles from its mouth.

4. Barreke, twenty miles North East of Cape Palmas.

5. Pludeke, one mile North West from Cape Palmas.

6. Garraway, eighteen miles North West from Cape Palmas on the Coast.

SEC. 4. That the lands so appropriated shall remain so till otherwise altered by the Legislature.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15. 1895-

An Act to authorize the Citizens of Grand Bassa County; to run a Tram Road through the City of Buchanan, and to assist them in accomplishing the same.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the citizens of Grand Bassa County; or any number of them; shall be authorized to organize a Joint Stock Company to be composed of citizens and foreigners also, if they the citizens shall so direct or elect, for the purpose of building a Tram Road from the South Western bank of the Benson river in Upper Buchanan, to run through the City to the Public Wharf on the sea beach in Lower Buchanan. Said road shall be surveyed at the expense of the County through the most convenient route in the public streets, or through private lands, and in all cases in which the road shall run through private lands, such lands shall be used as eminent domain, and the County shall pay the owner or owners for the injuries that may be sustained by the road passing through their lands.

SEC. 2. The Stock of the Company shall be divided into equal shares not exceeding one hundred dollars each, but a member may take as many shares as may be allowed by the Company, and each member shall have a vote for each share he shall take. The members shall have equal rights to the Road, Rails, Rolling Stock, Building materials, Buildings and the property belonging to the Joint Stock Company according to the amount of Capital invested in such Stock by each member.

SEC. 3. The rolling stock and all materials imported for build-

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ing purposes; and all goods wares and merchandise imported for the purpose of paying labor in building the road shall be free from import duties.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted; that as soon as the Company shall be organized and shall have raised three thousand dollars for the purpose of building the roads and shall have obtained a Charter, they shall have the right to obtain from the County Government the sum of Five thousand dollars to assist them in building the road. The County obtaining thereby the right to as many shares as it shall put in the Stock, and shall exercise those rights by and through the Superintendent of the County, County Attorney, and members of the Legislature who shall be members of the Company, by virtue of their offices as long as the County shall keep Stock therein; and in all cases in which stockholders shall desire to sell their shares, the County Government shall have the right to buy them.

SEC. 5. That in order to assess the injuries that may be done to private lands, or sustained by the owners of lands through which the road shall pass, each party shall have the right to appoint two men who shall act as arbitrators and the said arbitrators shall assess the injury.

Any laws conflicting with this Act, are hereby repealed:

Approved January 15, 1895,

An Act amendatory and supplementary to An Act, entitled An Act encouraging Mining in 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 immediately after the passage of this Act, the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint special Commissioners in the several Counties of this Republic, whose duty shall be to prospect for Gold, Silver, Copper, Coal or other valuable minerals on any of the public domain of this Republic, said Commissioners shall be allowed three dollars per day for their services, and one thousand dollars for the discovery of a Gold mine and five hundred dollars for a Silver, Copper, or Coal mine.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that the said Commissioners shall be allowed five able-bodied men who shall be paid one dollar per day and the usual rations as is provided by law for soldiers in actual service, and ten native carriers who shall be allowed four dollars per month and rations. The above mentioned men shall be required to make excavations, and do all other fatigue duties that may be required of them under directions of the said Commissioners. The Government shall furnish all necessary tools and acids for the successful carrying out of this Act.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the Commissioners shall be allowed forty five days to make the necessary researches, and to make their returns within the above stated time to the President in Montserrado County and to the Superintendents of the several

Coastward Counties and of this Republic, and to report any and all minerals or other valuable deposits found by the said Commissioners which deposits shall be the property of the Government

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that said Commissioners shall, before entering upon the duties before stated in this Act, be required to take oath for the faithful performance of their duties and that they will make a true and correct return of all valuable mineral deposits found by them, and if it shall be found that they have withheld any information with regard to such mineral deposits so discovered by them, they shall be deemed guilty of Fraud; and upon conviction before any Court of competent jurisdiction shall be punished by fine and imprisonment according to the magnitude of the case.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted, that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent any citizens forming themselves into Companies for the purpose of making researches or discoveries; and upon proof made to the proper officers of Government as named in Section 3. of this Act they shall be entitled to the same reward as the special Commissioners.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted that Section 6 of An Act approved January 3. 1869, be so amended as to read that the said Company or miners shall be entitled to, and receive three fifths of the nett proceeds of any and all mineral deposits discovered by them on any of the Public Domain, and shall have the exclusive right of leasing one hundred Acres of land adjacent to that on which said mine or mines, or mineral deposits have been discovered by them.

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

Approved, January 15. 1895.

An Act making Appropriations for the Fiscal year beginning the first Day of October 1894, and ending September 30th. 1895.

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

That the following Salaries shall be allowed the public officers of the Republic of Liberia for services, and the following Appropriations paid for the fiscal year ending September 30th. A. D. 1895. And the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same.

GENERAL CIVIL LIST.

Salary of the President	\$ 2500.00
" " Vice President	" 1000.00
" " Chief Justice	" 1000.00
" " Associate Justices each \$ 750.00	" 1500.00
" " Secretary of State	" 1000.00
" " Secretary of Treasury	" 1000.00
" " Postmaster General	" 700.00
" " Auditor	" 600.00

Salary of the	Comptroller	"	700.00
"	"	"	"
"	"	Treasurer R. L.	" 500.00
"	"	Secretary of the Interior	" 600.00
"	"	Secretary of War and Navy	" 700.00
"	"	Clerk of the State Department	" 300.00
"	"	" Treasury "	" 300.00
"	"	Secretary to President	" 300.00
"	"	Butler Ex. Mansion	" 150.00
"	"	Attorney General	" 700.00
"	"	Runner Ex. Mansion	" 50.00
"	"	" State Department	" 50.00
"	"	" Treasury Department	" 50.00
"	"	Principal Prep. Dept. La. College	" 600.00
Amount	"	Table Expenses Ex. Mansion	" 800.00
"	"	General Contingent	" 2000.00
"	"	Expenses Supreme Court	" 400.00
"	"	Public Printing	" 1280.00
"	"	Rent, Treasurer's Office	" 40.00
"	"	Stationery, Gen. Government	" 250.00
"	"	Out Claims	" 6000.00
"	"	Peace on Public Highways	" 1500.00
"	"	Ed. Berry's Pension	" 200.00
"	"	Maintenance of Navy	" 25000.00
Salary	for	Clerk Postmaster General	" 300.00
Amt.	for	Redemption 4% Bonds	" 1200.00
"	"	Bonded Warehouse Monrovia	" 3000.00
"	"	Cavalla Expedition	" 20000.00
"	"	To facilitate and carry out Act approved January 1892, respecting Native troubles on Coast from Timbo to Nanna Kroo.	" 25000.00
"	"	Cape Mount Expedition	" 8000.00
"	"	High School Grand Bassa	" 1509.00
"	"	Lights for Ports of Bassa and Sinoe	" 650.00
"	"	Students, Liberia College	" 2500.00
Salary	for	Immigrant Agent	" 450.00
Amt.	"	Commissioner A. B. King	" 1250.00
"	"	Balance of Salary A. B. King	" 1600.00
"	"	Additional Salary A. B. King	" 500.00
Salary	for	Clerk Interior Department	" 200.00
"	"	For Compiling and Printing Statutes	" 1000.00
"	"	T. W. Howard back Salary as Printer	" 1200.00
"	"	Stephen Crayton	" 190.00
"	"	H. W. Travis, extra services as Secretary of War and Navy	" 500.00
"	"	The Heirs of F. A. Overton	" 785.79
"	"	M. P. K. Valentine	" 450.00
"	"	2 Gatling Guns, for Sinoe and Palmas	" 1700.00
"	"	Repairs on Light House Monrovia	" 1500.00
"	"	Police Force Mannah River	" 4000.00
"	"	W. E. Dennis	" 200.00
"	"	L. B. Andrews	" 66.00
"	"	J. T. Minor	" 150.00

Amt. for	W. E. Harris	"	450.00
"	Common School Reader	"	3000.00
"	D. E. Sherman Guardian Edith Smith	"	250.00
"	Arms and Ammunition for Careysburg and Robertsport	"	1500.00
Salary for	Postmaster Monrovia	"	325.00
"	" and Deputy Collector Grd Bassa	"	300.00
"	" Sinec County	"	250.00
"	" Maryland	"	300.00

MONTSEERRADO COUNTY

"	Judge Ct. Qr. Sessions	"	700.00
"	Monthly and Probate Court	"	400.00
"	Chairman " Court, Careysburg	"	150.00
"	" " Robertsport	"	150.00
"	" " Marshall	"	100.00
"	For Sub-Treasurer Montseerrado County	"	500.00
"	Superintendent " "	"	400.00
"	" " Robertsport	"	200.00
"	" " Careysburg	"	100.00
"	" " Marshall	"	150.00
"	Sub-Treasurer Robertsport	"	200.00
"	" " Marshall	"	100.00
"	" " Careysburg	"	100.00
"	Collector Customs Robertsport	"	200.00
"	" " Marshall	"	150.00
"	" " Monrovia	"	500.00
"	County Attorney	"	500.00
"	District " Robertsport	"	100.00
"	" " Careysburg	"	100.00
"	" " Marshall	"	60.00
"	Commissary Monrovia	"	300.00
"	" " Careysburg	"	25.00
"	" " Robertsport	"	25.00
"	" " Marshall	"	25.00
"	Light House Keeper, Monrovia	"	150.00
"	Jailor, Monrovia	"	200.00
"	" Robertsport	"	50.00
"	Clerk Supt. Office, Monrovia	"	200.00
Amt. "	Light House expenses	"	100.00
"	Pensions	"	1500.00
"	Judiciary	"	700.00
"	Public Schools	"	5000.00
"	Surveying and Plotting	"	200.00
"	Rents, Robertsport	"	100.00
"	Out Claims	"	1500.00
"	Contingent	"	1500.00
Salary "	Jack Savage (Kroo Governor)	"	50.00
"	Black Will (Vice ")	"	15.00
Amt. "	Stationery	"	150.00
"	Military	"	500.00
Salary "	Clerk Supt. Office, Robertsport	"	100.00

"	" Native African Commissioner	\$	350.00
"	" School Commissioners each \$ 300—	"	600.00
"	" Boarding Master	"	300.00
Amt.	" Stipend Native Chiefs	"	500.00
Salary	" Clerk Sub-Treasury Dept.	"	100.00
Amt.	" Rents, Careysburg	"	100.00
"	" Fortifications "	"	1500.00
"	" Contingent, Robertspert	"	100.00
"	" T. Ourd's Pension	"	50.00
"	" Stipend, Gray, Cape Mount	"	50.00
"	" Three Bridges Careysburg	"	1700.00
"	" Causeway between Brewerville & Virginia	"	500.00
"	" Interior Road Cape Mount	"	1500.00
"	" Zodakie's Bridge	"	500.00
"	" Sub-Treasurer's Office Rent	"	75.00
"	" Superintendent's " "	"	100.00
"	" Surveying and Plotting Robertspert	"	500.00
"	" Road from Sasstown to Fendall	"	750.00
"	" At Newland, Careysburg	"	500.00
"	" Cleaning out Ayres Creek	"	200.00
"	" W. T. Cole's Pension, Robertspert	"	50.00
"	" Jail and Court House, Careysburg	"	1000.00
"	" T. Pinic's Pension, Robertspert	"	50.00
"	" John Hunter " "	"	60.00
"	" Laying Bridges, Virginia	"	175.00
"	" Survey of Talla and Wattsville, C. Mt.	"	350.00
"	" Ida W. Outland's Pension	"	100.00
"	" John Hess	"	75.00
"	" Daniel Morris	"	100.00
"	" Jane R. Roberts	"	1.150.00
"	" Heirs of Peter Banks	"	363.00
"	" Bridge at Talla, Cape Mount	"	100.00
"	" Upper and Lower Caldwell	"	300.00
"	" Bridge between Wattsville and Robertspert	"	200.00
"	" Martha Woodson's Pension	"	100.00
"	" Fannie Smith's " "	"	100.00
"	" Geo. S. Padmore's " "	"	200.00
"	" Mintie Ann Moore's " "	"	100.00
"	" Post Office Robertspert and Marshall	"	100.00
"	" Heirs of C. S. McGill	"	100.00
"	" Two Receptacles	"	2400.00
"	" Widow of L. E. A. Roye	"	75.00
"	" Sarah Mitchel	"	32.00
"	" W. H. Ricks', Pension	"	100.00
"	" Election	"	800.00
"	" Cannon Carriages	"	1800.00
"	" Louisa Honsbey	"	50.00
"	" Tamar Warne	"	50.00
"	" Widow of Samuel Irons	"	50.00

\$ 200,222.29

GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

Brought forward	\$ 200,222.29
Salary Judge C. Qr. S. & C. F.	\$ 700.00
" Superintendent	" 400.00
" Judge Monthly and Probate Court	" 350.00
" Sub-Treasurer	" 350.00
" Collector of Customs	" 500.00
" " " River Cess	" 350.00
" For Jailer	" 180.00
" " Commissary	" 180.00
" " County Attorney	" 400.00
" " Clerk, Supt. Department	" 150.00
" " " Sub-Treasurer	" 200.00
" " " Collector of Customs	" 125.00
" " Boarding Master	" 250.00
Amt. " Public Schools	" 4000.00
" " Judiciary	" 5500.00
" " Stationery	" 150.00
" " Pensions	" 300.00
" " E. A. Briggs	" 100.00
Salary " Auditor	" 300.00
Amt. " Contingent	" 1500.00
" " Surveying and Plotting	" 300.00
" " Out Claims	" 6000.00
" " Military	" 300.00
" " Court House and Jail	" 5000.00
" " Inland Mail	" 50.00
Salary for School Commissioner	" 400.00
Amt. " Cleaning Zeon's Creek	" 275.00
Salary " Native African Commissioner	" 300.00
Amt. " Landing Mails	" 50.00
" " Rents	" 400.00
" " Carriages for Cannons	" 2250.00
" " Building Custom House and Post Office.	" 800.00
Amt. for Roads and Bridges, Bexley, Hartford and Fortsville	" 1150.00
" " Public Highway subject to Native African Commissioner	" 3000.00
" " John Toliver's Pension	" 75.00
" " R. T. Taylor's Pension	" 100.00
" " Branch Post Office	" 350.00
" " Surveying and Plotting new Settlements, each \$ 350.00	" 700.00
" " Sub. Immigrant Agent	" 300.00
" " George Brown Widow's Pension	" 75.00
" " Capt. John Johnson Widow's Pension	" 150.00
Salary for Collector, Little Bassa	" 300.00
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	\$ 45510.00

Brought forward	1894-5	\$ 455,10.00
Amt. for Receptacles		\$ 2000.00
" " Tram Road Company		" 5000.00
" " Government Tram		" 3000.00
" " Election		" 225.00

\$ 48735.00

SINOE COUNTY.

Salary Judge Court Qr. Ses. and Common Pleas	\$	700.00
" For Superintendent	"	400.00
" Judge Monthly and Probate Court	"	350.00
" For County Attorney	"	400.00
" " Collector of Customs	"	400.00
" " Sub-Treasurer	"	300.00
" " Auditor	"	300.00
" " Commissary	"	175.00
" " Jailor	"	180.00
" " Clerk Supt. Department	"	100.00
" " " Customs	"	100.00
" " " Sub-Treasurer	"	100.00
" " " Judiciary	"	2000.00
" " " Rents	"	150.00
" " " Stationery	"	200.00
" " Contingent	"	1500.00
" " Out Claims	"	5000.00
" " Public Schools	"	2000.00
" " Surveying and Plotting	"	600.00
" " Military	"	250.00
" " Pensions	"	200.00
" " Salary School Commissioner	"	300.00
Salary " Boarding Master	"	300.00
Amt. " Repairs on Court House and Jail	"	2000.00
Salary " Native African Commissioner	"	300.00
Amt. " Stipend Native Chiefs	"	1000.00
" " Farmersville Levee	"	200.00
" " Books for Public Schools	"	250.00
" " Josiah Benson's Pension	"	100.00
" " Po River Schools	"	200.00
" " Carriages and Cannons	"	1800.00
" " Harbour Master and Boat hire	"	100.00
" " Superintendent's office	"	50.00
" " Sub-Treasurer's office	"	40.00
" " Seals and Flags, Niffou	"	250.00
Salary " Sub-Immigrant Agent	"	300.00
Amt. " Receptacles	"	1000.00
" " Elections	"	125.00
" " Cleaning out Creek between Reidsville and Bluntsville	"	1000.00

Total Amt

\$ 273,577.29

MARYLAND COUNTY.

Brought forward		\$ 218577.29
Salary	for Superintendent	" 450.00
"	" Judge Court Cr. Ses. and Com. Pleas	" 700.00
"	" Monthly and Probate Court	" 350.00
"	" Collector of Customs	" 400.00
"	" Sub Treasurer	" 350.00
"	" Commissary	" 200.00
"	" Jailor	" 150.00
"	" Clerk Supt. Office	" 125.00
"	" " Custom House	" 100.00
"	" " Sub-Treasurer	" 100.00
"	" Light House keeper	" 180.00
"	" " Expenses	" 150.00
"	" " Repairs	" 300.00
"	" Judiciary	" 2000.00
"	" Public Schools	" 1000.00
"	" Rents	" 150.00
"	" Stationery	" 150.00
"	" Contingent	" 1500.00
Amt	for Military	" 300.00
"	" Out Claims	" 1000.00
"	" Surveying and Plotting	" 300.00
"	" " " " New Settlements	" 350.00
"	" Sub. Agent for Immigrants	" 300.00
"	" Elections	" 125.00
"	" Relief of R. Nelson	" 96.00
"	" Fortifications	" 500.00
"	" Pensions	" 400.00
"	" Repairs on Court House and Jail	" 500.00
"	" Causeway between Latrobe and Hoffman Station }	" 300.00
"	" Repairs on Big Bridge	" 100.00
"	" " " Bridges between Jackson-ville and Mt. Vanghn each \$ 100.00 }	" 200.00
"	" M. J. Carney's Pension	" 100.00
"	" J. W. Cummings "	" 50.00
"	" R. M. Cole "	" 60.00
"	" Stipend, Native Chiefs	" 500.00
"	" Boarding Master and Landing Mails	" 300.00
Salary	" School Commissioner	" 300.00
"	" Auditor	" 300.00
Amt.	" Block House Mount Tubman	" 500.00
"	" Mounting Cannons	" 500.00
"	" Repairs Block House, Jacksonville	" 300.00
"	" A. C. Tucker	" 80.00
"	" Catherine Thompson's Pension	" 100.00
"	" Patsey Hardy's "	" 100.00
"	" D. M. Johnson's "	" 65.00
"	" Isaiah Ireland's "	" 65.00

Amt.	for	J. A. Tuil	\$	40.00
"	"	Henry Rogers	"	100.00
"	"	G. Trembo's Pension	"	50.00
"	"	Receptacles	"	1000.00
"	"	Opening Canal	"	8000.00
"	"	Willis Brown Widow's Pension	"	60.00
"	"	Peter Wilson's Pension	"	60.00
"	"	J. L. Henson's Pension	"	79.00
Salary	"	County Attorney	"	400.00
"	"	Collector Customs, River Cavalla	"	250.00
Amt.	"	Boom Branch Bridge	"	100.00

Total Appropriation	\$ 299,797.29
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An Act providing for a Liberian Common School Reader.

Whereas it is expedient, that there should be provided a series of Liberian Common School Readers, designed for the special instruction of Liberian Youths; and Whereas the books now used in our Common Schools of learning are altogether of a foreign character and not suitable in every way to rightly impart to Liberian Children that spirit of National Pride and Patriotism peculiar to the circumstances of this Negro Republican Government,

Therefore, 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 be and he is hereby authorized to engage some efficient persons (not to exceed three in all) to collect facts and prepare the manuscripts in a clear and legible style for a Common School Reader, which shall be suitable for study in the Common Schools of Liberia, embracing lessons upon the origin, growth, and development of the Republic. The good and praiseworthy traits and deeds of the fathers and heroes of Liberia. The climatic conditions of the country; the several Military Campaigns; and upon other important subjects calculated to interest and enlighten the minds of the growing youths of Liberia.

SEC. 2. And it is further enacted, that the Declaration of Liberia's National Independence, Bill of Rights, Constitution of Liberia, Liberia's National Hymn, and List of Presidents and Vice Presidents shall be included in such Reader.

SEC. 3. And it is further enacted, that the topics treated upon in said Readers shall be divided into suitable chapters or lessons and said lessons proportioned into sections.

SEC. 4. And it is further enacted, that the Secretary of the Treasury, acting under instruction of the President, shall enter into an arrangement with some foreign Printing Company to have Two Thousand Copies of said Reader printed and bound in durable style.

SEC. 5. And it is further enacted, that the name of said books shall be the "Liberian Common School Reader" and each shall be numbered consecutively.

SEC. 6. And it is further enacted, that for the purpose of carrying in effect the provisions of this Act, the sum of Three Thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is authorized to draw for the same.

SEC. 7. And it further enacted, that on receipt of said Readers by the Secretary of the Treasury he shall immediately proportion and transmit them to the several Sub Treasurers of Montserrado, Grand Bassa, Sinoe, and Maryland Counties with price of actual cost with expenses, to be by them disposed of for coin and returns made to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17. 1895.

1894-5

An Act to increase the Revenue of this Republic.

Whereas it is apparent that the Revenue of this Republic is by far insufficient to meet the demands now made upon it, which demands in their nature are legal; and whereas, it should not be the policy of any Government to depend entirely upon the revenue accruing from import and export duties as the only means of support; and whereas the useless expenditure of monies yearly for boarding prisoners has been proven to be abortive and of no benefit to Government; and whereas a Government farm if commenced in each County of the Republic will be an auxiliary to the finances and thereby secure to Government a large revenue:

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the President be and he is hereby authorized to have surveyed in each County of this Republic, Two hundred acres of land not otherwise appropriated to be denominated government farms and state prisons.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the superintendents and their councils of the several counties of this Republic acting under authority of the President, shall designate to the Surveyor or Surveyors such land or lands suitable to be surveyed, and have built thereon, as soon thereafter as possible, houses of sufficient sizes to accomodate such laborers as may be employed in prison, workshop and guard room.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the farms aforesaid shall be under the immediate direction and control of the Secretary of the Treasury who shall instruct the several superintendents and require them to carry into effect such rules and regulations as may from time to time be submitted to them for the better working and government of said farm or farms and report their

doings in detail to the Legislature of this Republic at each session.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted, that to each farm there shall be one overseer and as many assistants as the exigencies of the case from time to time may demand, whose duty it shall be to see that a system of agriculture be enforced, by the growth of coffee, cocoa, and all other products of the soil calculated to increase the revenue of this Republic. He the said overseer, shall be required to keep a systematic account of his doings on said farm, and make a quarterly report of the same to the Superintendent, specifying the quantity of Coffee, Cocoa, and all other articles on hand ready for export. He shall further be required to forward to the Superintendent all produce ready for market, and take a receipt in duplicate for same, one to keep as his voucher, and the other to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. The salary of said overseer or overseers shall be two hundred and fifty dollars; they shall receive their pay in common with all other officers of Government.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted, that each overseer, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give a bond of one thousand dollars to be approved by the Superintendent of the County.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted, that it shall be embezzlement for any overseer to exchange, barter or sell any of the products of said farms, or in any way convert the same to his or their use; upon proof thereof, he shall be answerable before any court of competent jurisdiction to try such offence within this Republic.

SEC. 7. It is further enacted that the Superintendents of the several Counties shall ship all coffee, chocolate, or cocoa, and all other articles of export that may be produced on said farm or farms, and receive therefor in return gold or silver coin: said gold coin shall be paid immediately into the several Sub-Treasuries of this Republic on receipt from the Sub-Treasurers, one to serve as his or their voucher, and the other to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. It shall further be the duty of the several Superintendents to keep a separate and distinct accounts in detail of all transactions of said farm in a businesslike form, showing a statement of the total outlay of money expended, liabilities if any, and the gain or loss in said enterprise, and on failure to comply with these directions, the said Superintendents shall be immediately removed from office, and held answerable to any court having jurisdiction of the offence.

SEC. 8. It is further enacted that all prisoners sentenced to penal servitude by the several courts in each County having jurisdiction thereof shall be immediately sent by the Superintendents to the said farm or farms and thereby undergo the sentence of the law. Hours of labor shall be from 6 to 11 a. m. and from 1 to 4 p. m. each day.

SEC. 9. It is further enacted, that all persons sentenced to penal servitude by the several courts in each County, of this Republic, who are mechanics of any kind shall be required to work

at his or their craft at said institution, and all of the proceeds of such work shall be for the use of the institution, provided the articles be such as are needed; otherwise they are to be sold, and the proceeds go to assist in bearing its expenses, and in all cases, the object shall be to make the institution self-supporting.

SEC. 10. It is further enacted, that the sum of Twelve Thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into effect and completion the requisition of this Act, and the President be and is hereby authorized to cause the Secretary of the Treasury to draw for said amount out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and in no case shall the buildings erected under this Act be conducted in any other way than by the law governing public work.

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

Approved, January 17 1895.

1894-5

An Act to alter and amend An Act to increase the number of Regiments in 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 above cited Act, shall be so amended as to read that the First and Fifth Regiments shall have Geographical Boundaries laid down.

SEC. 2. That the division or Geographical position of the First and Fifth Regiments remain as laid down in the above cited Act of January, 20th. 1893.

SEC. 3. That instead of Four regimental and eight monthly parades a year there shall be two regimental and ten monthly parades.

SEC. 4. The First Regiment shall parade in the township of Caldwell on the second Thursday in May and in the city of Monrovia on the second Thursday in November from nine o'clock a. m. to five o'clock p. m. and the fifth regiment shall parade in the township of Millsburg on the third Thursday in May and in the township of Crozerville on the third Thursday in November from nine o'clock a. m. to five o'clock p. m.

SEC. 5. That both Regiments parade in the city of Monrovia on the first Thursday in February in each year from nine o'clock a. m. to five o'clock p. m. under command of the Brigadier of the First Brigade,

SEC. 6. That the Companies of Marshall, Schieffelin and Robertsport be exempted from the above and be allowed to parade in their own settlements as stated by the law of 1885 and 1886.

SEC. 7. That there shall be Two Brigades in the Republic the first and fifth regiments shall constitute the first Brigade and the second, third and fourth regiments shall constitute the second Brigade.

same as laid down in the Army Regulations of the United States. Each Brigadier General shall inspect and drill his Brigade once a year, and report its condition and deficiency to the Major General, who shall lay the same before the Secretary of War for the inspection of the Commander in Chief.

SEC. 9. One Brigadier General, shall reside in Montserrat County, and one in either of the Counties of Bassa, Sinoe, or Maryland.

SEC. 10. There shall be an Adjutant General, with the rank of Colonel, whose duties shall be to issue all orders or command from the Major General, to the Division. Each Brigadier General shall be entitled to one aid with the rank of Captain, and the Major General shall be entitled to two aids with the rank of Major. The Commander in Chief to two aids with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

SEC. 11. The pay of the Major General, when in actual service shall be fifty dollars per month, and five rations, the pay of the other officers and soldiers, shall remain as per law enacted by the Legislature, during the session of 1892—3,

SEC. 12. That the place of parade for the second, third and fourth regiments remain as stated in the law of 1895.

SEC. 13. The Court Martial for the First Regiment shall be held in the City of Monrovia or Caldwell, and the Court Martial for the Fifth regiment shall be held in the settlements of Millsburg or Crozerville at the option of their respective Colonels, but notice must be posted in the different settlements as to the time and place that the Court Martial will be held that all parties concerned may have timely notice to appear.

SEC. 14. Persons regularly employed on board of vessels as seamen or supercargoes, when actually engaged at their calling, shall be exempted from Military duty by paying into the Sub-Treasuries of their respective Counties, a Tax fee of three dollars per annum otherwise they shall be considered as delinquents and fined accordingly.

Any law or part of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, January, 17th, 1895.

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26.
An Act to incorporate the United Brothers and Sisters of Friendship, of Paynesville, Montserrado County.

Approved January 15, 1895.

An Act chartering the Subordinate Division of the Sons of Temperance No. 667 of Monrovia.

Approved January 17, 1895.

Resolution reimbursing Wilmot E. Dennis, Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the President.

Approved January 14, 1895.

Resolution releasing B. K. McKeever, R. H. Marshall and R. J. B. Watson as bondsmen for M. J. Ledlum of Robertspart, Grand Cape Mount, Montserrado County.

Approved January 14, 1895.

Resolution authorizing the payment of certain claims of M. P. K. Valentine, of Maryland County against Government.

Approved January 14, 1895.

Resolution granting Richard W. Watkins, of Maryland County, Thirty Acres of land.

Approved January 14, 1895.

Resolution for the relief of the Widows of Geo. Brown of Grand Bassa County, and Willis Brown of Maryland County.

Approved January 14, 1895.

Resolution for the relief of W. H. Ricks a Volunteer of Clay Ashland Regulars, Fifth Regiment, Montserrado County.

Approved January 14, 1895.

Resolution authorizing the payment of certain claims of W. E. Harris of Sinoe County against Government.

Approved January 14, 1895.

Resolution pensioning Tamer Warn and the widow of Samuel Irons.

Approved January 14, 1895.

Resolution authorizing the payment of certain claims of Lewis Henson of Maryland County against Government.

Approved January 14, 1895.

Resolution to relieve Matthew Day and Samuel Ash of the Fifth Regiment and Robert Wilson of the Fourth Regiment Maryland County.

Approved January 14 1895.

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21.
An Act to incorporate the Rising Star Union Daughters of
Temperance of Sinoe County.

Approved January 14, 1895.

An Act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Churches, Grand
Bassa County.

Approved by Limitation.

An Act to incorporate the Grand United Order of Daughters of
Temperance, Fidelity Division, No. 1, of Monrovia.

Approved January 14, 1895.

An Act incorporating the United Brothers of Friendship and
Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Monrovia.

Approved January 14, 1895.

An Act incorporating the Young Ladies United Society of Cape
Palmas.

Approved, January 14, 1895.

1894-5