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Joint Resolution incorporating the Bridge Association of the Settlements of White Plains, Crozerville, Bensonville and Careysburg in Montserrado County.

Whereas the citizens of White Plains, Crozerville, Bensonville and Careysburg have formed themselves into a Bridge Association for the purpose of erecting suitable and durable Bridges between the above named Settlements, and have petitioned the Legislature to declare said Association a body corporate and politic.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution W. T. Hagans, President; R. A. M. Deputie Sr. Benjamin Fagans, Cato A. Sims and James D. Carter Vice Presidents; Edward Hunte Treasurer, G. S. Padmore, Recording Secretary ; D. E. Howard Corresponding Secty., J. C. Johnson, Jas W. Cooper, J. E. Port, Jas. B. Wright and Thos. W. Haynes Board of Managers, Officers of the Bridge Association of the Settlements of White Plains, Crozerville, Bensonville and Careysburg, and their successors in office, together with the other Officers and members of the said Association, who are now or may hereafter become members of said Association are hereby declared a body Corporate and politic to be known as the Bridge Association, from White Plains, to Careysburg and as such body shall have the right to construct Bridges throw up causeways, erect Piers and to do everything else necessary to facilitate transit between the aforesaid Settlements.

Said Association shall have power to solicit voluntary contributions, levy and collect taxes, contract loans, and make such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the completion of said enterprise.

Said Association shall have power to hold and enjoy property, real or otherwise, to the amount of Ten thousand Dollars, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges usually accorded to corporate bodies.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14 1896.

Joint Resolution incorporating Saint Paul's Baptist Church, Arthington, in the County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That June Moore, Pastor, J. C. Taylor, Solomon Hill, E. Ponder, V. L. Miller, Henry Taylor and George Askie, Deacons, all of the Settlement of Arthington in the County of Montserrado and Republic of Liberia, and their successors in Office together with such as are now or may hereafter become members, are hereby constituted a body Corporate and Politic, by the name of "Saint Paul's Baptist Church" with power to take, hold and possess all property or real, personal, with full power to sell and convey the same, subject to the provisions of this Resolution.

SEC. 2. That the said Corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court of this Republic having lawful jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal estate to the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, and do all things usually done by such bodies corporate and Politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16. 1896.

Joint Resolution extending the time for all persons holding War Certificates within the Republic.

Whereas the Legislature at its last session passed a Joint Resolution approved January 3. 1895 calling in all "War Certificates in circulation being grants for lands, and requesting holders to present the same to the Executive for inspection; and Whereas said Resolution required all holders of War Certificates to present them on or before the thirtieth (30) day of September A. D. 1895 and, Whereas the citizens generally throughout the Republic were not apprised of the said Resolution until the time for presenting said certificates had nearly expired, and many of them were shut out.

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

That the time for presenting said War Certificates, as cited in the Joint Resolution referred to be extended to the thirtieth (30) day of September A. D. 1896.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 16 1896.

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An Act empowering the President to designate by Public Proclamation the limits of townships not already defined.

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

SEC. 1. The President of the Republic shall hereafter have the power to designate by Public Proclamation the limits of all townships not already known and defined.

SEC. 2. The township officers are hereby strictly forbidden to exercise their functions outside the limits so fixed by the President's Proclamation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 16 1896.

Joint Resolution providing for a Criminal Code.

Whereas a great necessity exists for a well defined legal code properly declaring the various crimes tried by the courts of the Republic and affixing proper penalties therefor; and Whereas the ends of justice are often thwarted, and perverted for want of said code;

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

SEC. 1. That the President of the Republic of Liberia be and he is hereby directed, to organise a Commission composed of two Judges and three Counsellors at law, to formulate a criminal code for the Republic.

SEC. 2. The code as reported to the President and the suggestions of the said Commission shall be laid before the Legislature at its next session.

SEC. 3. The sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to meet the expenses of the said Commission.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20 1896.

An Act granting Charles Williams Meiter, his associates, or assigns the right to establish a Bank within this Republic with special privileges

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

SEC. 1. That there is granted to Charles William Meiter of London, England, and to those whom he may appoint or associate with him as founders the right of establishing a Banking business and to carry on said business under the name and style of "The Governor and Company of the Bank of Liberia." Said company shall be capable in Law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of this Republic having lawful jurisdiction, with a common seal and power to alter, vary, break and renew the same at discretion.

SEC. 2. The Bank's capital shall be Thirty thousand (£ 30 000) pounds sterling to be raised by shares ; the Governor and Directors fixing their number and value. The capital may be increased by permission of the Legislature to one hundred thousand (£ 100 000) pounds.

SEC. 3. The Governor and Directors to have power to make regulations for the proper transaction of business and for the meetings of Directors and share holders. The shareholders liability to be limited to the unpaid amount on their shares for the time being.

SEC. 4. The Governor and Board of Directors shall consist of not less than five (5) members of which number the Consul General or Chief Diplomatic Representative of Liberia in London (if the Republic shall take the requisite number of shares) shall be one, and he shall regularly send reports with regard thereto when necessary to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of the Treasury to report to the Legislature upon all matters connected with the Bank in which the Government may be interested. Neither he nor the Consul General or Chief Diplomatic Representative shall hold stock while their official relations to the Bank shall continue. The Bank to have the sole right of note issue up to the amount of the subscribed capital, and the notes are hereby declared legal tender for payment of all debts, taxes, duties &c. These notes shall be redeemed in standard English or Liberian Gold and Silver coins. The Bank to keep on hand at its Monrovia, London and other offices against notes to be presented for payment, a sum in the coin specified above, and first class securities, together equal to one third of the amount of the notes actually in circulation in any year. The Bank shall further deposit with the Treasury Department in Liberian securities or bullion or coin, a sum equal to another third of the notes to be issued in any year. The Treasury to pay the interest due on any Liberian securities deposited, and the seal of the Department to be impressed on every note issued, in the presence of a Bank Official.

SEC. 5. The Bank shall have exclusive right to coin and issue Gold and silver money and bronze or Copper coin in the City of Monrovia, which shall be of equal fineness with the silver and gold coins of Great Britain, and shall always bear the National

emblems. Notice shall be given to the Executive branch of Government of all intended issues of coin and of all facts connected with such issues. The Government shall share in the profits of the said coinage to the extent of (10 o/o) ten per cent.

SEC. 6. Approved Bills against the State may be deposited with the Bank at an interest of three (3 o/o) per cent per annum and the depositor receive therefor a certificate of deposit on which interest shall be paid by the Bank semi annually, and for this service it shall receive one per cent of the amount annually, and the sum advanced by the Bank in payment of said interest shall be the first charge upon the revenue. Said bills taken in shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury in Exchange for Government Bonds quarterly. The money advanced being also included in the understanding above.

SEC. 7. The Bank shall have the preference in all financial matters whether loans or other monetary arrangements.

SEC. 8. The business of the Bank shall be to advance money to the Government at an annual interest of seven (7 o/o) per cent, for state purposes, to discount bills of Exchanges, promissary notes, or bonds receive deposits of money, to advance money upon the security of goods and merchandise pledged to it, and to sell such goods as may not be redeemed within the stipulated time. It may grant leases, loans, or take mortgages on real estate within this Republic and generally do all kind of Banking business. The Bank may appoint a Trustee or Trustees who may take, hold, and convey real estate for the Bank, and institute all actions for the foreclosure of real Estate mortgages given as securities. He or they to be a citizen or citizens of Liberia.

SEC. 9. The Bank to be granted two lots in some prominent place in the City of Monrovia, and elsewhere within the Republic of Liberia where branches may be established.

SEC. 10. All machines and materials for the erection fo buildings and other legitimate purposes to be admitted duty free. All assignments, deeds and other writings shall be stamped and the money accruing therefrom to be equally divided between the Government and the Bank. The Bank to be provided with an armed force for its protection (if necessary) by the Government of the Republic.

SEC. 11. The privileges in respect to notes, bonds, and coinage are granted for a term of Twenty (20) years from the date of the Charter, but may be renewed for another Twenty years upon agreement. The Bank to be allowed two years from the expiration of its term to wind up its affairs.

SEC. 12. The Bank must operate within two years from the passage of this Act.

SEC. 13. The Concessionaire shall pay to the Government of the Republic of Liberia the sum of Ten thousand (£ 10,000) pounds Gold within eight (8) months after the passage of this Act in the City of Monrovia, and has the exclusive right to transact the said Banking business herein stipulated.

SEC. 14. The Government of the Republic shall have the op-

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tion of taking shares to the amount of one-fifth of the subscribed capital.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20 1896.

Joint Resolution granting 10 Acres of land in fee simple to each male member of the Cape Palmas Tribe in Maryland County.

Whereas the Cape Palmas Tribe have clearly made known to this Session of the national Legislature their wish to be incorporated into the general body politic by obtaining lands in fee simple in the County or Maryland.

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 Joint Resolution, His Excellency the President, is hereby fully authorized to grant deeds for 10 Acres of land in fee simple to each male member 21 years of age and upwards of the Cape Palmas Tribe, in the County of Maryland on the following conditions.

SEC. 2. A certificate of allotment, stating number and boundaries shall be given to each male citizen of said Tribe, to be exchanged for a deed in fee simple as soon as two acres of said land is improved and planted down in agricultural or economic plants. This land shall be held by the grantees subject to the provisions of the 5th Section of An "Act" pertaining to the allotment and improvement of lands, First Liberia Statutes.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent the offspring of marriages contracted according to the usual customs of the Cape Palmas Tribe from inheriting said land in accordance with the provisions of the, second Section of this Resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation,

Joint Resolution removing H. C. Birch, Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court of Sinoe County.

Whereas H. C. Birch Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court of Sinoe County has caused a great scandal upon the Judiciary of Sinoe County; and whereas he has been guilty of gross and unbecoming conduct as a Judge to us known; and whereas this Legislature is not desirous of impeaching the said Judge H. C. Birch,

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the President is hereby authorized and directed to remove H. C. Birch, Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court of Sinoe County, and appoint another in his stead.

Resolved that this Joint Resolution pass by a two third vote and constitute the Joint address for the removal of a Judge in accordance with the constitution of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

Joint Resolution.

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

SEC. 1st. That from and immediately after passage of this Resolution that the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasury of the Republic for the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars, for the Inauguration of the President and vice President, A. D. 1896, and the same be and is hereby appropriated.

SEC. 2nd. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

An Act defining the duties of the Postmaster General.

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

SEC. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this act the Postmaster General shall be required to enter into Bond and security for the faithful performance of the duties of his office in the sum of Twenty thousand dollars to be approved by the Legislature.

SEC. 2nd. It is further enacted that it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General under the direction of the President, to take or cause to be taken schedules in duplicate of all the stamps and monies in his office, filing one of said schedules in the Treasury Department and shall immediately thereafter deposit all of said stamps, monies, and other negotiable property in the General Treasury of the Republic, subject to his orders. The Postmaster General and the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the amount of said stamps and monies, to be by the proper officer of the Department debited to the said Treasurer in the same manner as all other monies received by him and credited by all amounts delivered to the written order of the Postmaster General.

SEC. 3rd. It is further enacted that wherever the Postmaster General shall find it necessary to order a new issue of stamps, Post

cards, and the like it shall, be his duty to submit full details of the denominations, quantities, and face value of all such issues to the President and upon his approval same shall be executed and forwarded with duplicate invoices to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall deliver one to the Postmaster General and file the other in his department, from which the Treasurer shall be debited with the nett amount of said materials.

[Sec. 4. It is further enacted that it shall be the duty of the Post Master General to require quarterly accounts current to be forwarded to him by each of the County and township Postmasters of this Republic, and when he shall discover from the debit and credit accounts which he is hereby directed to keep against each of them a deficit, the Postmaster General shall immediately submit the deficit of the said Postmaster to the Attorney General, who shall proceed to prosecute said defaulter, in the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County in which the defaulting Postmaster resides. The judgment, and penalty of such cases of conviction shall be forfeiture of bond, restitution of the amount in default, and imprisonment in the common jail for not less than two years and not more than five years.]

[Sec. 5. It is further enacted that the Postmaster General shall in his annual report to the Legislature, submit an account current showing clearly the expenses of his entire department as well as the total itemized expenses of the postal department for each fiscal year.]

Any law or parts of law incompatible with any of the provisions of this Act, be and same are hereby repealed.

Passed by Limitation.

Joint resolution authorizing the coining of Twenty-five thousand Dollars in Copper and Silver coin.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury under the direction of the President, shall cause to be coined and placed in circulation Five thousand Dollars in Copper coin one cent and two cents pieces, and Twenty thousand dollars in Silver coin, denominations of five, ten, twenty-five, and fifty cents pieces. Not more than Fifteen thousand dollars in silver shall be issued in any one year.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the said coin shall be a legal tender for customs dues, debts, public or private, provided said sum in payment of import duties, do not exceed 50 o/o of the amount of duties to be paid on all custom bills.

The Treasurer of the Republic is directed to exchange this

coin for gold when so required by holders of any sum not less than Twenty-five dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 26. 1896.

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An Act providing for the Registration of Partnership Deeds, and the Articles of Association of Public Companies working within the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. Any seven or more persons associated for any lawful purpose may by subscribing their names to a memorandum of Association, and otherwise complying with the requisitions of this Act, in respect of Registration, form an incorporated Company with or without liability.

SEC. 2. The liability of the members of a Company formed, under this Act, may, according to the memorandum of Association be limited either to the amount unpaid, if any, on the shares respectively held by them, or to such amount as the members may respectively undertake by the memorandum of Association to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of it being wound up.

SEC. 3. Where a Company is formed on the principle of having the liability of the members limited to the amount unpaid on their shares, the memorandum of Association shall contain, (1) The name of the proposed Company with the addition of the word "limited" as the last word in each name. (2) The town and county of the Republic in which the registered Office of the Company is proposed to be situated. (3) The object for which the proposed Company is to be established. (4) The declaration that the liability of the members is limited. (5) The amount of Capital with which the Company is proposed to be registered divided into shares of a certain fixed amount.

SEC. 4. When a Company is formed on the principle of having the liability of its members limited to such amount as the members respectively undertake to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of the same being wound up, hereinafter referred to as a Company limited by guarantee, the memorandum of Association shall contain the following things; (1) The name of the proposed Company with the addition of the word "Limited" as the last word in such name.

(2) The part of the Republic in which the Registered Office of the Company is said to be situated.

(3) The object for which the proposed Company is to be established.

(4) A Declaration that each member undertakes to contribute to the Assets of the Company in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a member, or within one year afterwards for payment of the debts and liability of the

company and for the adjustment of the right of the contributors amongst themselves as may be required, not exceeding a special amount.

Sec. 5. Where a company is formed on the principle of having no limit placed on the liability of its members, hereinafter referred to as an unlimited Company, the memorandum of Association shall contain the following things:

- (1) The name of the proposed Company.
- (2) The Town and County of the Republic of Liberia in which the Registered Office is proposed to be situated.
- (3) The object for which the proposed Company is to be established.

Sec. 6. The memorandum of Association shall bear the same stamp as if it were a Deed, and shall be signed by each subscriber in the presence of, and be attested by one witness at the least, it shall when registered bind the Company and its members thereof to the same extent as if each member had subscribed his name and affixed his seal thereto, and there were in the memorandum contained on the part of himself, his heirs, executors, and Administrators a covenant to observe all the conditions of such memorandum, subject to the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 7. The memorandum of Association may in the case of a company limited by guarantee or unlimited be accompanied, when registered, by articles of Association signed by the subscribers of the memorandum of Association and prescribing such relations for the company as the subscribers to the memorandum of Association deem expedient. The articles shall be expressed in separate paragraphs numbered arithmetically. They shall in the case of a Company whether limited by guarantee or unlimited, that has a capital divided into shares, state the amount of Capital with which the company proposes to be registered. In a Company limited by guarantee or unlimited that has a capital divided into shares, each subscriber shall take one share at least, and shall write opposite his name in the memorandum of Association the number of shares he takes.

Sec. 8. Upon the Registration of the memorandum of Association, in cases where articles of Association are required by this Act, or the desire of the parties to be registered, the Registrar shall certify under his hand, that the company is incorporated and in the case of a limited company that the Company is limited. The Subscribers of the memorandum of Association together with such other persons as may from time to time become members of the company, shall thereupon be a body corporate by the name contained in the memorandum of Association, capable forthwith to exercise all the functions of an incorporated Company, and having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to hold lands, but with such liabilities on the part of the members to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of the same being wound up as is hereinafter mentioned. A certificate of the incorporation of any Company given by the

registrar shall be conclusive evidence that all the requisitions of this Act in respect of registration have been complied with.

Sec. 9. There shall be no two Companies of the same name under this Act.

Sec. 10. The shares or other interests of any member in a Company under this Act shall be personal estate capable of being transferred in manner provided by the regulations of the Company and shall not be of the nature of real estate, and each share shall in the case of a Company having a capital divided into shares be distinguished by its appropriate number.

Sec. 11. Every Company under this Act shall cause to be entered in one or more books a register of its members, and there shall be entered therein the following particulars:—

(1) The names and addresses, and the occupation if any, of the members of the Company, with the addition, in the case of a Company having a capital divided into shares, of a statement of the share held by each member, distinguishing each share by its number, and of the amount paid, or agreed to be considered as paid on the share of each member.

(2) The date at which the name of any person was entered in the register as a member.

(3) The date at which any person ceased to be a member.

Sec. 12. And any Company acting in contravention of the above section shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$ 25.00 for every day during which its default in complying with the provisions of this section continues, and every director and manager of the Company who shall knowingly and wilfully authorise or permit such contravention shall incur the like penalty.

Sec. 13. A certificate under the common seal of the Company specifying any share or shares, or stock held by any member of a company, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the title of the member to the share or shares, or stocks therein specified.

Sec. 14. Every Company under this Act shall have a registered office, to which all communications and notices may be addressed. If any company under this Act carries on business without having such an office, it shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$ 25.00 for every day during which business is carried on.

Sec. 15. A general meeting of every Company under this Act shall be held once at least in each year.

Sec. 16. In default of any regulations as to voting, every member shall have one vote, and in default of any regulations as to summoning general meetings, a meeting shall be held to be duly summoned, of which seven days notice in writing has been served on every member in the usual lawful way or manner in which notices are required to be served, and in default of any regulations as to the person summoning the meeting, five members shall be competent to summons the same; and in default of any regulations as to who shall be the Chairman of such meetings, it shall be competent for any person elected by the members to preside.

Sec. 17. Any summons, notice, order or other document re-

quired to be served upon the Company, may be served by leaving the same, or sending it through post in a prepaid letter addressed to the company at their registered office.

Sec. 18. Every Company under this Act shall cause minutes of all resolutions and proceedings of general meetings of the Company, and of the Directors or managers, to be duly entered in Books, to be from time to time provided for the purpose; and any such minutes as aforesaid, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting, at which such resolutions were passed proceedings had, or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be received as evidence in all legal proceedings and until the contrary is proved. Every general meeting of the Company or meetings of Directors or Managers in respect of the proceedings of which minutes have been so made shall be deemed to be duly held and convened, and all resolutions passed thereat or proceedings had, and all appointments of Directors, Managers or Liquidators, shall be deemed to be valid, notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in their appointments and qualifications.

Sec. 19. Every Company under this Act shall keep a register of all Mortgages and charges specifically affecting property of the company and shall enter in such register in respect to each mortgage or charge a short description of the property mortgaged or charged, the amount of charge created and the name of the mortgages or persons entitled to such charge. If any property of any company is mortgaged or charged without such entry being made, every director, manager or other officer of the Company who knowingly and willfully authorises or permits the omission of such entry, shall pay a penalty not exceeding \$ 25. The Register of mortgages required by this section shall be opened for inspection by any Creditor or member of the Company at all reasonable times, and if such inspection is refused, any officer of the Company refusing the same, and every director and manager of the company authorizing or knowingly and willfully permitting such refusal, shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$ 25.00 and a further penalty not exceeding \$ 10.00 for every day during which such refusal continues.

Sec. 20. A promissory note or Bill of exchange shall be deemed to be made accepted or indorsed on behalf of any company under this Act if made accepted or indorsed in the name of the Company by any person acting under authority of the Company, or if made accepted or indorsed by or on behalf or on account of the person acting under the authority of the Company.

Sec. 21. If any company under this Act carries on business when the number of the members is less than seven, for a period of six months after the number has been so reduced, every person who is a member of such Company during the time that it so carries on business after such period of six months, and is cognizant of the fact that it is so carrying on business with fewer members than seven, shall be severally liable for the pay-

ment of the whole debts of the Company contracted during which time and may be sued for the same, without the joinder in the action of any member.

Sec. 22. Any Company under this Act may by instrument in writing under its common seal empower any person, either generally or in respect of any specified matters, as its Attorney to execute deeds on its behalf in any place not within the Republic and every deed signed by such Attorney, on behalf of the Company and under his seal, shall be binding on the Company and have the same effect as if it were under the common seal of the Company.

Sec. 23. A Company under this Act may be wound up by the Court as herein-after defined under the following circumstances :

[1] Whenever the company has passed a special resolution requiring the Company to be wound up by the Court.

[2] Whenever a Company does not commence its business within a year from its incorporation or suspends its business for a space of a whole year.

[3] Whenever the members are reduced in number to less than seven.

[4] Whenever the Company is unable to pay its debts.

[5] Whenever the Court is of opinion that it is just and equitable that the Company should be wound up.

For the purpose of conducting the proceedings in winding up a Company and assisting the Court therein, there may be appointed a person or persons to be called an Official Liquidator or official Liquidators, and the Court having jurisdiction may appoint such person or persons either provisionally or otherwise as it thinks fit to the office of official Liquidators, the Court shall declare whether any Act hereby required or authorised to be done by all or any one or more of such persons. The Court may also determine whether any and what security is to be given by any Official Liquidator on his appointment. If no Official Liquidator is appointed, or during any vacancy in such appointment, all the property of the Company shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court. The expression "The Court" in this Act means either of the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas sitting in Chambers in the several Counties of this Republic.

Sec. 24. All cost, charges and expenses properly incurred in the winding up of a Company, including the remuneration of the Liquidator, shall be payable out of the assets of the company in priority to all other claims.

Sec. 25. If any Director, officer or contributory of any Company wound up under this Act destroys, mutilates, alters or falsifies any books, papers, writings or securities or makes or is privy to the making of any false or fraudulent entries in any register, books, or accounts or other documents belonging to the Company with intent to defraud or deceive any person, every person so offending shall be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour.

Sec. 26. If any person upon any examination upon oath or affirmation authorised under this Act, or in any affidavit, depo-

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sion or solemn affirmation in or about the winding up of any Company under this Act or otherwise, in or about any matter arising under this Act wilfully and corruptly gives false evidence he shall upon conviction be liable to the penalty of wilful perjury.

SEC. 27. Where an Association about to be formed as a limited Company proves to the Court that it is formed for the purpose of Commerce, Art, Science, Religion, Charity or any other useful object and to prohibit payment of a dividend to the members, the Court may by license direct the same to be registered with limited liability without the addition of the word "Limited" to its name.

SEC. 28. Every Company formed under this Act shall hold a general meeting within four months after its memorandum of association is registered, and if such meeting is not held, the Company shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$ 25.00 a day for every day after the expiration of every such four months until the meeting is held; and every director and manager of said company and subscriber to the memorandum of association, who knowingly authorises or permits such default, shall be liable to the same penalty.

SEC. 29. Where any Company is being wound up, all Books accounts and documents of the Company and of the Liquidators shall between the contributors of the company be *prima facie* evidence of the truth of all matters purporting to be therein recorded.

SEC. 30. Where an order has been made for the winding up of a Company by the Court, the Court may make such order for the inspection by Creditors and Contributories of the Company of its Books and papers as the Court thinks just, and any books and papers in the possession of the Company may be inspected by Creditors or Contributories, in conformity with the order of the Court, but not further or otherwise.

SEC. 31. Any two or more persons entering into a firm partnership shall file in the office of the Registrar of the County in which they resides or transact business, a deed or other instrument of writing giving particulars of their agreement, for the protection of the public in the premises.

SEC. 32. Any person or persons acting as the agent or agents of foreign firms, or companies, must in every case register their powers of Attorney in the office of the Registrar of each County in which said firms or Companies may have offices or business establishments.

SEC. 33. Any law or laws to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 27. 1896.

An Act amending the Acts chartering Liberia College.

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

SEC. 1. That to Section 2 shall be added words as follows. Provided however that each legally constituted Board or corporation, either foreign or domestic, administering trust funds held in the interest of Liberia College shall have the right of electing for terms of one year or longer, two delegates to sit with the Trustees of Liberia College and enjoy during their term of office the same powers and privileges, as the members of the Board of Trustees herein constituted.

SEC. 2. That the first sentence of Section 4. shall be amended, so that it shall read; The Board of Trustees shall elect the the President of the College on the joint nomination of the Boards and Societies contributing to the support of the institution, also a Vice President, and Secretary of their Board from their own body, and some suitable and trustworthy person to be the Treasurer of the Corporation; they shall also elect, on the nomination of the President, such Professors, tutors, and other officers of instruction and government of the College as are to be paid from Government appropriation, or from funds administered by the Board of Trustees of Liberia College, and shall declare the tenure of their respective duties, salaries, emoluments, and responsibilities, and for good and sufficient causes shall remove from office any person so appointed by them.

SEC. 3. That the last sentence of Section 4, beginning with words "they shall provide &c." shall be stricken out, and there shall be substituted the words "The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Faculty, may confer the usual Collegiate honors and degrees,

SEC. 4. That the first clause of the second sentence in Section 7. shall be amended so as to read; The said Executive Committee shall have the general supervision of the prudential affairs of the College, excepting the instruction and discipline of Students and may contract debts, and discharge the same agreeable to the provisions of the By-Laws.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 27. 1896.

An Act granting a Road right or right of Way and other lands to the American Colonization Society and the New York State Colonization Society.

Whereas the American Colonization Society and the New York State Colonization Society have entered upon a new policy of Colonization in Liberia, involving the careful selection of the most suitable immigrants and the oversight and employment of the same, on their arrival in Liberia; and whereas said Societies have made application for permission to survey and construct a Wagon road from the head of navigation of the St. Paul's River at White Plains to the vicinity of Mount Coffee, and for grants of lands along the proposed roads and in the vicinity of Mount Coffee to serve as the location of the first Settlement to be undertaken under the new plan;

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

SEC. 1. That the said Societies are hereby authorised to survey, open and construct a road from the head of Navigation of the St. Paul's River to Mount Coffee,

SEC. 2. The Agent or Agents of the said Societies shall file with the Land Commissioner of Montserrado County a map or plan of the proposed Road.

The President of the Republic is hereby directed to grant to the American Colonization, Society for the purpose of Colonization or for other purposes the Public Lands on each side of the said road to the depth of half a mile and such other tracts or parcel of lands in the vicinity of Mount Coffee as may be selected by the Agent said Society not exceeding in total area the private lands within the half mile from the said road.

SEC. 4. The President of the Republic is hereby directed to add one thousand acres to the tract granted to the New York State Colonization Society by an Act approved January 20 1891.

SEC. 5. It is hereby further directed that the reservation of eight thousand acres of land designed for a Settlement in the vicinity of Mount Coffee by an Act approved January 15. 1895 be placed at the disposal of the said Societies; their Agents to have the power to select and survey lands under the provisions of this section, provided that notices of such selection and maps of the desired tracts be filed with the Land Commissioner of Montserrado County.

SEC. 6. The Land Commissioner of Montserrado County is hereby ordered and directed not to issue any order for the survey of lands, nor to grant Deeds for any lands controlled by the said Societies; under the provisions of this Act, without the written approval of the Agents of said Societies.

SEC. 7. The surveys necessary for determining the location and boundaries of the roads, grants and reservations provided for in this Act shall be executed under the direction and at the expense of the said Societies, by Liberian Government Surveyors as their Agents may select, provided, that all applications for Deeds and notices of reservations provided for in this Act shall be accompanied by Maps or Plots of the lands thus surveyed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 27. 1896.

An Act to repeal a portion of An Act entitled An Act to amend the Acts establishing the Judiciary and fixing the powers and jurisdiction of the several Courts, passed and approved January 14. 1895,

Whereas it has been made apparent that the above cited Act has not met the object contemplated, and has caused considerable embarrassment and inconvenience to the citizens: and

whereas it is not the object of the Government to oppress her people.

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

SEC. 1. That the first Section of the amendatory Judicial Act fixing the powers and jurisdiction of the several Courts, approved January 14 1895, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that the Terms of meeting of the several Courts of Quarter Sessions of Grand Bassa and Maryland Counties is restored as heretofore.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28. 1896.

An Act amendatory and supplementary to the several existing Military Acts.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, there be two General Courts Martial which shall convene once in each year, one in the County of Montserrado, City of Monrovia, on the second Wednesday in January to be presided over by the Brigadier General of the First Brigade, or such Colonel as he may appoint; the other in the County of Maryland City of Harper on the second Wednesday of January, to be presided over by the Brigadier General of the second Brigade or such Colonel as he may appoint. Such Courts Martial to have jurisdiction over all offences above the rank of Captain, and to review all appeals from Regimental Courts Martial: each Court Martial to have jurisdiction only over the offences and appeals emanating from the Brigade over which its President is general.

SEC. 2. Each Court Martial is to be composed of not less than three nor more than five members who shall be Field Officers: a President, a Judge Advocate and the Brigade Mayor. Said Courts Martial shall have power to either confirm or revoke and set aside the judgment of the Regimental Court Martial.

SEC. 3. In the case of the trial of a Brigadier General the Major General is to preside over the Court Martial and may select the Board from either or both Brigades.

SEC. 4. The Brigade Parade of the 1st Brigade shall take place in the Settlement of Clay-Ashland on the Second Tuesday of February of each year and shall not be held for more than four days. This section however, is not intended to remove the parade of February, 1896 which shall be held in Monrovia for two days.

SEC. 5. The Brigade Parade of the 2nd Brigade shall be held in the County of Sinoe in the City of Greenville on the second Wednesday of March and shall not be held for more than three days. On the occasion of the 2nd Brigade parade, the 2nd and 4th Regiments are to be conveyed to and from parade in the

two Gun Boats.

SEC. 6. There shall be two semi-annual Regimental and nine monthly parades in the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland as follows : in the County of Bassa a Regimental parade on the second Thursday and Friday of May and November ; the May Regimental Parade in the City of Edina, and the November Regimental Parade in the City of Buchanan. In Sinoe County a Regimental Parade on the second Thursday and Friday in February and August, the February Parade to be in the City of Greenville, and the August Parade in the township of Lexington. In Maryland County a Regimental Parade on the 1st Thursday and Friday in January and July at the usual place of parade. The Monthly drills to be on the 1st Friday of each month, except the months for Brigade and Regimental parades.

SEC. 7. Each Colonel shall within twenty days after the Brigade parade, convene a Regimental Court Martial for the trial of delinquents and offenders at such parades.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of such Colonel to see that his Regiment is kept in good condition ; that it is properly uniformed, armed, and equipped, with good music, Flags and Colours,, and on Brigade Parade occasion to have his Regiment properly rationed and supplied with means for Camping and he is to draw on the Superintendent from time to time for money to carry out the provisions of this section, provided such amounts drawn for do not exceed three quarters of the amount of Military fines collected from his Regiment. The Colonel is to report annually all such amounts drawn and how disposed of both to the Secretary of War, and to the Brigadier General.

SEC. 9. The Superintendents are hereby directed to place at the disposal of the Colonels or Colonel in his County, an amount equal to three quarters of the amount of fines collected from such Colonel's Regiments for Regimental purposes.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of each Military fine Collector to report all amounts collected, to the Regimental Courts Martial and on failure to do so shall be forthwith dismissed.

SEC. 11. Any Colonel Courtmartialled and found guilty of misapplying any money entrusted to him for Regimental purposes, shall be cashiered and reduced to ranks, and shall refund such misapplied amounts.

SEC. 12. Any law or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act, the same be and are hereby repealed.

Approved January 29. 1896.

An Act amending the "Act" defining the duties of the Post Master General.

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 first section of said Act defining the duties of the

Postmaster General be ~~applied~~ also as to recd. Bond of Ten Thousand Dollars, instead of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 30 1896.

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Joint Resolution repealing An Act passed by the Legislature and approved January 21. 1890, granting a Concession to F. F. Whitekin and also repealing an Act extending the time for said Concession. Approved January 3. 1894.

Whereas the correspondence between the Department of State of Liberia and F. F. Whitekin, Concessionaire, during the years 1894 and 1895 has been of the most uncertain and unsatisfactory character.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution the above cited act, granting a concession to F. F. Whitekin, be and is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27. 1896.

An Act granting certain lands in Grand Bassa County to the American Colonization Society.

Whereas the American Colonization Society, having become trustee of the "All Saints Hall Mission School," established by Mrs. Margretta Scott, near Hartford, in Grand Bassa County, has declared its intention of continuing the educational and other work of the station.

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

That the President of Liberia is hereby authorized to grant to the American Colonization Society, for purposes of settlement agriculture, education or other purposes, one thousand acres of land adjoining the two hundred acres granted to the Trustees of the "All Saints Hall" by an "Act approved December 31st. 1880.

The said American Colonization Society is further empowered to select through its Agents in Liberia a tract or tracts of land not to exceed five thousand acres in total area in the vicinity of said "All Saints Hall" Station, for purposes of settlement, and to file notice of such selection with the Land Commissioner of Grand Bassa County, who is hereby directed not to issue any orders to surveyors, or grant any Deed for any part of the land selected for settlement according to the provisions of this section, without the written approval of the Agent of said Society. In case the land immediately adjoining the "All Saints Hall" grant of two hundred acres of land has been granted to other parties, by Deed anterior to date of this act, then and in that case the grant of one thousand acres given in section first

of this Act shall include an equivalent number of acres of land lying nearest and most convenient to said "All Saints Hall" site not otherwise granted at the date of this Act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27th. 1896.

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Joint Resolution for the relief of the several counties of this Republic.

Clerks of the Courts to keep fines.

Whereas there are now certain irregularities permitted in this Republic which if allowed to continue, will consume a goodly portion of the revenue that might be used in defraying the expense of the Government which in their nature is legal, and unavoidable; and whereas it was never intended for this Government to be burdened and oppressed with any thing that is grievous to the nation, 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 Joint Resolution, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of Court to keep an account of all fines and costs imposed upon persons in a book provided for that purpose, said fines and costs to be debited to the Sheriff and Marshall of each county respectively, in their regular order, and on rendition of their reports at the next term of the Court to be required to report said fines and costs paid; and on failure to so do, to be fined in a sum of not less than \$ 2.00 nor more than \$ 4.00 for derilection of duty, and in case said cost is reported not paid, the Sheriff or Marshall shall show good cause to the Judge of the Court, why same is not paid, in which case if satisfactory to the court, they shall not be fined.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Marshall, Bailiff, and witnesses in criminal cases where the person or persons are casted and required to pay the cost, to make out their Bills against the Government and have the same checked, and cashed with a view of collecting said cost in bills from the person or persons, and depositing the same in the Treasury and Sub-Treasury of this Republic.

And it shall be the duty of all Judges of Courts and Justices of the peace, to guard against such unfounded precedent, by furnishing the Superintendents notice of all such cases so determined.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27 1896.

Joint Resolution Declaring Little Bassa in the County of Grand Bassa, a Port of Entry and Delivery.

Whereas it has been made apparent that a good quantity of the revenue of Grand Bassa is not collected, in

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consequence of there being no Collector of Customs and Wharf-inger at Little Bassa and as it is used constantly as a depot for Shipping and Landing and, under the present regulations, there is a chance for a great deal of fraud to be practiced, which is against the interest of the Country.

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, "Little Bassa in the County of Grand Bassa is hereby declared a Port of Entry and Delivery, subject to all the rules and laws regulating other Ports of Entry and Delivery in this Republic.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the President be and is hereby authorized to order the Superintendent for the County of Grand Bassa to select a proper site to locate said Custom House.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized under the warrant of the President to draw for, the sum of (\$ 1,000.00 One thousand Dollars out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to build at said Port, a Custom House, and to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27. 1896.

An Act granting a Concession to construct, work and maintain Railways, Telegraphs and Telephone lines in the Republic of Liberia.

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

That there is hereby granted to Thomas J. R. Faulkner of the City of New York, U. S. A. for himself and his associates, their heirs and successors or assigns, the right to construct, maintain and operate a system of Railroads, Telegraph, and Telephone lines in the Republic of Liberia from the principal Cities and Towns on the Sea Coast, to the interior together with such branches as the Concessionaire and his associates may from time to time desire to construct. * 18 loc N Blind

The Surveys shall begin within eight months from the passage of this Act.

The Concessionaires shall have all of the public lands necessary for tracks, siding and all other buildings and works adjacent thereto. In case the tracks run through private lands, the price therefore shall be fixed by agreement or arbitration.

3. Gauge of roads shall not be less than thirty-six inches.

4. The Concessionaire, his successors or assigns shall furnish free transportation to the President of the Republic, Heads of Departments, Chief Officers, Army or Navy, members of the House of Representatives, Senate and Judges of the Supreme Court and men persons travelling for and on account of the Gov

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erament Goods and munitions of War carried for and on account of the Government, shall be transported at 50 0/0 of the price charged for like services otherwise, official messages of the mail to be arranged with the proper department.

5. The Concessionaire shall have the privilege of free mining of Coal, Iron and other metals necessary to construct, maintain and operate the Road.

6. All materials, wares and tools for the Road, Telegraph and telephone lines or for the workmen of the company or the Concessionaires shall be admitted free of import duties.

7. The property of the company shall not be taxed for twenty-five years.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27 1896.

Joint Resolution repealing all that part of the 3rd section of the Act entitled an Act fixing a Tariff on Goods. Wares and Merchandise imported into and on Produce exported from the Republic of Liberia, approved January 28 1896 referring to "Fees" of Foreign Consuls for certification of Invoices.

790 Whereas it is very oppressing to young traders and detrimental to the successful carrying on of business by small merchants, for nearly one fifth of their remittances abroad to be converted into Consul fees, thereby rendering very little or no benefit to small shippers whatever, by this exorbitant diminution of small cash remittances.

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 all that part of the 2nd Section on 5th, line commencing from the words "present year" referring to the "Fees allowed Foreign Consuls for the verification of Invoices, the same be and is hereby repealed.

Passed by two third vote.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

January, 28 1896.

An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year beginning the first day of October 1895 and ending September 30th 1896.

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. 1896, and the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same.

GENERAL CIVIL LIST.

Salary for the	President	\$ 2500.00
" "	Vice President	" 1000.00
" "	Chief Justices	" 1000.00
" "	Associate Justices ea. \$ 750. --	" 1500.00
" "	Secretary of State	" 1000.00
" "	Secretary of the Treas'y.	" 1000.00
" "	Postmaster General	" 700.00
" "	Attorney General	" 700.00
" "	Secretary Interior	" 700.00
" "	Secretary War and Navy	" 700.00
" "	Auditor	" 600.00
" "	Comptroller	" 700.00
" "	Treasurer Rep. of Liberia.	" 500.00
" "	Priv. Sec'y to the President	" 300.00
" "	Chief Cl'k. State Dept.	" 300.00
" "	Chief Clk. Treasury Dept.	" 300.00
" "	Clerk Interior Department	" 200.00
" "	Runner Ex. Mansion	" 50.00
" "	do State Department	" 50.00
" "	do Treasury do	" 50.00
" "	Principal of Preparatory Department, Liberia College }	" 600.00
" "	Butler Ex. Mansion	" 150.00
Amount for	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 Genl. Governmet	" 250.00
" "	Out Claims	" 6000.00
" "	Peace on Public highways	" 1500.00
" "	Maintenance of Navy	" 25000.00
" "	Edward Berry, Pension	" 200.00
" "	Thos. Curd, do	" 50.00
" "	W. T. Cole, do	" 50.00
" "	T. Penic, do	" 50.00
" "	John Hunter, do	" 60.00
" "	Ida W. Williams, do	" 100.00
" "	John Hess, do	" 75.00
" "	Daniel Morris, do	" 100.00

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	"	Martha Woodson's pension,	"	100.00
	"	Saml. Irons' widow do	"	50.00
	"	Fannie Smith, do	"	100.00
	"	G. S. Padmore, do	"	200.00
	"	Minta A. Morris do	"	100.00
	"	C. S. McGill's heirs	"	100.00
	"	L. E. A. Roye's widow	"	75.00
	"	Sarah Mitchel	"	82.00
	"	W. H. Ricks	"	100.00
	"	Louisa A. Hornsby	"	50.00
	"	Tamer Warn's Pension	"	50.00
Salary	"	Clk. Postmaster General	"	300.00
Amount	"	Redemption of 4% Bonds	"	1200.00
	"	Bonded Ware House, Monrovia	"	3000.00
	"	Sinou War	"	60000.00
	"	High School, Bassa	"	1500.00
	"	Lights for Ports of Bassa & Sinou	"	650.00
	"	Students Liberia College	"	2500.00
Salary	"	Immigrant Agent	"	450.00
Amount	"	Compiling & Printing Statutes	"	600.00
	"	Two Gatling Guns, Sinou & Maryland	"	1700.00
	"	Repairs, Light-house Monrovia	"	1500.00
	"	Common School Readers	"	2000.00
	"	Arms & Ammunition for Careys- burg and Robertsport	"	1500.00
	"	Running Blockade, Maryland Co.	"	1000.00
Salary	"	Commissary Monrovia	"	300.00
	"	do Robertsport	"	100.00
	"	do Careysburg	"	100.00
	"	do Marshall	"	150.00
	"	do Bassa County	"	180.00
	"	do Sinou do	"	175.00
	"	do Maryland County	"	200.00
Amount	"	Pensions Mo. Co.	"	300.00
	"	do Bassa County	"	300.00
	"	John Toliver, Pension,	"	75.00
	"	A. T. Taylor's "	"	100.00
	"	George Brown's widow	"	75.00
	"	Capt. Johnson's widow	"	150.00
	"	Pensions, Sinou County	"	200.00
	"	Josiah Benson	"	100.00
	"	Pensions, Maryland County	"	400.00
	"	M. J. Carney, Pension,	"	100.00
	"	J. W. Cummings do	"	50.00
	"	R. M. Cole, do	"	50.00
	"	Catherine Thompson, Pension	"	100.00
	"	Patsy Hardy, Pension	"	100.00
	"	Sarah Ireland, Pension,	"	65.00
	"	Henry Rogers do	"	100.00
	"	G. Trembo, do	"	50.00
	"	Willis Brown's widow	"	60.00

"	"	J. L. Henson, Pension,	"	72.00
"	"	Fortifications, Careysburg	"	1500.00
"	"	Chas. Wilson, Brewerville	"	50.00
"	"	G. W. M. Woods Pension	"	75.00
"	"	Building Custom House Lit. Bassa	"	1000.00
Salary	"	Post Master, Monrovia	"	400.00
"	"	Post Master Sinoe County	"	250.00
"	"	" " Maryland "	"	300.00
Amt.	"	Peter Wilson's Pension	"	60.00

MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

Salary for	Judge Ct. Qr. Sessions etc.	"	700.00
"	" Monthly and Probate Court	"	400.00
"	Chairman " Court, Careysburg	"	150.00
"	" " " Robertsport,	"	150.00
"	" " " Marshall	"	100.00
"	Superintendent Mo. Co.	"	400.00
"	Sub-Treasurer " "	"	500.00
"	Superintendent, Robertsport	"	200.00
"	" Careysburg	"	100.00
"	" Marshall	"	150.00
"	Sub-Treasurer, Robertsport	"	200.00
"	" Marshall	"	100.00
"	Collector of Customs, Monrovia	"	500.00
"	" " Robertsport	"	200.00
"	" " Marshall	"	150.00
"	County Attorney	"	500.00
"	District " Robertsport	"	100.00
"	" " Careysburg	"	100.00
"	" " Marshall	"	60.00
"	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
"	Judiciary	"	7000.00
"	Public Schools	"	5000.00
"	Rents, Robertsport	"	100.00
"	Out Claims	"	1500.00
"	Contingent	"	1500.00
Salary	Jack Savage (Kroo Governor)	"	50.00
"	Black Will (vice Kroo Governor)	"	15.00
Amt.	Stationery	"	150.00
"	Military	"	800.00
Salary	Clerk Supt. Office Robertsport	"	50.00
"	Boarding Master	"	300.00
Amt.	Rents, Careysburg	"	100.00
"	Contingent Robertsport	"	100.00
"	Stipend, Gray, Cape Mount	"	50.00
"	Sub-Treasurer's Office Rent	"	75.00
"	Superintendent " "	"	100.00
"	Jail and Court House (Careysburg)	"	1000.00
"	Surveying and Plotting (Robertsport)	"	500.00
"	Harbour Master	"	150.00
"	Post Office Robertsport and Marshall	"	100.00
Salary	Native African Commissioner	"	350.00
"	" " " Robertsport	"	200.00
Amt.	Surveying, Montserrado County	"	500.00
"	Peace Public Highways	"	8000.00
"	Clerk, Superintendent Robertsport	"	50.00
"	Boarding Master	"	300.00

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GRAND BASSA COUNTY

Salary for Judge, Court Qr. Ses. and Com. Pleas	700.00
“ “ Monthly and Probate Court	350.00
“ “ Superintendent	500.00
“ “ Sub-Treasurer	500.00
“ “ County Attorney	400.00
“ “ Collector of Customs	500.00
“ “ “ “ “ River Cess	350.00
“ “ “ “ “ Little Bassa	300.00
“ “ Native African Commissioner	300.00
“ “ Auditor	300.00
“ “ School Commissioner	300.00
“ “ Harbour Master	300.00
“ “ Sub Immigrant Agent	250.00
“ “ Clerk, Supt. Department	150.00
“ “ Sub-Treasurer's Clerk	200.00
“ “ Clerk, Collector of Customs	200.00
Amt. “ Judiciary	5500.00
“ Stationery	1500.00
“ Contingent	1500.00
“ Out Claims	1500.00
“ Landing Mails	50.00
“ Rents	400.00
“ Building Custom House and Post Office	800.00
“ Peace on Public Highways (subject to N. A. Commissioner)	1000.00
“ Stipend Native Chiefs	250.00
Salary “ E. A. Briggs	100.00
Amt. “ Military	300.00
“ Jailer	180.00

SINOE COUNTY.

Salary for Judge Ct. Qr. Session & Common Pls. \$	700.00
“ “ Monthly & Pro. Co.	350.00
“ “ Superintendent	400.00
“ “ Sub Treasurer	300.00
“ “ County Attorney	400.00
“ “ Collector of Customs	400.00
“ “ Auditor	300.00
“ “ Native African Commissioner	300.00
“ “ School Commissioner	300.00
“ “ Clr. Superintendent's Dept.	100.00
“ “ “ Sub Treasurer's “	75.00
“ “ “ Custom House “	100.00
“ “ Harbour Master	300.00
Amount “ Judiciary	2,000.00
“ “ Rents	300.00
“ “ Stationery	150.00
“ “ Contingent	1,000.00
“ “ Out Claims	2,000.00
“ “ Public Schools	2,000.00
“ “ Surveying & Plotting	300.00
“ “ Military	250.00
“ “ Poh River School	200.00
“ “ Harbour Master's boat hire	150.00
“ “ Rent for Superintendent's Office	50.00

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"	"	Sub-Treasurer's Office	40.00
"	"	Bluntsville and Poh River	800.00
"	"	Stipend Native Chiefs	500.00
"	"	Seals and Flags	300.00
Salary	"	Jailor	180.00

MARYLAND COUNTY.

Salary for	Judge Ct. Qr. Ses. & Com. Pleas	\$	700.00
"	" " Monthly & Pro. Court	"	350.00
"	" Superintendent	"	450.00
"	" Sub Treasurer	"	350.00
"	" Collector of Customs	"	400.00
"	" County Attorney	"	400.00
"	" Auditor	"	300.00
"	" Native African Commissioner	"	300.00
"	" School Commissioner	"	300.00
"	" Clerk to Superintendent	"	100.00
"	" " Sub Treasurer's Clerk	"	100.00
"	" " Customs "	"	100.00
"	" Jailor	"	150.00
"	" Light House Keeper	"	180.00
Amount	" " " Expenses	"	150.00
"	" " " Repairs	"	300.00
"	" Judiciary	"	2,000.00
"	" Public Schools	"	1 000.00
"	" Rents	"	150.00
"	" Stationery	"	150.00
"	" Contingent	"	1,000.00
"	" Military	"	300.00
"	" Out Claims	"	700.00
"	" Surveying and Plotting	"	300.00
"	" Relief of R. Nelson	"	96.00
"	" Fortifications	"	500.00
"	" Repairs of Court House and Jail	"	500.00
"	"Causeway between Latrobe & Hoff. Station	"	300.00
"	" Stipend Native Chiefs	"	500.00
"	" Harbour Master and Landing Mails	"	300.00
"	" Block House Mount Tubman	"	500.00
"	" Mounting Cannons	"	500.00
"	" Recepiacle	"	1,000.00
Salary for	Sub Immigrant Agent	"	250.00
Amount	" Philadelphia Block House	"	500.00
"	" Completion of Big Bridge and Boom	}	200.00
"	Bridge		
"	" Bridge in the rear of Big Town	"	200.00
"	" Two years back Stipend for the Cape	}	400.00
"	Palmas Tribe		
			\$ 219,176

PRIVATE ACTS.

Joint Resolution incorporating the Hope of Liberia Lodge, No. 1. Independent Order of Good Templars, of Brewerville, Mo. Co.

Joint Resolution restoring A. W. Coleman, Geo. H. Coleman and T. W. Coleman to the rights of citizenships.

Joint Resolution chartering the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Paxton Grand Lodge No. 3800, of Careysburg.

Joint Resolution chartering the Daughters of Temperance, No. 6. Excelsior Union, Cape Palmas.

An Act to incorporate the Rose of Sharon, Union Daughters of Temperance of Monrovia.

Joint Resolution granting an annuity to Geo. William Woods of Brewerville.



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Page 3, SEC. 2. of the line facilities should read *articles*.

Page 11, SEC. 2. first line delivered should read *declined*.

Page 13, SEC. 2. second line, Superintendent should read *Superintendent*.

Page 30, first line, "claims against Government" should read *Government claims*.

Rendering on 12th, line should read *redeeming*.

Page 31, the word "Alies" in fifth line of Second Section of Act with respect to extent of Ports of Entry, should read *Cities*.

ACTS.

An Act chartering the Enterprise Mining Company of Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, C. C. Brown, J. D. Summerville, A. J. Woods and J. A. Toliver all of the County of Grand Bassa in the Republic of Liberia with such others as are now or may hereafter become members of the Company, called the "Enterprise Mining Company" of Grand Bassa County be and the same are hereby declared a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of "The Enterprise Mining Company Limited," and under that name may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be capable to hold and enjoy Concessions of lands from Government for Mining purposes, to the amount of Two thousand acres on any public domains in the county of Grand Bassa not reserved by Government for other purposes, said lands to be leased from Government for the sum of fifty cents per acre, and they shall have the exclusive rights to work all mines discovered by them.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that said Company shall have a right to crush, smelt, dig, wash and do any and all things necessary to conduct mining business.

They shall be allowed to import mining materials free from duty, and all other facilities imported by them for mining purposes shall be free from duty.

The said Company shall pay to the Republic of Liberia after deducting the reasonable expenses of working any mine or mines discovered by them Twenty five per centum on the nett profits of any and all minerals collected by them.

SEC. 3. Should it be from necessity desired, the Government shall grant to the company for the protection of its operations, an armed force, the expenses of which shall be borne by the Company.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th. 1897.

Joint Resolution incorporating Unity Lodge No. 96 of the Order of United Brothers of Friendship of Brewerville, Montserrado 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 Unity Lodge No. 96 of the Order of the United Brothers of Friendship of Brewerville Montserrado County is hereby incorporated and declared to be a body corporate and politic that is to say, L. D. Davis, W. M., G. W. Woods, D. M., J. W. Bowens, W. S., J. H. Davis, W. A. S., A. E. Brown, W. T., E. W. Williams, W. C., W. M. Harly, W. S. M., T. H. Hunter, W. T., H. B. Hayes, W. T., A. D. Simpson, W. T., J. W. Ash, W. R. S., Peter Slight, W. L. S. and E. G. Mathews, W. T. S. officers of said Lodge and such other as may here after connect themselves therewith are constituted a body corporate and politic, to have perpetual succession by the name of the United Brothers of Friendship of Brewerville Montserrado County, to take, hold and enjoy real and personal Estate by grant, bequest, purchase or otherwise.

SEC. 2. That the said corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal estate to the value of Ten thousand dollars, and to do all other acts and things done in similar bodies corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th 1897.

An Act Incorporating the First Presbyterian Church Schiefflin.

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 Rev. Z. B. Kennedy, Professor Alfred B. King, Elders William N. Smith, William Jones, William H. Blaine, Spencer H. McMiller and communicant Christopher C. Lett are hereby declared a body Corporate as the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church Schiefflin, with perpetual succession, with full power to receive, purchase and hold property real and personal to the amount of Fifty thousand dollars, to sue, and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any courts of this Republic, in the name and style of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church Schiefflin,

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

Approved.

A Joint Resolution requiring the Secretary of War and Navy to despatch the Gorrannah to the coast in order to carry the Guns, Port Lights, and Gatlings with ammunition for the same.

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

SEC. 1. That ten days after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Secretary of War and Navy is hereby directed to despatch the Gorrannah immediately to the coast with the Guns, Port Lights and Gatlings with ammunition for the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th 1897.

Joint Resolution restoring James M. Curd of the city of Monrovia, in the County of Montserrado to citizenship.

Whereas it has been made to appear from the Petition of James M. Curd, backed up by a number of respectable citizens of Montserrado County, that one R. Johnson Clarke a Justice of the peace did try and convict the said James M. Curd of Petty Larceny, as well as denied him an appeal without being associated with any other Justice of the peace, which is an outrage upon law, and the rights of a person, therefore,

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, James M. Curd is declared fully restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship.

Any law or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January. 8th 1897

Joint Resolution granting one hundred acres of land in the settlement of Brewerville, to the American National Baptist Foreign Mission Board for Missionary purposes.

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

SEC. 1. That the President is hereby authorized to grant one hundred acres of land in the settlement of Brewerville to the American National Baptist Foreign Mission Board for Missionary purposes.

SEC. 2. That the Agent of the said Board be empowered to

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select said land out of any public lands not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th 1897.

Joint Resolution restoring John W. Howard of Maryland County to citizenship.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, John W. Howard of Maryland County is restored to full rights of citizenship in this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th 1897.

Joint Resolution restoring sundry persons to citizenship.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Moses R. Toliver and William H. Sharp of the County of Grand Bassa, and Richard Turner and G. W. Hardy of the County of Maryland be and they are hereby restored to the rights of citizenship.

SEC. 2. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 6. 1897.

Joint Resolution granting the citizens of Owens Grove Grand Bassa County the sum of Fifty Dollars to have the settlement properly plotted.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Fifty dollars be appropriated for plotting the settlement of Owens Grove.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury be and he is authorized and directed under warrant of the President to draw for the aforesaid sum out of any moneys in the public Treasury not already appropriated.

SEC. 3. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12. 1897.

Joint Resolution authorizing the President to secure the services of Messrs Thomas J. Faulkner, J. B. Dennis and Clement Irons for teaching the art of Engineering and other branches of Industry to 16 youths of this Republic.

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 secure the services of Messrs. Thomas J. Faulkner, J. B. Dennis, and Rev C. Irons both of Montserrado County respectively, or otherwise for the teaching of Engineering and other arts of Industry to several youths of this Republic. Four youths from each County composing of both Americo and Aboriginal elements equally, or at the discretion of the President.

SEC. 2. That the sum of one Thousand and six hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated annually to carry out the provisions of this resolution and that the President is authorized to draw for the same out of any money or monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12, 1897.

Joint Resolution providing additional Election Polls to be opened in the County of Maryland.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court of the County of Maryland is hereby directed and authorised to open two or more additional Election Polls in any of the townships in the County aforesaid, which has not already been provided for.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12, 1897.

Joint Resolution granting five hundred acres of land in Montserrado County as a donation to Rev. Paulus Moort and Trustees for and in behalf of the Female Training and educational Institution of Liberia,

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 Joint Resolution Five Hundred Acres of farm land in the County of Montserrado is hereby granted as a Donation to Rev. Paulus Moort and the Trustees of the Female Training Institution of Liberia, and the President of this Republic is fully authorised to

direct the Land Commissioner to have the same surveyed out of any public land that the said Rev. Paulus Moort or his Representatives may select.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12, 1897.

An Act incorporating the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Farmers Link Lodge No. 3451 in the settlement of Clay-Ashland, St Paul's River, in the County of Monterrado.

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 Z. H. Dixon, J. B. Burton, J. J. Ash, A. Houston, A. F. Nummo, Board of Trustees, and other officers agreeable to said Lodge or who order, or may hereafter become members of the said Lodge called the Farmer's Link Lodge No. 3451 G. U. O. of O. F. Clay-Ashland be and they are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Farmers Link Lodge No. 3451 G. U. O. of O. F. Clay-Ashland, St Paul's River in the County of Monterrado, and shall be capable in law to receive, hold, and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of ten thousand dollars, for the use and benefit of said institution, and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members, and may have and use a common seal, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded answer and be answered in any court of law or equity in this Republic having the requisite jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the said Farmer's Link Lodge No. 3451 G. U. O. of O. F. is hereby vested with full power and authority to lease or exchange any estate by them acquired, whether by purchase, bequest, or donation, whenever the interest of the said Lodge seem to require it and to do all things that are usual for such institutions.

Approved January 12, 1897.

An Act granting the Episcopal Mission Twenty Acres of land at Cape Mount and Fifty Acres of land in the County of Maryland.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Twenty acres of land at Grand Cape Mount, Fifty acres in Maryland County, are hereby granted to the Episcopal Mission of the P. E. Church, of the United States, to be used for Missionary and educational purposes by the said Mission.

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 the above granted lands out of any

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public lands not otherwise appropriated; the Missionary Society bearing all expenses of said surveyor.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12, 1897.

✓ An Act to amend all that part of the Joint Resolution passed January 28th 1896 referring to the fees allowed Liberian Consuls for the verification of invoices.

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

SEC. 1. That six months after the passage of this Act, all that part of the Joint Resolution passed January 28th 1896 repealing the Act referring to the fees allowed Liberian Consuls for the verification of Invoices, shall be so amended as to read as follows. For the verification of Invoices for sums under £ 5 a fee of one shilling shall be paid, for sums from £ 5 to £ 10 a fee of one shilling and six pence shall be paid, for sums from £ 10. to £ 20. a fee of two shillings and six pence shall be paid, for Invoices from £ 20. to £ 50. a fee of five shillings shall be paid, for Invoices from £ 50. to £ 100. a fee of ten shillings shall be paid, for Invoices from £ 100. and upwards a fee of fifteen shillings shall be paid.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that one half of the above named fees, shall be retained by the Consul verifying the Invoices, and the other half shall be paid quarterly to the Consul General to the credit of the Government.

SEC. 3. The Collectors of Customs of the several Ports of entry are fully authorized and directed to assess and collect for non-certification of Invoices, an additional duty of 2 % of the specific duty on each article and 2 % addition on the advalorem duty. But this shall only apply to cases where there is a Liberian Consul at the Port of departure.

SEC. 4. The Liberian Consul certifying must not be engaged in the trade.

SEC. 5. The Consular Invoice must be in the English Language, and must contain an exact detailed statement of the marks and number of the packages referred to, the contents of each package, and must state in yards, pieces, bottles, jugs, gallons, pounds, and the like, the quantity of the article therein contained. In short the Consular invoice must give all information necessary to enable the Collector of Customs to assess the legal duties without further reference. Should goods improperly invoiced be received, the Collectors are instructed to have said goods opened in the presence and at the expense of importer, and to take such account thereof as will enable them to assess the proper duties.

Approved January 12. 1897.

✓ An Act amending the coinage Act approved January 1896.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury of this Republic, may by notice given at any time demonetize the silver and copper coins of foreign countries current in this Republic, and received in payment of customs and revenue by the officers of the Republic.

SEC. 2. It is hereby declared a misdemeanor to refuse the silver and copper coins of this Republic, persons refusing same on indictment of the Grand Jury of the proper County, and upon conviction shall for such refusal forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each offence, and that the latter clause of the Joint Resolution authorizing the coinage of the copper and silver coin approved January 26. 1896, as refers to (50 %) fifty per cent of the duties is hereby repealed.

Approved January 14. 1897.

Joint Resolution approving the special bonds given by the Secretary of the Treasury to the East African Company during the year 1896 with respect to the Sinoe war and for other purposes.

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

SEC. 1. That the special bonds series C. D. E. F. given by the Secretary of the Treasury to the East African Company of Rotterdam Holland, for the sum of Nineteen Thousand five hundred dollars with respect to the Sinoe War, and for other purposes are hereby approved. The Treasurer and Sub-Treasurers of the Republic are hereby ordered to receive said bonds in payment of import, and export duties in accordance with the terms thereof, and without reference to the County grant.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14, 1897.

Joint Resolution granting One Thousand Acres of land to the First Presbyterian Church Careysburg Montserrado County.

Be it 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 One thousand acres of land are hereby granted to the first Presbyterian Church Careysburg for Missionary, and Educational purposes, say, five hundred acres in the Gomocshoo, and five hundred acres in the Glee district, out of the unappropriated public domain at the expense of said Church.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14. 1897.

Joint Resolution better defining the duties of the Commissaries of the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland.

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 will instruct the Secretary of War and Navy to see that the different Commissaries of the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe, and Maryland execute no orders unless signed by the Superintendent and countersigned by the Chief of the Regiment of said county.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th 1897.

✓ Joint Resolution directing the Government of Liberia to grant a Mining Concession in the County of Grand Bassa, to A. Meikle on the terms settled by the Executive Government.

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

SEC. 1, That the Executive Government may grant the Mining Concession in the County of Grand Bassa, asked for by A. Miekle upon the modified terms suggested by it.

SEC. 2. This Concession may in the event it is delivered by Mr. Miekle, be granted on the same or similar terms to any other person applying for it. The Applicant or other taking the concession must pay Five thousand pounds sterling down upon the signing of the document.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th 1897.

A Joint Resolution for the better protection of Native African laborers.

Whereas numerous complaints have been made to the authorities by native chiefs and other respectable citizens with respect to the unlawful and fraudulent proceedings of persons who go about the country drumming up laborers for service outside the Republic, and, whereas many persons have been taken from their towns, robbed of their wages and deprived of the means of returning to their country, therefore,

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

SEC. 1. That it is forbidden to any person in the country of Montserrado or Grand Bassa to go about soliciting the natives to leave these districts, and to emigrate as laborers to any country, outside of the territory of this Republic, before they shall have taken out a license to do so. For said license they shall

pay the sum of one thousand dollars in gold annually into the Sub Treasury of the County in which they desire to operate. The license shall be issued in the usual manner by the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County. The penalty for a violation of this section shall be a fine of one thousand dollars and one year's imprisonment.

SEC. 2. All persons, companies, or firms employing laborers for services beyond the seas must enter into a bond with securities to return said laborers to the port in this Republic whence said laborers were taken.

This bond shall be in a sum equal to fifty dollars for each laborer shipped.

SEC. 3. Native Chiefs desirous of shipping boys for labor beyond the seas, shall notify the Secretary of the interior or Superintendent of the proper County, who with the Shipping Master shall without charge look after, and protect their interest in accordance with the terms of this Resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16. 1897.

✓ An Act fixing a duty on Piassava:

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, there shall be levied and collected an export duty of one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a cent per pound on Piassava Fibre, and said payment shall be made in Liberian Currency, Gold or Silver.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th 1897.

An Act requiring the Superintendents of the several counties, and the Wharfingers to give Bond and fixing the salaries of the said Wharfingers within this Republic, and placing the several Collectors of Customs and Wharfingers upon the General Civil List.

Whereas the several Superintendents of the counties in this Republic have from time to time transcended the scope of their authority as delegated to them by statute, overdrawn the several appropriations made annually by the Legislature, assuming to make financial contracts of a grave nature without Executive sanction or Legislative authority. Therefore, for the better security and protection of Government,

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

✓ SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act for the faithful performance of the duties of Superintendents, each Superintendent shall give Bond with good and sufficient security to be approved by the President of this Republic as follows

The Superintendents of Montserrado and Grand Bassa, shall be placed under a Bond of Eight thousand dollars each, the Superintendents for Sinoe and Maryland counties, shall give Bond of Five thousand dollars each. Superintendents of Robertsport and Marshall in the County of Montserrado shall each give Bond of Two thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. And it is further enacted, that the Attorney General or the County Attorney shall be fully authorized and directed in case of malfeasance in office by any of the said Superintendents, to proceed by a Bill of information against him or them; or any Superintendent may be indicted by the Grand Jury of the county over which he supervises for any violation of the duties of his office as prescribed by the statutes of this Republic, and upon conviction by a Jury, the Court or Judge shall order his or their Bonds foreclosed, said Superintendents having the right of appeal as in other cases determined by the Courts.

Sec. 3. And it is further enacted, that after the passage of this Act, the Collectors of Customs of the several counties, and the Wharfingers are placed upon the General Civil List and that the Wharfinger for Monrovia shall receive Five hundred dollars; Robertsport and Marshall shall receive one hundred and fifty dollars each in the County of Montserrado, in lieu of the present percentage. And that the Wharfinger for Edina shall receive one hundred and fifty dollars per annum; Upper Buchanan one hundred and fifty dollars, and Lower Buchanan in the County of Grand Bassa Five hundred dollars. The Wharfinger for Sinoe County shall receive a salary of Three hundred dollars, and the Wharfinger for Maryland County shall receive Four hundred dollars in lieu of the present percentage now allowed by law. Said Wharfingers shall also be required to give good Bond with sufficient securities for the faithful performance of the duties of their Office. And for any defalcation or official misconduct in office or neglect of duty, he or they shall be proceeded against by the Court of Quarter Sessions by Bill of information or indictment. And upon conviction their Bonds shall be foreclosed. Their Bonds to be approved by the Superintendent of the County or by the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the said county in which the said Wharfingers resides. Whenever it becomes necessary the Secretary of the Treasury or any of the Collectors of Customs shall appoint one or more assistant Wharfingers who shall be paid Two dollars per diem when in actual service.

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

Approved January 16th 1897.

Joint Resolution authorizing the President to erect or cause to be erected suitable Block-houses in the Interior or any part of this Republic whenever it is necessary.

Whereas it is the policy of the Government of Liberia to in-

incorporate the aboriginal element of the Republic into a body politic in order to train them up in the arts of industry, civilization and christianity, and whereas the same will be means of developing the internal resources and perpetuating peace with the Natives throughout the Republic of Liberia,

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President be and is hereby authorized to erect or cause to be erected suitable Block Houses within the interior of each county, and also to establish in each Block-House a Military Force under one commissioned or non-commissioned officer not above the rank of a captain, and not below that of a sergeant in the Army. The said officer shall have associated with him a discreet and influential aboriginee, who shall be styled General Superintendent of the tribe, with the authority of settling all matters, of dispute arising among them not entirely Judicial, and report the same to the Secretary of the Interior of the Republic. The said General Superintendent shall be authorized by the Superintendent of the county to collect annual Taxes from each male inhabitant of the tribe, from 19 years upward, at one dollar a head under the law regulating the same.

SEC. 2. That each Military Force shall be under the Superintendent's supervision of the county in which said Military Force is established under the direction of the President.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the Military Force shall receive allowances under the law regulating the pay of enlisted soldiers in the Army of the Republic and that each General Superintendent shall receive the sum of Fifty dollars from the Government quarterly. The sum of three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the building and erecting of each Block-House and the maintainance of the Military Force. The President be and he is hereby authorized to draw under warrant the said sum out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

SEC. 4. Any law or parts of law conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution, are hereby repealed.

Approved January 18th 1897.



✓ An Act respecting Revenue and Commerce.

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 this Bill shall become law, on the undermentioned articles shall be paid the specific duty hereinafter stated. Rum and Gin one dollar and fifty cents per gallon, gold, Leaf Tobacco ten cents per pound, Gunpowder ten

cents per pound, Salt per cwt. ten cents, Braskettles ten cents per pound. All Wines except Claret two dollars per gallon, Whiskey, Brandy, all Cordials, and liquers two dollars per gallon, Ale, Beer, and Claret, seventy five cents per gallon, all payable in gold. Cutlases 87 cts. per doz.

SEC. 2. Foreign traders resident and doing business in the Ports of Robertsport, Monrovia, Marshall, Grand Bassa, Greenville, and Harper may trade along or establish factories at the principal trading points not ports of entry along the coast of Liberia. For this privilege they shall pay a license of Five hundred dollars gold for each point of Trade, where business is done into the Sub-Treasury of the proper County, but shall pay no other trading license.

The points at which trade may be carried on, as well as the regulations respecting the same shall be named and promulgated by the Executive Government.

SEC. 3. The license money shall be set aside as a fund out of which the Government may grant stipends to Native Chiefs at trading places.

SEC. 4. No goods can be imported directly at points of trade, nor can any produce be exported directly therefrom. Both the goods used, and the produce exported, must be brought in and exported through the ports of entry named in the second section.

SEC. 5. All boats engaged in the Trade between the ports of entry, and the points of trade on the coast must be licensed, named, and numbered, and shall pay for said license which shall be issued as the law directs, the sum of twelve dollars in gold yearly.

SEC. 6. The Town of Bopora in the Boatswainé country Montserrado County, is ordered to be garrisoned by the Executive Government which shall have power to raise and maintain a force of thirty men and officers for the purpose. Their pay shall be six dollars per. month and rations, the officers pay being in proportion. Foreign traders shall be invited to maintain depots for the development of the interior trade at said Town, but with Liberian factors. The Executive Government shall formulate necessary regulations. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the opening of factories for the sale of goods by foreigners in any of the Townships now existing on the St. Paul's River. But foreign traders may maintain Warehouses as depots on the roads, and banks of the River, and use the River as a highway for their trade to and from the interior.

SEC. 7. The retail Liquor License shall hereafter be Two hundred dollars annually; for a six months License, one hundred and twenty dollars shall be paid, for a three months License seventy dollars in gold. One half of the license shall go to the General Government. Cases, Demijohns or quantities of liquor from three to five gallons and upward must be sold under a wholesale license. Retailers of goods and merchandise, Auctioneers, Lawyers, Physicians and all alien artisans, and craftsmen shall pay a license of twenty-five dollars per year in gold. Pedlars shall pay twelve dollars gold per year.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18. 1897.

Joint Resolution incorporating F. Bernard's Hotel, Monrovia, 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 resolution, the Hotel, known as F. Bernard's Hotel, Monrovia, shall be invested with power to receive, feed, sleep and in any ways mentioned in the tariff of said Hotel, accommodate visitors, applicants etc., who shall comply with the tariff provisions and regulations of said Hotel, and he or they managers of said Hotel are further empowered to force by terms of law any person or persons violating the regulations of said Hotel to obedience.

SEC. 2. That said Hotel shall have power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court of competent jurisdiction of the Republic, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal estate to the amount of Twenty thousand dollars and do such things as are allowed similar bodies corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th 1896.

Joint Resolution making Constables and all fee officers responsible for any unlawful detaining of parties who tender cost in Legal tender etc., etc.

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 Joint Resolution, where a party in any case before a Justice Court has been ruled to cost a tender of the same in currency shall be sufficient to warrant his discharge from the obligation of the judgement. Therefore, if the constable refuse to accept the tender and put the party to inconvenience and trouble, he the constable alone, shall be responsible for all damages the party may sustain by reason of such unauthorized actions. This refers also to all ministerial officers of the superior courts as well as fee officers.

SEC. 2. And it is further Resolved that no defendant summoned before a Justice Court shall be deprived of the right of removing his or their case from that Justice of the Peace before another, providing however that the case is not removed beyond the limit of the settlement in which the plaintiff resides.

SEC. 3. And it is further resolved that should any Justice of the Peace, Constable or fee officer be found guilty of the violation of any of the foregoing sections before any court of competent jurisdiction, he or they shall be dismissed from office upon the address of the injured party to the Executive, and shall be liable at Law for all damages sustained.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Passed by Limitation.

A Joint Resolution granting William Stepney a Deed for the two hundred acres of land in lieu of the one burned.

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

Sec. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to grant to William Stepney a Deed for two hundred acres of land in lieu of the one destroyed by fire.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Joint Resolution incorporating the Knights of Pythias.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this resolution: A. L. Sims, C. C., Josiah Cox, V. C. C., Isaac Holder, P., J. H. Locket, M. W., W. O. Crawford, K. R. S. Cato A. Sims, M. F., Jas. B. Padmore, M. A., E. A. Padmore, I. G., J. D. Weeks, O. G. and John I Thorpe L. A. citizens in the County of Montserrado, their successors in office and such others as may be connected with them, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name and style of Knights of Pythias with power to take, hold, possess and enjoy property to the amount of Five thousand dollars, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and to do all matters and things usual to be done in similar bodies corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16th 1897.

Joint Resolution granting an annuity to Alexander Mars of Paynesville, Montserrado County.

Whereas it is the policy of the Government to compensate any worthy citizen or citizens who render valuable services to Government, and whereas Alexander Mars of Paynesville, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia has rendered indefatigable services to Government as Runner in the House of Representatives from the Session of 1875 to the present, and whereas he has grown old and feeble in health by reason of his continual services rendered in this capacity, 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 sixty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated annually as a pension for Alexander Mars of Paynesville, County of Montserrado, and the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby directed to draw for the same out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th 1897.

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

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

SEC. 1. Rev. R. A. M. Deputie Sr., with Elders G. W. P. Wordsworth, R. A. M. Deputie Jr., Francis W. M. and Deacons E. C. Deputy and W. A. Wordsworth composing the session and Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church Careysburg, Montserrado County, with their successors in office are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the First Presbyterian Church Careysburg, 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 corporation shall have full power and authority to make and fulfil contracts, take and hold real, and personal estate to the value of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Approved January 14th 1897

An Act with respect to the local debt of the several counties.

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

SEC. 1. That hereafter where the revenue of a County after the General Government quota has been paid shall in any year exceed the grant made by the Legislature to that County, the balance shall be paid into the Treasury of the Republic; on the other hand where one half of the revenue arising in a county shall be insufficient to meet its expenses the General Government shall become responsible for the deficiency which shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th 1897.

An Act providing for the survey and establishment of permanent agricultural settlements at Cavalla and along the western side of the Cavalla River in the County of Maryland.

Whereas it has always been a desirable object since the founding of Cape Palmas to extend a chain of civilized settlements at prominent sections of the County and particularly at some of the charming localities on the western side of the Cavalla River and;

Whereas while we wait for immigrants from America to come and open new settlements, there are large numbers of aborigines that have been civilized and trained in our Liberian Settlements and received an Education for the purpose of incorporating them as citizens into the science of our Republican Institutions and:

Whereas it does appear that for lack of a more decisive policy of Government many of the civilized aborigines are indiscriminately dispersed from civilized centers and drawn back to their native homes and people by the ties of kindred relation, which in many cases result in unsatisfactory returns for the care and outlay of means spent in the education and training of these people,

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 of Liberia is hereby authorized to open or cause to be opened in the County of Maryland four civilized settlements to be named as follows: one at Cavalla shall be called New Cavalla, one at Ruplu Ashtonville, one at Gbodolo Valentinesville, one at Uyinimn, Russwurmville, said settlements shall be founded on such principles as will make them strictly agricultural, and to promote a better union between our Americo-Liberian and civilized aboriginal population as well as for immigrants coming from the United States.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the President shall appoint one or more discreet persons to Superintend the opening of the aforesaid settlements under his advice and direction. And it shall be the duty of such persons as he may appoint, to select prominent sites for Town-seats with arable lands, suitable for farming purposes and other conveniences necessary to promote the sanitary condition and growth of the settlements. The Town seats shall be laid off in town lots of one quarter of an acre, with Center Avenues sixty feet wide, as may be found practicable.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the Commissioners who shall be appointed to Superintend the opening up of the aforesaid settlements shall be empowered to solicit and enroll for each of the settlements to be established on the Cavalla River not less than Twenty five nor more than fifty Volunteer male settlers, between the ages of 16 to 50 who shall be denominated pioneer settlers. This section shall not be so construed as to prevent others from joining in to carry on farming operations at their own discretion.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that any Americo Liberian who has not already settled himself in any of the towns or settlements in the County of Maryland or any other county of the Republic who may desire to become a pioneer settler in any of the aforesaid settlements shall be en-

entitled to draw lands, the same as Immigrant Allotments, Civilized aborigines shall only be entitled to draw lands in any of these settlements under Act of Legislature, approved January 12th 1888.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted that the President shall have drafted up a code of Rules and regulations for the temporary Government of the settlements. Nothing however shall conflict with the Constitution and laws of the Republic. And he shall appoint such officers for the time being as he may deem expedient to enforce such rules and regulations until such settlements shall become strong enough to assume the right of Township's Government. Every Pioneer settler shall be required to take an oath promising loyalty and obedience to Government, and the support of the Constitution and shall subscribe his name in a book to be provided for the purpose.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted that the President shall appoint one or more competent Surveyors to survey and plot off the aforesaid settlements agreeably to the provisions of this Act under the supervision of the commissioner.

SEC. 7. It is further enacted that in order to encourage a rapid development of the aforementioned settlements the pioneer settlers of the said settlements shall be entitled to receive from the Government after the expiration of six years from the passage of this Act, a bonus of five cents on each coffee and six cents on each cocoa tree, said bonus shall not be allowed until a Certificate shall be produced verified by a Clerk of the Quarterly Court, showing the exact number of bearing Coffee or Cocoa trees growing in any settlements which shall have been previously counted by a Justice of the Peace, and for every hundred Coffee or Cocoa tree counted and certified by any Justice of the Peace he shall be entitled to twenty five cents per hundred.

SEC. 8. It is further enacted that the pioneer settlers shall present said certificate with a bill to the Auditor of the County for his approval, and the Superintendent shall draw on the Treasury for the payment of such bills as the Legislature shall appropriate after the expiration of the time herein set forth for the granting of the said bonus.

SEC. 9. It is further enacted that for carrying into effect the establishments the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to cover the necessary expenses and the President shall draw under warrant for the same.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 16th 1897.

An Act amendatory to the Act respecting the Navy Tax.

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

SEC. 1. That in each year before the Navy Tax Collectors shall enter upon the collection of the tax, they shall with one person to be appointed by the Superintendent of the county or district where the Navy Tax Collector resides, for which he and his colleague each shall be paid one dollar for each day's service while so employed, take a poll of all persons liable to pay said tax. One copy of the returns to be made, shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County, and the other copy sent to the Comptroller of Public accounts.

SEC. 2. Upon receipt of said returns the Treasury Department shall make out bills and transmit them to the Tax Collector who shall proceed to collect the same. He must give and post a printed notice in each township, stating the time, and place, or house at which he will attend to collect the tax, all persons enrolled will be bound to attend and pay said tax at the time and place stated or execution may without further notice be issued against them in the terms of the Original Act.

SEC. 3. In native towns not in the bounds of any city or town ship, the tax shall be collected through the chiefs who shall receive 3% for their trouble. Regulation for said collection shall be settled between the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of the Interior.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th 1897.

An Act supplementary to the existing Acts regulating the Postal Service of this Republic

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the Post Master General shall have the general supervision of the Postal service of this Republic, and is hereby empowered to suspend any employee of the Postal service for violation of any of the rules and regulations of said service subject to the approval of the President and Legislature.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the Secretary of the General Post Office, Post Masters and Chief Clerks of the several Post offices of this Republic shall be retained in office during good behaviour, that is, to be made tenure Officers.

SEC. 3. And it is further enacted that the General Post Office be allowed one Secretary, one Assistant and one Runner. The Post Office of Monrovia, one Chief Clerk, one Assistant and two Runners. The Post Office of Grand Bassa, one Clerk. The Post Office of Cape Palmas, one Clerk.

SEC. 4. And it is further enacted that the Statutes of 1890 page 24 giving Post Masters thirty days to transmit their Financial and Statistical Report after the end of each quarter to the General Post Office be repealed.

SEC. 5. And it is further enacted that the Post Masters

shall detain all Postal Parcels that contain dutiable articles until the Collector of Customs of the Port shall inform him that the Customs Laws have been complied with.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16 1897.

An Act to incorporate the Liberian Land Development Company.

Whereas W. K. Roberts, of Mexico Md. D. J. Flummer, E. B. Cattingham, T. D. Howard, C. K. Funsdale of Birthingham, Alabama. J. V. Doud, of Chattanooga Tennessee, U. S. America have filed according to law in the Registrars office Montserrado County a declaration of particulars of the working of a company within the Republic of Liberia, now therefore.

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

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. The name of this company shall be the Liberian Land Development Company, with registered office, and office of general manager at Monrovia Montserrado County Liberia.

SEC. 2. The object of this Company is 1st to acquire and develop real estates through and by Trustees and personal property in Liberia. 2nd. To promote immigration from the United States of America to Liberia.

SEC. 3. To introduce and operate mills and machinery for the handling and preparation of Liberian products, 4th. To prepare newly arriving immigrants and citizens of Liberia for Agriculture and mechanical pursuits.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. This company shall issue one hundred thousand (100,000) shares Capital Stock to have a par value of two dollars (\$ 2.00) per share.

ARTICLE III

SEC. 1. The Board of officers of this Company shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, General Manager, and two Auditors, such officers are to be elected at the Annual Stock holders meeting to be held in Monrovia, Liberia the first Monday in May of each year.

SEC. 2. No person not being a member of the Board of Directors of the International Migration Society of Birmingham Alabama United States of America is entitled to be elected as a member of the Board of Officers of the Company, except that of General Manager who may be elected from among the Stock holders of the Company.

SEC. 3. The Board of Officers of this company shall have general direction and control of the affairs of the Company.

SEC. 4. Five Stock holders including the General Manager, who is to preside at all meetings of the Stock-holders shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The regular meetings of the Board of officers shall be held in Birmingham, Alabama on the first Monday of January, April, July and October for the transaction of any and all business connected with the management of the Company. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. The President shall be chairman of the meeting of the Board of Officers, sign all official documents, and perform such other duties naturally belonging to his office.

SEC. 3. The General Manager shall have general supervision and control of the business of the Company in Liberia, and shall have the power to employ such assistants and labor as he may need for the proper conduct of the business. He shall however pay out no monies, sign notes, nor give any evidence of indebtedness except upon a proper order signed by the President and Secretary of the Company. Nothing herein contained is to be construed to mean the credit of goods, merchandise, labor or material needed in the regular course of the business of the Company. The General Managers must make semi-Annual reports to the Board of Officers of all business done, and turn over to the Trustees of the company a statement of all monies received, and financial papers of any description whatever, and take the Treasurer's receipt for the same. The Books and Accounts of the Manager shall at any and all times be open for inspection by the Auditors, and he shall receive from them a certificate showing the resources, expenditures, and balance on hand. The manager shall at the end of each year's business turn over said Auditor's certificate with the account of cash on hand to the Treasurer. The manager shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties in such sum as the Board of Officers may deem necessary.

SEC. 4. The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the President, and perform the duties of the President in his absence.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the company, shall keep the Stock Book of the Company, issue the Stock to purchasers, receive the purchase money, keep a record of the stock sold, and money received and turn over to the Treasurer, all monies received at the next regular meeting, taking the Treasurer's receipt for the same, keep a Book and record of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Officers and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the President or Board of officers.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall receive from the General Manager and Secretary all monies and financial papers of any description whatever coming into their hands for the company, deposit the same in a Bank to be designated by the Board of Officers, and issue drafts of checks against the deposits only when so ordered by the said Board. The Treasurer shall give Bond for the faithful discharge and performance of his duties in such sum as

the Board of Officers may deem necessary, and his Books shall at any and all time be open for auditing and inspection by any one appointed by the Board of Officers to inspect same.

Joint Resolution Incorporating the Daughters of Zion of Sassy Town Louisiana, Montserrado County Republic of Liberia.

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

That M. Yates, Mother, F. W. Sharp Assistant Mother Janga-Sevs Treasurer, L. A. Johnson Secretary, Amelia Johnson, Sarah F. Johnson, George Anna Erskine, Ellen Roberts, Mariah E. Jackson, Sarah James, Mary Carney, Sapphire Johnson, Martha L. Wilson, Elizabeth Russell, Lydia A. Washington and others, all of Sassy Town in the Settlement of Louisiana in the County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, and their successors in office, together with such as now are or may hereafter become members, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of Daughters of Zion, with power to take, hold and possess all property real or personal, with full power to sell and convey the same, subject to the provisions agreeably to the rules and regulations governing this body. That said corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court of competent jurisdiction of this Republic, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal estate to the amount of five thousand dollars, and to do all things usually done by such bodies corporate and politic.

Approved January 16. 1897.

Joint Resolution pensioning Lieut. Colonel A. M. Jackson of the County of Montserrado,

Whereas A. M. Jackson has in years past rendered very valuable services as a soldier in the defence of the Republic, serving from a private to the rank of Lieut. Colonel in the several military campaign at Bembo, New Cess, Padee, Cape Mount and Sinoe; and whereas it should be the policy of this Government to appreciate the noble and praiseworthy service of her soldiers; and citizens, especially when they are in old age and unable to labor for their support, therefore;—

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution Lieut. Colonel A. M. Jackson be, and he is hereby entitled to receive an annual pension of two hundred dollars per, and in consideration of his past services in defence of his country; and the President is hereby authorized to draw for the sum out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Joint Resolution authorizing negotiation for the payment of the English loan of 1871 the same having accumulated interest with principal now exceeding one million dollars.

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 Joint resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to open a correspondence with the English bond holders by way of negotiating for the payment and settlement of said loan, and so soon as they can arrive at a point of settlement or agreement, then the President of this Republic shall appoint a Commission to be composed of the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of State and one competent citizen from each of the Leeward counties together with Consul general Hayman, said Commission shall be fully authorized to make proposals, and to accept proposals that will tend to the settlement and final payment of the said English loan subject to ratification by the Legislature of this Republic.

SEC. 2. That, the sum of Five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Resolution out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th 1897.

Whereas it is the policy of Government to encourage its citizens in every laudable and worthy enterprise, and as the opening of roads through any section or district of the country is of inestimable value, and whereas it appears from a petition of the citizens of Brewerville, Montserrado County that they desire and pray a road to be granted from Brewerville's Town to the mouth of Logans creek, where it empties into the Saint Paul's River thereby having an access to steam tugs, sail crafts, and other adequate means of conveyances, and that they are willing to engage in opening up said road if encouraged by Government.

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, there shall be a road leading from, and commencing at the southern end of the street known as Barkers Street, in the Town of Brewerville to the mouth of Logan's Creek, when it empties into the Saint Paul's River.

SEC. 2. That said road shall be thirty feet in width, well opened—cleared—low places thrown up, Bridges built, and all other requisites necessary to laying a road so as to accomodate carts, wagons, etc.

SEC. 3. That, the Commissioners of the Township of Brewerville be and they are hereby empowered to negotiate, contract and employ labourers together with the use of the citizens of said Township to the completion of said road.

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SEC. 4. That the sum of Three Hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens in carrying into effect and accomplishing the above provisions of this resolution; and the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized under warrant of the President to draw the said amount out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th. 1897.

An Act chartering the "Union Mining Company" of 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. Edward E. Grant, Daniel G. Harris and Henry B. Williams of the County of Grand Bassa, E. A. Payne, R. H. Jackson, and A. B. King of the County of Montserrado together with such other citizens as may hereafter become connected with the company, called the "Union Mining Company" of Grand Bassa County, be and they are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the "Union Mining Company." And in that name may sue and be sued, plead and beimpleaded, in any court or courts of law, in this Republic having competent jurisdiction: and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy concessions of lands from Government for Mining purposes, to the amount of three hundred acres on any public domain in the County of Grand Bassa, and one thousand acres of land on any public domain in the County of Montserrado, not reserved by Government for other purposes, or granted to any other company for Mining purposes, such land as desired from Government, shall be leased to said company for a term not exceeding twenty five years, and they shall have the exclusive right of working all mines discovered by them on the land granted.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the said Company shall have the right to crush, smelt, dig, wash and do any and all things necessary to carry on Mining business; and shall be allowed to import mining materials free of duty. And the said company shall pay to the Republic of Liberia, one quarter of the net profits of all Minerals collected by them. And the Republic of Liberia shall appoint an Officer to look after the interest of the Government herein provided for.

SEC. 3. This charter may be renewed after the expiration of the limitation herein affixed, for another term of twenty five years by the consent of the Government, provided the Company agrees to the stipulations proposed.

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

Approved January 16th 1897.

Joint Resolution requiring defaulting Officers to make good the amounts of their deficits.

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, all Officers in this Republic who have misapplied Government funds, and are deficit in their accounts the Attorney General is hereby authorized and requested, to commence prosecution against said officers agreeable to the Statute Laws of this Republic.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to hand over to the Attorney General the name and accounts of every defaulting officer who have misapplied Government moneys during the past years, agreeable to the report of the Committee on Public accounts.

SEC. 3. That the Chief Executive is hereby memorialized to cause certain defaulters, naming them in each county, to be prosecuted by their present indebtedness to Government as ascertained by the Committee on Public accounts.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Joint Resolution providing for the Delimitation of the frontier between the Liberian territory and the French possessions contiguous thereto.

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

SEC. 1. That the Executive Government be, and is hereby directed to form during the present year, or as soon as practicable a commission in concert with France, to delimitate the frontier between Liberia and the contiguous French possessions.

SEC. 2. The sum of seven thousand dollars is appropriated for the expenses of the commission.

SEC. 3. The Senate respectfully suggest the appointment of Honorable B. J. K. Anderson as one of the commissioners, and the procuring of the services of two or three first class surveyors and scientists.

SEC. 4. It is recommended that the Government, district the territory and provide, as far as possible for its local government during the progress of the commission.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Joint Resolution empowering the Executive Government of Liberia to enter into negotiation for the establishment of a Banking institution within this Republic.

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

Sec. 1. That the Executive Government is authorized to enter into negotiations looking towards the establishment of a Banking institution in this Republic. The charter to be agreed upon shall follow as near as may be found expedient, the terms of the Meiter Banking Act, the capital shall be fixed by agreement.

Sec. 2. The charter and privileges to be accorded when settled, shall be presented to the Legislature for approval.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay A. Blackledge seventy five dollars in lieu of audited bills held by him.

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 instructed to take up from A. Blackledge three audited bills amounting to seventy five dollars, which were not registered in 1892.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th 1897.

Joint Resolution granting an annuity of one thousand dollars for three years to Ricks Institute.

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 granted to Ricks Institute for the space of three years for educational purposes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th 1897.

Joint Resolution authorizing the President to approve War Certificates in the hands of the Superintendent of the several Counties of this Republic.

Whereas it has been made apparent that there are in the hands of some of the Superintendents several Certificates grants of lands which have been receipted, which receipts are in the hands of holders, and whereas they have not met the Executive sanction, in consequence of them not being presented within the time specified in a resolution approved January 16th 1896, the same not being timely published and the absence of His Excellency the President from the Capital on a visit to the Leeward.

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 hereby authorized to inspect and if found correct to approve all certificates for grants of lands that have not been approved occasioned by the absence of the late President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Adproed January 19. 1897.

Joint Resolution to incorporate Zephus' Lodge of the grand United Order of Odd Fellows No. 4069 Brewerville Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That Marsh Gaskin, W. D. Coleman, Henry Cheson, William Adams, Harvey Bast, George Moor3, J. J. Saunders, H. B. Lee, Charles Banks, J. U. Lewis, L. D. Davis, A. B. Richardson, N. W. Williams, Jno. T. Banks, William Lucus, Jno. Marshall and Alfred Boyles, members and officers of Zephus' Lodge number 4069 G. U. O. of O. F. Brewerville, with their successors as members, and officers, are hereby constituted a body politic under the name, and style of Zephus' Lodge No. 4069 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Brewerville, and by such name may sue and be sued, plead, and be impleaded, and do any and all other acts, that are generally done by such bodies corporate.

SEC. 2. The said corporation shall have full power and authority to make and fulfil contracts, take and hold real and personal estate to the value of Twenty-five Thousand dollars or more.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19. 1897.

✓ An Act providing for the conversion of Audited Bills and scripts part of the floating debt of this Republic into Bonds.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is empowered for the better regulation of the floating debt of this Republic, to issue Bonds on behalf of this Republic, to such holders of audited Bills and scripts as may desire to possess same in place of said Bill and scripts.

SEC. 2. Said bonds shall be for gold coin, and shall bear annual interest of 3% gold. The interest on said Bonds shall be payable half yearly, the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue coupons for the payment of said interest, which may or may not

species of ~~claims~~ against Government, a register of the Bonds issued shall be kept at the Treasury Department, and it shall be necessary to the legal sale or transfer of all such Bonds that notice be given at the Treasury Department of such sale or transfer, the interest shall then be paid to the immediate holders. The proper Court shall direct all administrators, trustees, or executors, holding scripts on behalf of minors or missing heirs to deposit same with the Secretary of the Treasury and to take said Bonds in lieu thereof. These Bonds may be called in and paid by the Secretary of the Treasury two years after issued, and he shall report to the Legislature yearly, the number and amount of said Bonds, and ask for a vote for the purpose of ~~rendering~~ such amount of said Bonds as he may then deem expedient, the call for redemption shall be in the order of issue.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14. 1897.

Joint Resolution authorizing the disposition of the Old Colonial Government square in West Harper, County of Maryland, and the erection of a suitable government building on Big Town hill County aforesaid.

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 Land Commissioner of the County of Maryland is hereby authorized and directed to offer for sale under the existing laws governing the sale of public lands all of the tract or parcel of land situated in West Harper County aforesaid and commonly known as the Colonial Government square.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the Superintendent of Maryland under instruction of the President is hereby authorized to erect on Big Town Hill a suitable Government building out of substantial material, which shall contain departments for the most prominent officers of Government, viz :— Superintendent, Sub-Treasurer, County Attorney and Collector of Customs; the aforesaid building shall be styled, "The Government House."

SEC. 3 It is further resolved that the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into operation the object of this resolution; and the President shall draw under warrant for the same out of any money in the Treasury.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16. 1897.

Whereas the widow of the late Charles R. Johnson of Grand Bassa County has petitioned the Legislature for a pension, being aged, and infirm : and whereas the late Charles R. Johnson rendered eminent services to his country as a pioneer, sol-

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

Sec. 1. That an annual sum of fifty dollars be paid to Mrs H. M. Johnson of Grand Bassa County, widow of the late Charles R. Johnson.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized under warrant of the President to draw for the same out of any monies in the Treasury out otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14. 1897

An Act defining the extent of Ports of Entry.

Whereas the present laws regulating Ports of Entry is imperfect in that it does not say how far inland said Ports should extend, and as foreigners are taking advantage of the now limited Ports and ascending the Rivers of this Republic.

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

Sec. 1. That all Ports of Entry and Delivery opened in this Republic shall extend no more than two miles interiorward which shall be the limit.

Sec. 2. That in all of the permanent Ports of Entry in this Republic where there are civilized settlers who are working under municipal laws and regular charter granted by the Legislature, the extent of the Port of Entry in any such County shall extend only within the corporate bounds of the several Cities, towns or settlements on the seaboard.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16 1897.

Joint Resolution providing for the granting of allotments of public lands to the Veys, Days, Queahs Manibales and Galahs, living in proximately to the civilized settlements of Montserrado County.

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

Sec. 1. That the President shall grant to each adult male member of the Queah, mambah, Dey, and Golah or Vey tribes Montserrado County applying for the same an allotment from the public domains of five acres of land in the district where they live, and the land shall in all cases be given in contiguous blocks. The applicant shall pay all cost of survey, nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal the Act granting lands to civilized natives.

Sec. 2. The Government shall have five years for the execution of this Resolution until which time the allotments so granted shall not be held to confer the right of suffrage.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

32.
An Act altering and amending the Charter of the City of Buchanan approved January 13 1891,

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 charter of the City of Buchanan approved January 13 1891 be so altered and amended as to read--That the Mayor and Common Councilmen shall receive a compensation for their services quarterly in a sum to be by them fixed, which shall be paid out of the one fourth as provided in section fifth of said charter.

SEC. 2. That the said section of said Charter be so altered as to read, that the boundary line of said city that runs in an easterly direction from the sea beach be one mile instead of one mile and a half.

SEC. 3. That taxes fixed, laid and levied by the Government on real estate within the Corporate bounds of the City, shall be the property of the city, and the Collectors are hereby authorized to pay over the same to the City Treasurer, taking a receipt in duplicate for all monies collected for account Taxes on Real Estate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14. 1887.

Joint Resolution amendatory to the Act and supplementary to the several Military Acts approved January 29 1896.

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

SEC. 1. That there shall be appointed and commissioned by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief one Army Surgeon General, whose rank shall be that of Colonel,

SEC. 2. He shall be Surgeon in Chief of the entire Army when in active service, and shall be entitled to two Assistants whose ranks shall be that of Captains.

SEC. 3. That there shall be appointed and commissioned by His Excellency the Commander in Chief an Surgeon to each Brigade, who shall be entitled to the rank of Major, and shall be entitled to one Assistant when in active service, whose rank shall be that of First Lieutenant.

SEC. 4. All Surgeons of Regiments and Brigades shall be subject to his orders and direction, and shall report to him as Chief of his Department as often as may be required by him; he in return shall be required to report the condition of the Army or portion thereof to the Major General or Army Brigade officer who may be in command during active service.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16. 1897.

Whereas it has been made clear to the Legislature that the execution of the new Military Law, this year will not be productive of its best results, therefore,

The Senate and House of Representatives most respectfully memorialize His Excellency the President to suspend the action of the law so far as relates to the Brigade parades.

Joint Resolution incorporating Live Stock Company of Careyburg Montserrat 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 resolution, R. L. Knuckles, Chairman, G. W. Walker, Treasurer, G. W. P. Wordsworth, Corresponding Secretary, R. A. M. Deputie, Recording Secretary J. C. Johnson, G. W. Walker, F. W. Jackson, G. W. P. Wordsworth and R. A. M. Deputie, Board of Managers, R. L. Knuckles, G. W. Walker, G. W. P. Wordsworth R. A. M. Deputie Sr. J. C. Johnson F. W. Jackson R. A. M. Deputie Jr. J. A. Cuthbert, J. M. Porte, Z. R. Kennedy, R. F. Walker, H. B. Woodson, R. M. Deputie, A. E. Walker, N. A. Richardson, J. H. Carr and Daniel Walker share holders, officers of the Live Stock Company of Careyburg Montserrat County, and their successors in office together with the other officers and members of said Company, who are now or may hereafter become members or share holders of said company are hereby declared a body corporate and politic to be known as the Live Stock Company of Careyburg Montserrat County and as such body shall have the right to purchase, contract, and negotiate for cattle, bees, or live stock, with the privilege of making butter, cheese and other articles usually made by such Companies under the Constitution, and Bye Laws governing the same.

SEC. 2. Said company shall have power to solicit voluntary contributions, levy and collect taxes, contract loans, and make such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary to carry out the project of said enterprise, providing such levying and collecting of taxes are exercised only over and on monies of said company.

SEC. 3. Said Company shall have power to hold and enjoy property real and otherwise to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, with the power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges usually accorded to corporate bodies.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that the President is hereby ordered and directed to grant and give Deeds for one thousand acres of land in the Bough Kelly section, district of Careyburg to said Live Stock Company for the raising of beef, cattle and procuring same for market. oxen for draught work &c. agreeably nowever with the constitution of said company.

SEC. 5. It is further resolved that no person or persons members of said company shall have the power to sell, convey or di-

"	"	"	"	"	" Bassa Co.	" 500.00
"	"	"	Post Master	"	"	" 300.00
"	"	"	Blockade Maryland County, }			
"	"	"	Cavalla balance due, }		" 2500.00	
"	"	"	Expenses of the Legislature, }		" 14500.00	
"	"	"	Bridge Association Careysburg }			
"	"	"	Montserrado County. }		" 1000.00	
"	"	"	Collector Customs Sinoe County		" 400.00	
"	"	"	" " Maryland Co.		" 400.00	
"	"	"	Post Master Monrovia		" 400.00	
"	"	"	" " Sinoe County		" 300.00	
"	"	"	" " Maryland County		" 300.00	
"	"	"	Emigrant Agent		" 450.00	
"	"	"	Commissary Mo. County		" 300.00	
"	"	"	" " Robertsport		" 100.00	
"	"	"	" " Careysburg		" 100.00	
"	"	"	" " Marshall		" 100.00	
"	"	"	" " Bassa County		" 180.00	
"	"	"	" " Sinoe County		" 175.00	
"	"	"	" " Maryland "		" 200.00	
"	"	"	Clerk Custom House Mo. Co.		" 200.00	
"	"	"	" " Bassa Co.		" 200.00	
"	"	"	Ast. Clk. Gen. Post Office Monrovia		" 150.00	
"	"	"	Clerk Post Office Monrovia		" 250.00	
"	"	"	Asst. Clerk Post Office Monrovia		" 100.00	
"	"	"	Two Runners " " " each \$ 50		" 100.00	
"	"	"	Clerk Post Office Bassa County		" 150.00	
"	"	"	" " " Maryland County		" 150.00	
"	"	"	" " War and Navy Department		" 200.00	
"	"	"	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 General Government		" 250.00	
"	"	"	Out Claims		" 10000.00	
"	"	"	Peace Public Highway		" 1500.00	
"	"	"	Maintenance of Navy		" 20000.00	
"	"	"	Redemption 3% Bonds		" 4728.10	
"	"	"	Bonded Warehouse Monrovia		" 3000.00	
"	"	"	Building Light House Monrovia		" 600.00	
"	"	"	" " " Sinoe		" 600.00	
"	"	"	Lights Bassa and Sinoe		" 450.00	
"	"	"	Common School Readers		" 750.00	
"	"	"	Interest on Bonds		" 3000.00	
"	"	"	Military Ex Fortifications		" 2000.00	
"	"	"	Ricks Institute for three years annually		" 1000.00	
"	"	"	Chief Clerk Post Master General		" 300.00	
"	"	"	Commissioners on Eng. Foreign Loan		" 5000.00	
"	"	"	Transcribing State Records		" 500.00	

Commissioners to delimitate the
frontier line between Liberia
and France

7000.00

Wharfinger Robertsport

150.00

Marshall

110 00

Pension for A. M. Jackson

200.00

Edward Berry

200.00

Thomas Curd

50.00

W. T. Cole

50.00

T. Penic

50.00

John Hunter

60.00

Ida W. Williams

100.00

John Hess

75.00

Daniel Morris

100.00

Martha Woodson

100.00

Samuel Iron's Widow

50.00

Fannie Smith

100.00

G. S. Padmore

200.00

Minta A. Morris

100.00

C. S. McGill's heirs

100.00

Sarah Mitchell

32 00

W. H. Ricks

100.00

Louisa A. Hornsby

50.00

Tamar Warn

50.00

Edmond Miller

50.00

John Hall

50.00

Grand Bassa

300 90

John Toliver

75.00

A. T. Taylor

100.00

Geo. Brown's Widow

75.00

Capt. Johnson's Widow

150 00

W. H. Johnson

50.00

Sineo County

200.00

Josiah Benson

100.00

Gilbert Belton

50.00

Mary Kelley

50.00

Maryland County

400.00

M. J. Carney

100.00

J. W. Cummings

50.00

R. M. Cole

60.00

Catherine Thompson

100.00

Patsy Hardw

100.00

Sarah Ireland

65.00

Henry Rogers

100.00

G. Trimbo

50.00

G. W. M. White

75.00

Alex Mars

60.00

Salary for Jailor Robertsport

50.00

Boarding Master

300.00

Public Schools

5000.00

Rent Careyburg

100.00

Jack Savage Kroo Governor

50.00

"	"	Black Will Vice	"	15.00
"	"	Stipend King Gray	"	50.00
Salary for		Judiciary	"	7000.00
"	"	Out Claims	"	3000.00
"	"	Contingent	"	1500.00
"	"	Stationery	"	150.00
"	"	Light House Expenses	"	100.00
"	"	Books for Public Schools	"	500.00
"	"	Rent Robertsport	"	100.00
"	"	" Montserrado	"	500.00
"	"	Surveying and Plotting	"	1500.00
"	"	" " " Robertsport	"	500.00

MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

Salary for	Judge Court Quarter Sessions	\$	700.00
"	" " Monthly and Probate Court	"	400.00
"	" " Chairman " Careysburg	"	150.00
"	" " " " Robertsport	"	150.00
"	" " " " Marshall	"	100.00
"	" " Superintendent Montserrado County	"	500.00
"	" " " " Careysburg	"	100.00
"	" " " " Robertsport	"	200.00
"	" " " " Marshall	"	150.00
"	" " Sub-Treasurer	"	500.00
"	" " County Attorney	"	500.00
"	" " District Attorney Robertsport	"	100.00
"	" " " " Careysburg	"	100.00
"	" " " " Marshall	"	60.00
"	" " Light House Keeper	"	150.00
"	" " Jailor	"	200.00
"	" " Cleansing and Bridging Poor River	"	400.00
"	" " Long Bridge Virginia	"	150.00
"	" " Bridge in Fendall	"	75.00
"	" " Beams and Jacksons Bridge Louisiana	"	500.00
"	" " Brewerville Road	"	300.00
"	" " Contingent Robertsport	"	100.00
"	" " Court House and Jail Careysburg	"	1000.00
"	" " School Commissioners \$ 300 00	"	600.00
"	" " Military	"	800.00
"	" " Boat hire and Mail landing	"	200.00
"	" " Stipend Native Chiefs	"	500.00
"	" " Occupation of Bopora	"	3000.00
"	" " Bridge Russell and Hazisls creek	"	300.00
"	" " Sub-Treasurer Robertsport	"	200.00
"	" " " " Marshall	"	100.00
"	" " Election	"	800.00

GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

Amount for	Judge Ct. Qr. Session,	\$	700.00
"	" " Superintendent,	"	500.00
"	" " Judge Mo. & Pro. Court,	"	350.00
"	" " Sub Treasurer,	"	500.00
"	" " County Attorney,	"	400.00
"	" " Native African Commissioner,	"	300.00
"	" " Auditor,	"	300.00
"	" " School Commissioner,	"	300.00

"	" Boarding Master,	" 300.00
"	" Jailor,	" 180.00
"	" Clerk Supt. Department,	" 200.00
"	" " Sub-Treasurer,	" 200.00
"	" Surveying and Plotting,	" 500.00
"	" Contingent,	" 1,500.00
"	" Out Claims,	" 2,000.00
"	" Mail landing and Boat hire,	" 200.00
"	" Rents,	" 200.00
"	" Erecting and keeping Light House,	" 600.00
"	" Peace Public Highway, subject to N. A. Commissioner,	" 1,000.00
"	" Stipend to Native Chiefs,	" 200.00
"	" Plotting Owensgrove,	" 50.00
"	" Military,	" 300.00
"	" Stationary,	" 150.00
"	" Causeway New Series,	" 75.00
"	" Books Public Schools,	" 300.00
"	" Bridge Upper and Lower Edina,	" 50.00
"	" Flags and Seals,	" 250.00
"	" Bridge Apple Grove,	" 50.00
"	" Zeshins Creek,	" 250.00
"	" Johnson and Benson River,	" 300.00
"	" Custom House at Little Balsa,	" 1,000.00
"	" Custom House Lower Buchanan,	" 800.00
"	" Public Schools,	" 2,700.00
"	" Repairs Government House,	" 2,000.00
"	" Judiciary,	" 6,000.00
"	" Election,	" 200.00

SINOE COUNTY

Amount for	Judge Crt. Qr. Sessions,	\$ 700.00
"	" " Monthly and Pro. Court,	" 350.00
"	" Superintendent,	" 400.00
"	" Sub-Treasurer,	" 300.00
"	" County Attorney,	" 400.00
"	" Auditor,	" 300.00
"	" Native African Commissioner,	" 300.00
"	" School Commissioner,	" 900.00
"	" Boarding Master,	" 300.00
"	" Clerk Sub-Treasurer,	" 75.00
"	" Jailor,	" 180.00
"	" Judiciary,	" 2,000.00
"	" Rents,	" 300.00
"	" Stationary,	" 150.00
"	" Contingent,	" 1,000.00
"	" Out Claims,	" 2,000.00
"	" Public Schools including Poor River,	" 2,000.00
"	" Surveying and Plotting,	" 300.00
"	" Harbor Master and Boat hire,	" 150.00
"	" Erecting Light Station and keeping } Light House	" 600.00

"	"	Stipend Native Chiefs,	"	500.00
"	"	Seals and Flags,	"	300.00
"	"	Bluntsville and Roadsville, Creek,	"	500.00
"	"	Repairs Court House and Jail,	"	1,000.00
"	"	Books for Public Schools,	"	250.00
"	"	Cleaning Poor River,	"	300.00
"	"	Bridge between Dunbar and Blue Ridge,	"	250.00
"	"	Election,	"	150.00

MARYLAND COUNTY.

Amount for	Judge Ct. Qr. Session,	"	700.00
"	" Mo. and Pro. Court,	"	350.00
"	" Superintendent,	"	450.00
"	" Sub-Treasurer,	"	350.00
"	" County Attorney,	"	400.00
"	" Auditor,	"	300.00
"	" Jailor,	"	150.00
"	" Native African Commissioner,	"	300.00
"	" School,	"	300.00
"	" Clerk Sub-Treasurer,	"	100.00
"	" Light House keeper,	"	180.00
"	" " Repairs,	"	400.00
"	" Outstanding Claims,	"	1,500.00
"	" Repairs Court House and Jail,	"	300.00
"	" Light House Expenses,	"	150.00
"	" Judiciary,	"	2,000.00
"	" Public Schools,	"	1,000.00
"	" Rents,	"	150.00
"	" Stationery,	"	150.00
"	" Contingent,	"	1,000.00
"	" Surveying and Plotting,	"	1,000.00
"	" Stipend Native Chiefs,	"	500.00
"	" Rocktown,	"	100.00
"	" Harbor Master and landing Mails,	"	200.00
"	" Completion Big Bridge and Bloom Branch,	"	300.00
"	" Bridge in rear Big town,	"	200.00
"	" Establishing New Settlement,	"	3,000.00
"	" Government House,	"	3,000.00
"	" Block House,	"	500.00
"	" Mount Tubman,	"	1,000.00
"	" Receptacles,	"	1,000.00
"	" Causeway Jacksonville and Mount Voughn,	"	200.00
"	" Books Public Schools,	"	300.00
"	" J. A. Gibson,	"	25.00
"	" Causeway Jacksonville,	"	100.00

\$ 185,945.10

Approved January, 20 1897.