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Joint Resolution restoring G. W. Diggs of Maryland County to citizenship.

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

SEC. 1ST. That immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution G. W. Diggs is restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 28th 1900.

Joint Resolution aiding the citizens of Jacksonville in the completion of their Block House

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

SEC. 1ST. That the sum of Two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to complete the block house at Jacksonville, Maryland County, the same being built of stone.

SEC. 2ND. That the President is hereby authorized and directed to draw for the same out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December, 28th 1900.

Joint Resolution repealing a Joint Resolution closing, the Port of Entry and Delivery at River Cess, Grand Bassa County, approved January 26th 1900.

Whereas the closing of the Port of Entry and Delivery at River Cess, Grand Bassa County is detrimental to the revenue of the Republic,

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and immediately after the passage of this

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 28th 1900.

Joint Resolution incorporating the M. E. Church of Hartford Grand Bassa County, Republic of Liberia

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

SEC. 1ST. That Alfred Morgan, Pastor, J. C. Gross, J. W. Watson and P. M. Scott, Trustees of the M. E. Church at Hartford, Grand Bassa County, and their successors in office, are hereby declared a Body corporate and politic by the name and style of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Hartford, Grand Bassa County, with power to take, hold and possess any and all property real and personal, that may be acquired by grant, purchase, gift or otherwise.

SEC. 2ND. That the said corporation may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, before any of the courts having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal property to the value of Twenty five thousand dollars \$ 25000.00 and be allowed all other acts usually done in and by similar bodies

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 28th 1900.

Joint Resolution respecting certain native tribes of Cape Palmas, in the County of Maryland, Republic of Liberia.

Whereas the Cape Palmas tribes have of late years manifested great loyalty to the Government of Liberia, fighting bravely in its behalf, for which services they have never been properly compensated, and whereas owing to certain misunderstandings and troubles growing out at the last Biennial Election a fine was imposed on them by the Government which they have not been able to pay up to the present.

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

SEC. 1ST. That in recognition of the services and loyalty of the Cape Palmas Tribes, and to show its appreciation thereof, the Leg slat are hereby orders that the balance of the fines im-

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posed by the Executive Government on said Tribes be remitted.
Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved December 28th 1900.

Joint Resolution incorporating the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fortsville, Grand Bassa County, Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1ST. That A. Morgan, Pastor, Wiley Fort, U. Samuel Ware and Macon S. Hall, Trustees of the M. E. Church at Fortsville, Grand Bassa County and their successors in office are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Fortsville, Grand Bassa County, with power to take, hold and possess any and all property real and personal that may be acquired by grant, purchase, gift or otherwise.

SEC. 2ND. That the said corporation may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any of the courts having competent jurisdiction and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal property, to the value of Twenty five thousand dollars \$ 25000.00 and shall do all other acts and things usually done in and by similar bodies.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 28th 1900.

Joint Resolution incorporating the African Methodist Episcopal Church at Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1ST. That C. J. Bynum, Pastor, J. E. Johnston, David Mason, S. A. Gibbidin and J. W. H. Smith, Trustees of the A. M. E. Church, Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, and their successors in office are hereby declared a body corporate and politic by the name and style of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa County with power to take hold and possess any and all property real and personal that may be acquired by grant, purchase, gift or otherwise.

SEC. 2ND. That the said corporation may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal property to the value of Twenty thousand dollars \$ 20000.00 and shall do all other acts and things usually done in and by similar bodies.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 28th 1900.

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Joint Resolution Chartering the Methodist Episcopal Church of Edina Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution Edward B. Mitchell, Pastor, J. R. Miller, H. H. Vick and J. R. Miller, Jr., Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Edina Grand Bassa County, with their successors in office, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Edina, and by such name may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded before any of the courts of this Republic and do all other acts as are done by such bodies corporate.

SEC. 2ND. It is further resolved that the said corporation shall have full power, and authority to make and fulfil contracts take and hold real and personal estate to the amount of Twenty thousand dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 29th 1900.

Joint Resolution with respect to the Rubber Concession.

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

SEC. 1ST. That the Executive Government is authorized and directed to grant to the Rubber Syndicate, an extension of their present concession for ten years from the passage of this Resolution upon such further considerations and agreements as may seem fair and equitable.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th. 1901.

An Act amendatory to an Act to revive an Act reorganizing the Supreme Court of the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and after the passage of this Act the Supreme Court of the Republic shall commence its annual session on the first Monday in February and shall continue session until all of the business of the Court is disposed of.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th 1901.

Joint Resolution providing for the filling of the Presidential Chair, in case of the removal of the President and Vice President from office or their death, resignation or inability to discharge the powers and duties of said offices.

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, in case of the removal of the President and Vice President of the Republic of Liberia from office or their death, resignation or inability to discharge the duties of said offices, the Secretary of State is hereby authorized and directed to discharge the duties of President until the disability be removed or a President shall be elected.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that that portion of the second section of an Act passed and approved February 13th 1873, requiring the Speaker of the House of Representatives to discharge the duties of President in case of the disability of both the President and Vice President, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Joint Resolution regulating the admission of lawyers as Counsellors of the Supreme Court of 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, whenever any person desires to become a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court, as Counsellor thereof, he shall petition the Honorable Supreme Court, showing that he is a person of good moral and professional character, that he has been practising law in the Court of Quarter Sessions of this Republic for the space of at least two years previous to filing said petition; and said petition shall contain a clause, praying that a Committee be appointed by the Court to examine into his legal qualification; said petition shall be signed by the applicant and certified to be true by at least two practising Counsellors of said Supreme Court. The petition shall be presented in open Court.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that after the said petition shall have been read the Honorable Court shall appoint a Committee to consist of three or more members of the Bar, who shall as soon as convenient proceed to examine said applicant in open Court touching his legal and professional qualifications and shall report, which report shall be voted upon by the members of the Bar of said Court, and a majority of votes of the members of said

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Bar then present shall be necessary for the admission of new members.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8th 1901.

An Act incorporating the Union Mining Company of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1ST That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the charters heretofore granted to the Union Mining Company of Liberia and the Liberia Mining Association Limited are hereby cancelled and annulled.

SEC. 2ND It is further enacted that F. O. Thorne, R. H. Jackson, A. B. Stevens, C. T. O. King, A. B. King, W. D. Coleman, H. B. Williams, Z. B. Roberts, D. F. Ware, R. H. Marshall, R. A. Wright, F. E. R. Johnson, A. C. Tucker, H. W. Travis, and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them, their heirs, and assigns be and they are hereby declared a body politic under the name and style of the Union Mining Company of Liberia.

SEC. 3RD That the Union Mining Company of Liberia hereinafter called the Company shall have the following sole and exclusive rights and powers in the Counties of Montserrado and Maryland, viz:—

(a) To search for all minerals, precious stones, earthly products, oil springs etc, on public lands, and the Government will provide against any native or other interference during such search, provided always that whenever it shall be necessary for the Government of Liberia to furnish a military escort for the protection of the employees or operations of the Company the expense thereof shall be borne by the concessionaires. On such deposits being discovered the Company shall be entitled to a lease of the land containing any such deposits for a term of forty years with the right to renew the lease at the end of forty years for another forty years at the then current lawful price or rent of land per acre—such price to be decided by arbitration. One arbitrator to be appointed by the Government of Liberia one by the Company and the two shall have power to choose a third provided always that the Company at any time by notice in writing terminate any such lease or leases.

SEC. 4TH That the Company shall also have the following non-exclusive rights and powers within all the territories of the Republic; viz:—

(a) To import all mining machinery tools and requisites as also all machinery plant tools, and such material prima

required for the constructions and equipment of public and other works, railways, tramways etc. and the construction and equipment of manufacturies, telegraphs and telephone-stations free of duty.

(b) To increase or reduce the share capital of the Company and borrow moneys on security of the property of the Company or without security.

(c) To assign or transfer any or all of the rights contained in this Charter or let or sell or exchange any property of the Company real or personal.

(d) To establish or authorize banking companies and other companies and undertakings or associations of every description for purposes consistent with the provisions of this charter.

(e) To issue bank notes equal to two thirds of the coin which the banks may have in hand or two thirds of the general income of the products of any mines or other industries carried on by the Company and to do all things that chartered banks may do in the United States of America.

(f) To make and maintain bridges, roads, reservoirs, and canals, to make use of existing waterways, and have full water rights, to make and maintain railways, telegraphs, telephones, harbours, ports, docks, piers, wharves, moles, and to erect bonded and other warehouses, to build ships, steamers, lights etc, and to own same, to have full harbours and navigation rights, to lay submarine or other cables, to construct and work gas works, electric works and all systems of lighting heating-powers, and transport and generally to engage in any other works which may tend to the development of the territories of the Republic and to the benefit of the company.

(g) To carry on mining and other industries and manufactures and to make concessions of mining or other rights in the counties of Montserrado and Maryland.

(h) To improve, develop, clear, plant, irrigate, and cultivate any public lands included within the counties aforesaid.

(i) To colonize or settle with Negroes or the descendants of Negroes any such public lands as aforesaid, and to aid and promote the immigration of Negroes and the descendants of Negroes into the Republic of Liberia under the supervision and control of the Government of Liberia.

(j) To grant lands acquired by the Company in fee or for terms of years by mortgage or otherwise.

(k) To make loans or contributions of money or money's worth for promoting any of the objects of the company.

(l) To acquire and hold personal property and real estate.

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(m) To acquire and hold lands in Monrovia not exceeding one hundred acres in all at one time for the purposes of the office and business of the company and for carrying on the management of the affairs of the company and to dispose from time to time of any of such lands when not required for that purpose.

(n) To carry on any lawful commerce, trade, pursuit business operations or dealings whatsoever in connection with the objects of the Company in consonance with the laws of the Republic of Liberia.

(o) To establish and maintain agencies.

(p) To sue and be sued, plead and implead by the Company's name of incorporation.

(q) To employ a common seal for the purposes of the Company.

(r) To establish and maintain police for the protection of the property of the Company.

(s) To establish such byelaws, rules and regulations for the Company as may be deemed expedient provided such byelaws, rules and regulations do not conflict with the constitution and laws of the Republic of Liberia, and the provisions of this charter and to elect such officers as may be necessary for the government of the company. Lastly to do all lawful things incidental or conducive to the exercise or enjoyment of the rights, interests, authorities and powers of the company in this charter expressed or referred to or any of them.

SEC. 5TH The consideration to be payable to the Government of Liberia for the granting of this charter shall be 5% of the net profit arising from the working thereof, and thirty three and one third per cent of any bonus that may be obtained by the Company for the transfer or sale of any of the rights granted by this charter, one moiety in cash and one moiety in shares, and accounts shall be prepared once at least in each year, and the accuracy thereof shall be ascertained and certified by a chartered accountant of England to be appointed by the Company and one auditor to be appointed by the Government of Liberia.

SEC. 6TH In consideration of the amounts to be paid to the Government of Liberia as aforesaid, the said Government shall not impose any duty upon products manufactured by the Company in connection with its mining and oil-spring operations.

SEC. 7TH The Government shall not impose any tax upon the Company other than those imposed by Act of the Legislature upon all citizens without distinction.

SEC. 8TH The Government shall give every indulgence and

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encouragement to the company and to all whomsoever they may be who may engage in the enterprises of the company and be employed therein and to protect the natural industries established by the company, the Government will when called upon, by the Company place protective duties on the imports of all goods similar to those which are then being manufactured or produced in Liberia.

SEC. 9TH All laws or parts of laws extant in the Republic militating against the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed to be amended or repealed as to permit of this act taking effect but not further or otherwise.

Approved January 14th 1901.

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A Resolution forbidding private warfare and for other purposes.

Whereas the Legislature of Liberia has learned that W. D. Coleman, ex-President of Liberia, and other citizens have secretly hired Barroma, a well known and notorious Kossa warrior, and other marauders from the interior to devastate different sections of the Golah country and to destroy and enslave the inhabitants thereof; and whereas the inhabitants of said districts have always been most loyal and obedient to the Government of the Republic; and after the most rigid scrutiny and inquiry, the Legislature has been unable to find any thing against them, and whereas the right of private warfare is contrary to the laws and usages of civilized and christian states and it is necessary to suppress the practice, especially on the part of the civilized element of the population and to punish such acts with the, greatest severity and rigor; Therefore,

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

SEC. 1ST That from and immediately after the passage of this Resolution, any citizen or citizens who shall be proved to be exercising the right of private warfare, by hiring mercenaries or stirring up one tribe in the territory of the Republic, to attack another, such citizen or citizens not having any commission to do so based upon an act of the Legislature, or not acting by order of the President of the Republic in the public defence from some unprovoked attack, or who shall invite any tribe to commit acts of hostility against the Government of the Republic; or to disobey its orders, shall be deemed guilty of high treason; the penalty of which shall be death with confiscation of real and personal property of prisoner so condemned.

SEC. 2ND It is further resolved and ordered that all sums

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due by the Republic to W. D. Coleman, ex-President, for salaries and allowances shall be impounded and not paid by the Secretary of the Treasury until it can be ascertained how far he is personally responsible for the present disturbances. The President shall transmit a special message on this subject at the next session of the Legislature.

SEC. 3RD That in case the Golahs shall be attacked by Barroma at the instance of the said W. D. Coleman, his aiders and abettors, then it is ordered that the amount due shall be applied to the service of the war caused by him and his said abettors.

SEC. 4TH It is further resolved and ordered that William Lomax and others enlisted soldiers, who have refused to obey the orders of proper authority to return home, shall be punished for said offence by a Court Martial which the Secretary of War shall order for that purpose as soon as practicable, and shall receive neither pay nor allowances for service.

SEC. 5TH It is further resolved and ordered that Burgess Peal of Millsburg not appear before the Legislature or the Secretary of the Interior within the next ten days to give account of his action at Suehn as Special Commissioner, the Attorney General is ordered to cause a prosecution to be commenced against him for murder and any other offence of which by evidence he may be found guilty.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th 1901.

Whereas it is apparent that the law defining fornication and adultery passed by the Legislature at its session of 1899 and 1900 does not meet the object contemplated in its enactment, and whereas the mode prescribed in said Act, proves to be expensive, and whereas the same object can be as well met by a suitable Act,

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the Act entitled and defining fornication and adultery and fixing the punishment for the same found on page 14 of the above cited Acts be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2ND. It is further enacted that where any adult male and female shall live and cohabit together in an open and notorious manner and shall outrage public decency by habitual quarreling, fighting and using abusive or obscene language, to the disturbance and annoyance of the public they shall be deemed violaters of the public peace; and upon conviction before

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any Justice of the Peace or city Magistrate, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars and all costs, and this shall be repeated as often as such persons shall be complained against, tried and convicted.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th 1901.

An Act to prevent the crime of Poison and use of witchcraft and conjuration.

Whereas the peace and safety of our various cities and township are being assailed by a certain indifferent class of persons, foreigners, who being unfit to reside in their own country come, from time to time, into this Republic, and without any intention of becoming good and loyal residents or citizens, but on the contrary are introducing into the Republic the dangerous practice of poisoning the people of our country, and teaching our citizens to resort to and believe in conjuration and witchcraft; and

Whereas it is the duty and the right of the Government of Liberia in common with all other christian governments to protect herself from any and all such persons:—

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and after the passage of this Act, that no citizen or citizens of any nationality whatever shall be allowed to reside within this Republic who shall be known to deal in, manufacture, or dispense poison in any form, or practice witchcraft or conjuration, and any person found guilty of any of the above offences shall be, upon oath arrested upon a writ from Justice of the Peace and by him required to give a bond of Three hundred dollars for his appearance at the Court of Quarter Session, where, upon conviction, such person or persons shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars and any person giving such information leading to the conviction of said offenders shall receive a reward from the Government of twenty five dollars.

SEC. 2ND. It is further enacted, that in case death should ensue in consequence of such poison being actually administered, the person or persons convicted thereof, shall be subject to the law of murder. All accessories shall suffer the same penalty as principals; and any person or persons who shall be in position to give such information and neglect or refuse to do so shall upon proof be subject to a fine of fifty dollars, provided death does not result to the victim, in which case, said delinquent shall be treated as principal.

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SEC. 3RD. It is further enacted, that all revenue officers shall diligently examine the person and luggages of any person of suspicious character; and should said examination result in the discovery of any such poisonous drugs or other substances, said person or persons shall be immediately arrested, and, by a Justice of the Peace fined in a sum not exceeding (25.00) twenty five dollars and such poisonous matter immediately destroyed; and further, said person or persons so convicted shall be required to give bond with good security for five hundred dollars to secure their good behaviour in this respect during their residence in the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th. 1901.

An Act levying a Poll tax on every voting citizen for Educational purposes

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and after the passage of this Act, a poll tax of Fifty cents (50cts.) in coin be levied on every voting citizen of the Republic of Liberia for the support of the public schools.

SEC. 2ND. It is further enacted that such amounts as shall be collected shall be deposited in the Treasury of the County in which they were collected, and placed at the disposal of the Educational Bureau, for the erection of school houses, and supplying furniture for the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th. 1901.

An amendatory Act relating to smuggling.

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

That from and after the passage of this Act, that section 2nd of the Act passed A. D. 1899 and 1900, be so amended as to read after the word "Act," on the second line, thus, shall be punished by forfeiture of the goods seized and two folds the value thereof and the cost in Admiralty.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th 1901.

An amendatory Act, relating to Malicious Injuries.

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

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That from and after the passage of this Act, that the Act of 1899 and 1900 governing Malicious Injuries shall be amended so as to read;

That if the value of the property injured or destroyed does not exceed Twenty dollars (\$20) in value such case shall be tried by a Justice of the Peace.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th 1901.

An Act to amend the School law of the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That the pamphlet published by the General Superintendent of Public Instruction, entitled "Public School Law of Liberia," be, and is hereby made a part of the School law of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th 1901.

Seduction.

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

That from and after the passage of this Act, that the Act relating to seduction passed in 1899 and 1900 be so amended as to read beginning with the word "with" on the second line—"with an unmarried female of previous chaste character under the promise of marriage, said promise being supported by evidence other than that of the prosecutrix, either written or oral shall be deemed etc. etc."

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th 1901.

Joint Resolution granting an Annuity to Clement Irons.

Whereas Clement Irons has petitioned the Legislature setting forth the facts of his extreme illness and inability to provide for himself and family; and whereas, it is the duty of every Legislature to foster and provide for her worthy and distressed citizens when they require it; and whereas, a more fitting and forcible demonstration of the Government's recognition of the valuable services which he has rendered his country than by some pecuniary and tangible expression on the part of Government:

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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 Clement Irons be allowed the sum of Two hundred sixty two dollars and fifty cents for his support for each year of his natural existence; to be paid out of any monies in the Public Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act amendatory to an Act relating to Petit Larceny.

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

1ST. That from and after the passage of this Act that the 4th section of the Act defining Larceny on pages 9 and 10 of the Acts of 1899 and 1900 be and the same is hereby repealed.

2ND. That any person duly convicted of Petit Larceny, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more nor less than two fold of the value of the articles or goods stolen, and receive not more than twenty five lashes on the bare back, and upon failure to make the restitution of two fold shall be imprisoned in the common jail with labor in chains sufficiently long to liquidate said fold at six dollars per month, and in no case shall the losing party receive any amount from Government except the same be paid by the person convicted, according to the provisions of section ninth of the above cited Act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th 1901.

Joint Resolution respecting monies arising from the shipment of Kroo boys within 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, all monies arising from the shipment of Kroo boys, within the Republic of Liberia, shall be appropriated as follows; one half of all monies collected shall be set aside for the purchasing of a Gunboat, the remaining half shall be equally divided between the General Government and the County Government.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that one fourth of the amount arising from the shipment of Kroo boys within this

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Republic, given to the different counties under the provision of this Resolution, shall be held in tack by the different Sub Treasurers of the Counties, the same to be used for Internal improvements such as Industrial Schools, Block houses, Fortifications, Custom sheds, Wharves and Arsenals.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the Superintendents of the different Counties shall draw on the several Sub Treasurers of the Counties for the amount so appropriated, and in no case shall the amount so drawn for by the Superintendents shall be used other than its legitimate purposes.

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

Approved January 25th 1901.

An Act preventing the trial by mixed juries within this Republic.

Whereas the Government of Liberia while she recognizes the responsibility she is under to guard the rights and privileges granted to subjects of other nations under the various treaties concluded with the different powers of the world, yet the sovereign people of this Republic recognizing also their rights to protect themselves by proper laws tending to secure their protection and enhance their welfare; and whereas there does not exist any statutory provisions forbidding the granting of mixed juries for the trial of persons not citizens of the Republic arraigned before our several courts upon indictment for capital and other crimes, which system if allowed to continue, may endanger the safety and existence of the Republic, Therefore,

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

SEC. 1ST That from and immediately after the passage of this act the Judges of the several courts of criminal jurisdiction within this Republic are hereby forbidden to grant the application for the trial of mixed juries which may be made by any person or persons, their Attorney or Counsellor in favour of any prisoner or prisoners who not being citizens of this Republic nor shall such application be granted in favour of any prisoner or prisoners even though they may be citizens of this Republic.

SEC. 2ND It is further enacted that under no circumstances whatever shall any person be eligible to serve as juror within this Republic unless he be a citizen of the same, possessing the requisite legal and constitutional qualification.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th 1901.

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Joint Resolution reimbursing the ex-Mayor, officers and other persons holding just claims against the City Corporation of Harper at the time of the revoking of its charter by Act January 5th 1901.

Whereas by a petition from the ex-Mayor and officers of the City Corporation of Harper, in the County of Maryland, it is made manifest that there are certain legal and just claims outstanding to the account of said corporation; and that owing to the local government at said County having assumed to take over into the public treasury all monies which by the said corporation was entitled to from the month of April A. D. 1899 to January 5th A. D. 1900 which act on the part of the government as aforesaid is the cause why the said claims are still unsettled; and that, whereas the said ex-Mayor and officers were vigilant and prompt in obeying the command of the Legislature in settling up the affairs of said Corporation and forwarding the deeds, records, accounts, etc. to the State Department within the time prescribed in the above cited act to the full extent of their ability, and have no other source to which they could apply for relief of their grievance in said matter but the Legislature as will appear by their said petition:

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

That the local Government will pay to the said ex-Mayor and officers as mentioned in the above cited act the sum of Thirteen hundred and forty two dollars and fifty one cents as claimed in their petition; and the President is hereby authorized and directed to draw for the same out of any monies for County purposes not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th 1901.

Joint Resolution supplementary and amendatory to a Joint Resolution requiring the Secretary of State to supply certain officers with the Acts of the Sessions of 1899 to 1900.

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

SEC. 1ST That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Secretary of State is hereby required annually to supply the members of the Legislature, Judges of the Courts, Attorney General and County Attorneys, and Collectors of Customs of this Republic with the published Acts of the Legislature, said Acts to be distributed on or before the 1st of April following the session of each year.

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 SEC. 2ND He shall also cause to be deposited not later than the 30th of June each year for sale in the Superintendent's Departments of Maryland and Sinoe Counties each 200 copies of said Acts. In Bassa County 200 copies; in Robertsport 50; in Marshall and Careysburg 50 copies each; and in Montserrado County 400 copies. And the said Superintendents are hereby authorized to receive in payment for said acts currency, cash, approved Government Bills or produce.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th 1901.

An Act to foster skilled labor and to afford the means of a common school education to youths whose necessities compel them to work during the day.

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

SEC. 1. That there shall be established in each County of this Republic and in the territory of Cape Mount, one school of mechanical arts, in which shall be practically taught one or more of the useful arts or trades, such as tailoring, shoemaking, cabinet-making and such like.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that the instructor in such school shall be a master of his art or trade and diligently trained in such art or trade not less than six and as many as twelve youthful apprentices, if so many apply.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted, that such practical instruction shall be given during the usual working hours of the day.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that the master workman or instructor furnishing his own material, shall dispose of the products as he deems best for his use, and for his services of instruction, shall receive out of money not otherwise appropriated, Three hundred (\$300.00) dollars per annum.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted that at first one such Master workman shall be employed until means shall be obtainable for additional instructors.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted, that there shall also be established in each County seat and the territory of Cape Mount, or in a populous settlement if found to be more necessary, an evening school to be taught three hours each evening, save Saturday and Sunday, reading, writing and Arithmetic to such students that have to work for a living during the day and are desirous of obtaining a common education.

SEC. 7. It is further enacted, that the Teacher of said school, shall receive out of money not otherwise appropriated the sum of Two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars per annum.

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SEC. 8. It is further enacted that the school provided for in this Act shall be under the supervision and direction of the General Superintendent and his representatives, the Commissioners of Education in the counties.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1901.

A Joint Resolution directing that the subordinate officers of Customs give bond and security.

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

SEC. 1. That all persons employed in the Customs as Clerks assistant Wharfingers and so on must before entering upon the duties of said office, give bond and security for the faithful performance of their duties. The sum to be inserted in said bonds, shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The bonds shall then be presented to, and approved by the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas in each County.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1901.

Joint Resolution fixing an Export duty on Water oil, or eatable oil.

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, there shall be levied and collected an export duty of ten cents (10 cts) per gallon on all water oil or eatable oil that shall be exported out of this Republic to be paid absolutely in gold or silver coin.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that nothing in the foregoing section shall be construed to apply to common trade oil generally exported out of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29th 1901.

Joint Resolution fixing the Day of adjournment of the second Session of the Twenty seventh Legislature.

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

That the second Session of the Twenty seventh Legislature adjourn its present session *sine die* on the thirtieth day of January 1901.

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Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 23, 1901.

Joint Resolution declaring war against all of the Native Chiefs within the County of Montserrado and Territory of Grand Cape Mount, who are in hostility against the Government of the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas many of the various tribes of the hinterlands of the County of Montserrado and Territory of Grand Cape Mount are in hostility against the Government of Liberia; and whereas they the various Tribes, under the leadership of their chiefs, kings, and head men, are continually waging war against the interest of the Government, and much to the injury and detriment of the Republic of Liberia:

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

Sec. 1st. That two months from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized and empowered to set on foot a military expedition of not less than three hundred men under the proper Military Commander, who shall proceed against such hostile tribes of Natives in the County of Montserrado and Territory of Grand Cape Mount.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall use his best endeavors to settle the hostilities within two months after the passage of this Joint Resolution that do now exist.

Sec. 3. The sum of \$25000.00 is hereby appropriated for the carrying out of this expedition, and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for same out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29th 1901.

An Act respecting Juries.

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, section 2nd., chapter nine (9) of the legal forms and principles relating to juries is hereby declared to be the only legal manner of empanneling juries in all civil cases tried in any of the courts of Eleas and Quarter Sessions of this Republic. And all Judges are hereby enjoined to adhere strictly thereto; and any departure by any of said courts from this prescription, shall constitute good and sufficient ground for the granting of a new

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trial to the party losing the case so tried. Nevertheless nothing in the original Act or in this amendment shall be so construed as to deprive prisoners in any criminal case, of the right to challenge juries for cause; and in capital cases they shall be allowed ten (10) peremptory challenges in addition to challenges for cause.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1901.

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An Act relating to Resident Foreigners.

Whereas a number of foreign subjects and citizens of other governments of a very low, irresponsible and suspicious class are continually making their way into this Republic without any intention of honorable trade or of becoming good and industrious citizens; but on the contrary have given and continue to give the people of this Republic much trouble and inconvenience and are ever and anon endeavouring to bring this Government and that of which they are citizens or subjects into international troubles; and whereas the people of this Republic recognize their inalienable right to protect themselves from such suspicious, dangerous and indifferent characters,

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person or citizen or subject of any foreign nation to come into this Republic under pretext of seeking citizenship, and into the various cities and towns, civilized or heathen, without first upon arrival into the Republic exhibiting to the proper officer a Consular Certificate from the the country whence they hail of good citizenship in that country; and this must be done within five days from the date of arrival into the Republic under a penalty of (\$50.00) Fifty Dollars fine by the Court of Quarter Session, provided that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to refer to the immigrants from the United States of America, West Indies, Central and South America.

SEC. 2ST. It is further enacted that within the five days aforesaid any person, male or female, coming into any part of the Republic shall exhibit to the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions said Consular Certificate; and said clerk shall note same upon the records of his office in such a manner as to show the nationality of the person, the name, age, trade, or profession and in addition such person shall make oath to the following questions and answers: "Of what country are you a citizen or subject? Is your residence in this Republic to be

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regarded as temporary not? Your age? Occupation? For what crimes have you been tried or convicted in the country whence you hail or else where? Are you worth one hundred (\$100.00) dollars in cash or its equivalent in merchandise? If so, what evidence do you offer in proof thereof?" And these questions and answers so sworn to, shall be by the Collector of Customs or other designated officer, forwarded to the Department of State and filed there as a matter of Public Records.

The Clerk of the Court and the Collector shall each receive for their services fifteen cents to be paid by the party.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that any person failing to exhibit the certificate aforesaid, and to make the oath aforesaid to the questions and answers, shall be required to leave the Republic without unnecessary delay or pay a poll tax of (\$5.00) Five Dollars per month in gold coin during their stay after the first opportunity for leaving appears.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that in no case shall any such foreigners reside at any point of our coast not a port of entry, nor in the interior for purposes of trade, except such residence be at their own personal risk; and not even then except after oath made voluntarily by the party, reduced to writing and subscribed to and filed by him or her in the Department of State.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 29th 1901.

An Act relating to Justices of the Peace.

Whereas there is extant in the various rural Settlements of the Republic and particularly the County of Montserrado, a practice among Justices of the Peace, of allowing persons indiscriminately to appear in the Courts in the capacity of Attorneys at law pleading and impleading, and; whereas, these Justices demand and receive private reward for this indulgence; and, Whereas these persons demand and receive from poor and uninformed citizens and subjects unreasonable fees and allowances all of which is illegal and injurious to the Government and people;

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, it is hereby declared a misdemeanor for any Justice of the Peace to allow any person to appear in the Court as friends advocates, or Attorneys, to defend or prosecute cases unless such persons have been duly licensed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the several Counties and Territory of the Republic,

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according to law to represent, plead, or implead for any person whatsoever.

SEC. 2ND. Any person or persons representing person or persons for whom he or they shall claim to be Agent shall be allowed to represent such without paying any fee to the Justices; and any Justice failing to comply with this law, shall upon conviction before the Courts of Quarter Session and Common Pleas forfeit and pay to the Republic the sum of Fifty dollars (50.00) and any person or persons claiming to be the Agents of such person shall take oath to that effect; and any Agent taking a false oath shall be deemed guilty of perjury and upon conviction before any Court having competent jurisdiction shall be made to pay the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars, or be imprisoned in the Common Jail for (12) twelve months.

SEC. 3RD. It is further enacted that any person or persons so appearing before any of the Justice Courts and acting as Agent for any person or persons shall not be required to pay any tax fee to Government by way of securing license to plead or implead; it being understood that this Act does not include the practitioners of the several Courts of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.

Joint Resolution incorporating the Ethiopian Order of Cadets of Temperance of the County of Montserrado.

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

SEC. 1ST. A. F. Nimmo, Pass Worthy Grand, W. H. Adams, Deputy W. G. P., A. D. Simpson, Worthy Grand Scribe, James C. Johnson, Asst. G. S., M. N. Nimmo, W. G. U., J. G. Richards, W. G. C., S. F. Nimmo, W. G. U., G. W. Dixon, W. G. G., J. B. Ricks, W. G. W., J. D. Simpson, J. M. Freeman, W. E. Brooks, W. N. Yancy, M. F., Stephen Mathis, M. F., Wesly Johnson, M. F., and such others as may be, and they are hereby constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Ethiopian Order of Cadets of Temperance of Liberia"; 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 shall sue and be sued, plead, and be impleaded before any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 2ND. It is further resolved that the said Lodge is permitted to do all other matters and things done in similar bodies

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under the jurisdiction of the "Ethiopian Order of Cadets of Temperance."

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.

Joint Resolution respecting the survey and plotting of farm lands at Ackersville, Cape Mount and for the survey and plotting of farm lands between said settlement and Wattsville on the north of the mountain, including all lands between Wattsville and Robertsport on the northern slope of said mountain.

That whereas it is incumbent upon Government to see to the survey and plotting of all lands given to immigrants, and that said surveys should be satisfactorily made to the parties concerned, the number and bearings of land given, and same plotted as directed by law; and that whereas lands given to immigrants to Cape Mount in the year 1887, though having been surveyed by government, was not plotted, which brings about a disturbed state of affairs, and which will inevitably result in a continual disturbance and confusion to government, unless permanently arranged as set forth, which is the end of any government to meet on the parts of its citizens :

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, that all such lands, and those arising hereafter given out by Government at Ackersville, Cape Mount, to the immigrants arriving at said settlement in 1887, be regularly surveyed and plotted as directed, and that the amount of \$450.00 Four hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the same.

SEC. 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.

Joint Resolution concerning the sale of guns, powder, swords and other arms and munitions of war.

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, whenever there are apprehensions of an uprising of the natives in any of the counties of this Republic, which threat-

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ens the peace and safety of the outlying settlements, or in any case where it is necessary, the Executive Government through the proper officer, or by proclamation by the President interdict and repress the sale of all fire arms, powder, shot, lead, cartridges, guncaps, swords and sword blades, or any other arms or munition of war.

SEC. 2. Whenever it becomes necessary to resort to the above measures for safety it shall be the duty of all military officers to take notice ex-officio and to report all infringements that may come to their notice to the War Department by way of information.

SEC. 3. In order to inforce the above, it shall be the duty of the War Department, during the continuance of the interdict, to seize any and all arms or other munition of war as stated above when sold contrary to Government orders or without from Government. And further the person selling such arms or munition shall upon it being so proved before any Justice of the Peace in a regular trial be fined in a sum of not less than \$25.00 according to the magnitude or aggravation of the case.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.

Joint Resolution providing for a Special Commission to investigate the Commercial States of foreign Merchants and traders in the Republic of Liberia and to suggest any measures it may deem necessary, looking to a more liberal trade policy.

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

SEC. 1. That the President appoint a Special Commission not exceeding (3) three persons to take evidence on the conditions of commerce and trade in Liberia as they effect foreign merchants and traders and to recommend such change of policy and any measures for the better development of capital in the commerce of the country that they may, after hearing evidence, deem necessary.

SEC. 2. The said Commission shall not sit over sixty days; and its rate of remuneration shall be fixed by the Executive.

SEC. 3. The evidence taken, the conclusions arrived at, and the measures suggested shall be included by the Commission in a report which shall be printed and laid before the Legislature at its next session.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.

A Joint Resolution providing for the establishment of a Fishery.

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 be and he is hereby authorized to arrange with any person, firm, or company for the establishment of a Fishery on modern lines, on the coast of Liberia.

SEC. 2. The said firm or company shall have granted to them an exemption from tonnage and light dues for the vessels for ten years, during which term their exclusive right shall last and shall also have granted to them for the use of said fishery, for the term of ten years, public lands near or upon beaches or margins of rivers for offices, and curing sheds without costs to them, other than expenses of survey; the right shall also be granted to said firm, or company, to import salt for said fishery free of duty.

SEC. 3. The Government shall have 5% of the net profits of said fishery.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent Liberians and natives from fishing with seines and other methods as heretofore used.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.

Joint Resolution respecting the Coffee of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized to expend the sum of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) yearly for sending samples, advertizing, and improving the grading of Liberian Coffee, and for giving growers, information respecting the best methods of preparation and the market most favorable to its sale.

SEC. 2. The Treasury Department is also authorized to pay a premium of Three Cents on a plant to any person who will plant out an experimental farm of Rubber yielding plants not less than three hundred in number. The claim to be ascertained and proved as provided by existing laws.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.

Joint Resolution incorporating the Reform Society of Palmas.

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

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SEC. 1. It is resolved that from and after the passage of this Resolution, the Reform Society of Palmas is hereby incorporated and declared to be a body politic and corporate. And shall be capable in law to receive hold, and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of \$15000. for the use and benefit of said Institution, with other like Corporation, by grant, bequest, purchase or otherwise. The said Institution may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded before any court of law or equity of this Republic having competent jurisdiction and to do all other acts and things done in similar bodies corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.

Joint Resolution to facilitate Steam Transportation along the Coast, on the St. Paul, and other Rivers of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay to any individual, firm, company, or association approved by the Executive Government, running steamboats along the coast, on the St. Paul, and other rivers of Liberia, for public convenience and travel yearly: a bonus of five per cent on the capital invested in said boat, or boats, by said person, firm, company, or association for the full term of five years.

SEC. 2. Said person must stipulate and agree to carry the mails, officials, traveling on public business; messengers, and despatches, without charge.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.

An Act organizing a Local Board of Trade in the County of Maryland.

Whereas the policy of all governments is to encourage in their citizens, and promote their interest in whatever honest enterprise, by them engaged; and whereas the merchants, traders, and peddlers, of the County of Maryland, in a petition presented to the Legislature, are fully persuaded, that a properly regulated system of trade introduced, controlling the trade, as carried on in the County of Maryland, with the aborigines living on the coast and interior, based upon a liberal policy, practically would be means to increase the revenue and give new springs to both agricultural and commercial interest to

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such an extent; a deadly blight would be put to the desires of Americans, and Krooboys, laborers, indiscriminately, shipping on board of steamers, and carried beyond the limits of the Republic to seek employment in foreign places on the Leeward coast, when a super-abundance of labor, better advantages, and pay could be obtained right home, under some regulated and controllable system, inaugurated for development of trade; and whereas the Act of Legislature approved February 18th 1873, makes no provision for a Board of Trade independent of said Act and its provisions;

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

SEC. 1 That from and after the passage of this Act, there shall be in the County of Maryland a Local Board of Trade, organized under the name and style, "The Local Board of Trade of the County of Maryland," and the said Board be and is hereby constituted a body politic and corporated, and under such name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of the Republic having jurisdiction.

All males, merchants, traders, or other persons engaged in the trade residing in said County, who have been duly licensed as such agreeable with the laws of the Republic, shall be eligible to become members of said Board of Trade, by complaining with the constitution of said board, herein after provided for, and shall be competent to vote on all questions pending before said corporation. The said corporation shall have the right and authority to adopt a constitution and bye-laws for its governance, and to pass such ordinances and regulations from time to time for the government and conduct of the trade, as may be deemed expedient. All such ordinances and regulations duly passed by said corporation, and which are not repugnant to the constitution and statutes of the Republic, shall be enforceable before any court of the Republic, having competent jurisdiction. The said Board of Trade shall have the power to use a seal which must be affixed to all ordinances, regulations, or other acts of the corporation.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that there shall be connected with said Local Board of Trade, a Council Board, composed of merchants, traders, and peddlers who shall be elected at the regular annual meeting of the general Local Board of Trade herein after provided for. The special duties of the said Council Board shall be defined by the constitution of the Local Board of Trade. The members of the Council Board, shall be considered members of the Local Board, from whom one person chosen, shall be elected by vote of the members, President and one Vice President. The President shall be the Chief Execu-

tive, and shall preside over all meetings of said Board, for the transaction of business and deliberations, and vote upon all questions when the said Board is equally divided. The Vice President shall only act in the place of the President during his absence. The term of office of the President and Vice President shall be for two years from the date sworn into office, by the Superintendent of the County, or Judge of the Quarterly Court of Maryland County.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the said Board shall have authority to make or elect all of the officers, who shall hold same for a term of one year, except the President and Vice President who shall hold their office for two years unless otherwise discontinued for good cause shown to said President, or Local Board.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted, that the said Local Board of Trade shall have the entire controlling power of the coast and interior trade in the County of Maryland, and shall make all rules or ordinances, regulations and restrictions for the government and central trade; and when so made shall be presented to the President of said board for his approval and signature.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted, that the time of meeting of said board, shall be once in every month on the first Monday of each month in the year. There shall be an annual meeting of the board. All officers except the President and Vice President, chosen, shall retain their office for one year from the date of their appointment, and shall be commissioned by the President of said Board, before entering upon the duties of their offices; that is to say, such offices as are requested to give bond, as a treasurer and collector of fines, but no other.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted, that all monies accruing from fines, and forfeitures, for violation of any law, rules, or ordinances made by said board shall be paid into the treasury of said board for its use; and the said Local Board of Trade shall have legal right to prosecute any person or persons for violation of any of its laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, and restrictions made before a Justice of the Peace, or any other court of competent jurisdiction in the Republic, provided always, such laws, rules, or ordinances, regulations, and restrictions are not incompatible to the constitution and revenue laws of the Republic.

SEC. 7. It is further enacted, that whenever there is any infraction of the laws, rules, and ordinances made by said board by native chieftains to prevent a free ingress and egress of trade, the President of the Republic shall officially be informed of the same by the President of said Board; and his order and advice given in the matter to the Superintendent of the

County of Maryland, with the advice of his council, shall be the steps to be followed in adjustment and settlement of the difficulty.

SEC. 8. It is further enacted, that the officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary (who shall be keeper of the seal) consul and recorder of licenses; there shall also be appropriated inspectors of produce who shall be members of the Council Board; the duties of each of the above mentioned officers and their respective term of office not herein specified shall be defined by the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Corporation.

SEC. 9. It is further enacted, that the Corporation shall meet annually for the election of officers, the hearing of reports, and for the transaction of such other business as the Constitution may provide for. The first annual meeting shall be held in Harper on the first Monday in April 1901; thereafter the annual meeting shall be held at the above mentioned place on the last Monday of September of every year.

All ordinances and regulations affecting the trade, or in anywise relating thereto, must be passed at a meeting of the General Local Board of Trade, after due notice at least, ten days at least shall have been given of such meeting.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.

An Act Chartering the city of Robertsport, Territory of Grand Cape Mount Montserrado County.

Whereas the citizens of Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount has petitioned the Legislature to constitute them a body politic and corporate by ratifying and granting a charter by them drawn up and herewith presented: therefore,

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

SEC. 1ST. That the inhabitants of the city of Robertsport, Territory of Grand Cape Mount are hereby constituted a "body politic" and corporate under the name and style of Mayor, Aldermen, Common Councilmen, and freemen of Robertsport and by such name may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded and do all other acts that are usually done by such Corporate bodies.

SEC. 2ND. The Common Council shall consist of five members, residents of the city of Robertsport, in whom all legislative power shall be invested: one of said men shall be chairman.

SEC. 3RD. The corporate bounds of said city shall be one mile deep from the Atlantic Ocean fronting said city on Water

Street and extending from the river on its northern side from Gomers point running parallel with the city to Ackersville two miles, within which the city authority shall exercise Jurisdiction and execute the law of the Corporation. In case it shall be necessary to execute lawful process without the bound of said corporation, then and in that case any Justice of the peace residing within the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, may issue Judicial process on representation of any city officer being made to him and the same may be executed by any officer as Constable of the territory.

SEC. 4TH. The elective or Charter officers of the municipal government shall be one Mayor and five Councilmen all of whom shall hold office for two years unless vacated by resignation removal or death. Vacancies shall be supplied by special election to be ordered by the Mayor and in case of his resignation, removal or death, by the Chairman of the Council, none of whom shall receive any compensation for services. No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor who is not a resident of the city of Robertsport and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the amount of one thousand dollars.

SEC. 5TH. The Corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to make and fulfil contracts, take, and hold real and personal estates to the value of (\$50,000) fifty thousand dollars and levy all such taxes as may be necessary for city purposes, shall pass all necessary laws and ordinances. Said body politic shall have full power to settle its own rules or proceedings to appoint its own officers regulate their fees and do all other necessary acts not incompatible with the general laws of the country.

SEC. 6TH. The corporation aforesaid shall be required to appropriate threefourths of all moneys arising from taxes, fines and forfeitures and from all general sources to measure of improvements in the city or to purposes of general benefit to the citizens and tax-payers, the amount accruing from liquor license excepted one half of which can only be used by said corporation under the present existing law the remainder being one fourth of the net revenue may if necessary be applied to the compensation of appointed officers of the municipal government.

No person shall be a Common Councilman who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of two hundred dollars and being a resident of said city. No person who does not possess real estate and reside in the city of Robertsport shall be allowed to vote.

SEC. 7TH. The appointed officer of the municipal Government shall be one Recorder, one Treasurer, one or more tax collectors, one or more city Magistrates, one or more Street In-

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spectors of weights and measures and a suitable number of policemen who shall be nominated with the advice and consent of the city Council who shall be annually appointed and commissioned by the Mayor, the duties of said appointed officers shall be from time to time as often as the occasion demands, determine and specify upon by the city Council.

SEC. 8TH. The first Election of officers shall take place on the first Tuesday in October Nineteen hundred and one 1901, and all other Elections shall take place the first Monday in December in each year and shall be conducted according to laws governing election for State officers, under such modification and restrictions as the Common Council may ordain. The sheriff of the Territory or his deputy shall when required by the Mayor or other authorized city officer at the expense of the corporation, make all necessary arrangements to, and be present during all elections as required in elections under general government. The returns of all elections shall be forwarded to the city Recorder excepting the returns of the first election which shall be to the clerk of the court of Quarter Session of the Territory Grand Cape Mount who shall issue notices to the persons apparently elected as Mayor and Councilmen, and the Councilmen so notified shall on the ensuing Tuesday convene and determine the election of its own members count the votes for Mayor and declare who is thereby elected according to the provisions of this charter.

The stated meetings of the city council shall be on the fourth Thursday in each month and the occasional meetings to be regulated by its own ordinance. The Council shall have authority to compel the attendance of absent members, to fine the members for disorderly behavior and to expel a member by a two third vote, and member so expelled forfeits all his rights and powers as a councilman.

All ordinances and municipal laws established by the Common Council shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Mayor; if disapproved his objections shall be made to the Common Council within three days, and if not returned within said three days such delay shall be equal to approval, providing however such delay shall not be occasioned by the adjournment of the Common Council. The Common Council may nevertheless by a two third vote of its members pass any law independent of the Mayor's approval.

The elective officers shall be one Mayor four Aldermen and five Common Councilmen.

The Common Councilmen shall consist of nine members.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council shall have power to lay out new streets, highways and public walks or paths, and shall have power to appoint all inspectors of weights and measures.

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The Mayor of said city shall be chief Executive Magistrate thereof, it shall be his duty to be vigilant and active in causing the laws thereof to be executed and enforced and shall be conservator of the peace within said city. He shall recommend to the city council at its regular session all such measures as in his opinion would enhance, the condition of the streets highways and public walks of the same as well as to point out all nuisances of whatever kind and recommend measures for their removal. He shall when actually necessary for the preservation of the public peace or for the suppression of mobs, riots quarreling or insurrection of whatever nature order out the militia, which shall by force of arms compel such insurrectionists to obedience, the Mayor alone being responsible for abuse of power.

There shall be a city Court which shall be composed of three Aldermen, one of whom shall be chairman whose duty it shall be to try and determine all cases coming into the same except those as may be taken therefrom by appeals as is hereinafter provided for; the Aldermen shall within the precincts of the city exercise the functions of the Justice of the Peace whose duty it shall be to try and determine all petty officers; but appeals may be had from their decision to the city court and from which appeals may be had to the territorial court. The said city court shall by its own clerk keep detailed records of all matters and things which shall come before it in a book or books provided for that purpose which when full shall be delivered to the Secretary of State for preservation among the archives of the Republic.

If this charter or any of its provisions shall be found inconvenient or inadequate in any respect the same may be revoked altered, or supplemented on representation properly made by said city authority by petition to the Legislature of Liberia.

This Charter and all of its provisions shall go into effect on the first Monday in July 1901.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th 1901.



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ACTS

L. H. Simmes

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA,

DURING THE SESSION, 1901—1902.

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✓ Page 11. Joint Resolution relating to Land Commissioners and Surveyors, ninth line should read:—

Superintendents to the Secretary of State, instead of Secretary of and State. last line plots.

✓ Page 22. Joint Resolution Books for Public school 1st. line should read Primary, 3rd. line should read be made to supply the cemand.

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ACTS.

An Act transferring the rights of the Union Mining Company, to the Government of Liberia.

Whereas the Legislature of Liberia, by an Act passed and approved January 14th, 1901, granted to the Union Mining Company of Liberia certain mining rights and other privileges over the public domain in the Counties of Montserrado and Maryland;

And whereas, after said grant had gone into force, the Union Mining Company offered to surrender its franchises as they now stand, to the Government of Liberia for a consideration;

And whereas, said offer was accepted by the President of the Republic of Liberia, subject to the approval of the Legislature;

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

SEC. 1. That the offer of the Union Mining Company be accepted, subject to such contracts and agreements as it may have entered into with other parties.

SEC. 2. The Government of Liberia shall pay to the Union Mining Company of Liberia, out of the Bonus it may receive, one fourth of the amount as compensation for the surrender of its said franchise.

SEC. 3. The Executive Government is empowered to propose and conclude any further negotiations it may consider necessary in the premises with parties interested in said grant.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved December 19, 1901.

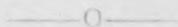
Joint Resolution incorporating the Independent Order of Good Templars, Providence Lodge number 1 of Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

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

That whereas Samel A. Gibson, D. G. C. F., W. B. Brown, L. E., Superintendent Joshua T. Jones, P. C. S., William Elijah Kennedy, V. P., William R. Greenfield, Secretary, D. J. Proser, Chaplain, Daniel P. Harris, Financial Secretary, Daniel N. Smith, Treasurer, and other members and officers of said Independent Order of Good Templars, Providence Lodge, Number One, of Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa County praying to be incorporated;

SEC. 1ST. It is resolved that from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Society under the name and style of Independent Order of Good Templars, Providence Lodge number One of Lower Buchanan, in Grand Bassa County, is hereby incorporated and declared a Body politic, and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real estate to the amount of ten thousand dollars, for the use and benefit of said institution with other like Corporations by grant, bequest, purchase or otherwise, may sue and be sued; plead and be impleaded before any Court of law or equity of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and to do all other acts and things done in similar Bodies Corporate and politic.

Approved Dec. 24th 1901.



An Act Repealing an Act respecting Retrenchment.

Whereas the Retrenchment Act has caused a great clamor among the citizens and employees of the Government throughout the Republic of Liberia:—

And whereas the said Act has not given satisfaction, and hampers public services,

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Act retrenching the salaries of the Officers, and all other employees of Government including the General, and County Civil List of the several Counties and districts, whether Executive, Legislative, or Judicial officers, and all other employees receiving per diem compensation for services rendered as well as all Clerks of courts, Bailiffs, and general or special Commissioners and all others performing any services or entitled to any mileage, be and the same is hereby repealed.

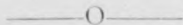
SEC. 2ND. It is further enacted that the first section of the

above cited Act, shall not be enforced until the first of January A. D. 1902, and the Secretary of the Treasury, under direction of the President, shall issue warrants accordingly.

SEC. 3RD. It is further enacted that all part or parts of law conflicting with any of the provisions of this Act, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 29th 1901.



Joint Resolution restoring William Kennedy to the rights of citizenship.

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, William Kennedy of Montserrado County, be, and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of other good Citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3 1902.



Joint Resolution granting an annuity to James H. Hughes of Grand Bassa County.

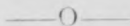
Whereas, James H. Hughes, the introducer of Piassava as a marketable product of considerable value and revenue to the Republic, is at present suffering from ill health in consequence of exposure, in introducing said article into market.

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 Joint Resolution, James H. Hughes of Grand Bassa County be granted an annuity of the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, under warrant of the President, to draw for the same out of the monies of the Republic not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13, 1902.



Joint Resolution restoring Jas. T. Bell, G. W. Hardy, David Sansey and C. H. McIntosh of Maryland County, to citizenship.

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, James T. Bell, G. W. Hardy, David Sansey and C. H. McIntosh, of Maryland are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges as of other citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3 1902.

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Joint Resolution restoring James W. Williams of Maryland County Cape Palmas to all the rights of citizenship.

Whereas James W. Williams a citizen of Maryland, in the Republic of Liberia was indicted by the Grand Jury of the said county in the court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, for misdemeanor,

And whereas upon his being arraigned and tried by twelve men, Jurors of his own choice, was found guilty, and sentenced by the court of the said county to pay a fine of seventy five dollars or be imprisoned in the common jail of said county for the space of nine months; and whereas he complied with the judgement of the court.

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, James W. Williams, of Maryland County in the Republic of Liberia is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges and immunities of citizenship in this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3, 1902.

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

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

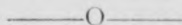
SEC. 1ST. That the sum of four hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to meet the Expenses of the Inauguration of the President and Vice President, in January A. D. 1902.

SEC. 2ND. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and

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 3 1902.



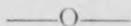
An Act respecting a portion of the Act entitled An Act respecting the Tariff, and amending the Act approved January 18th 1897.

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

SEC. 1ST That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, all that portion of the above cited Act imposing a license tax of Twenty-five dollars, on Alien Artisans, including cooks and laundry men, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3 1902.



An Act repealing an Act entitled An Act granting Town Lots on Big Town Hill to the citizens in Maryland County, passed and approved January 16, 1868.

Whereas, by an Act of the Legislature passed and approved January 16, 1868, giving to the citizens of Maryland one and a quarter acre of land situated on Big town Hill, and,

Whereas, the same has not been applied to its legitimate purpose as set forth in the preamble of said Act, and,

Whereas, the Government is desirous of building a Government House, which is so much needed in the County of Maryland, and the site reserved, is the present one granted which by this Act is repealed:—

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the Act granting Town Lots on Big Town Hill to the citizens in Maryland County; or one and a quarter acre of land, passed and approved January 16, 1868 be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. It is futher enacted, that the President through the Superintendent of the aforesaid county, cause to be erected on Big Town Hill, in the County of Maryland, a suitable Public Building, 60 x 40 - 25 feet high out of brick or stone, and covered with pure zinc; said Building to be styled the Government

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House, and the sum of Six Thousand Dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. That the President is hereby authorized to draw on the Public Treasury for the above amount out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3 1902.

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An Act Repealing an Act Amendatory to an Act reorganizing the Supreme Court of the Republic of Liberia.

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 Act the aboves recited Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13 1902.

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Joint Resolution establishing a Medical Department in Liberia College.

Whereas Liberia is almost destitute of Medical Doctors, and there should be three or four in each county, with sufficient proficiency in the art and science of medicine, to have a knowledge of the therapeutical value of our indigenous medical herbs, and of pharmacy to compound them into healing drugs, and as the President of the College is endeavoring to add a medical Department to Liberia College, being now in correspondence for a Professor for the same.

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

SEC. 1. That immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the amount of (\$ 4300.00) is hereby appropriated and at the disposal of the President of the College when he shall have arranged with a Professor of Medicine; that is (\$ 1000.00 for the Professors chair and (\$ 3300.00) for scholarship of two students from each of the Leeward Counties at the rate of \$150 each per annum, and \$ 100 each for two from Montserado County per annum, these scholarship to continue three years at the above mentioned rate per student, these scholarships however shall not debar other students from the benefits of said Department who may be able to maintain themselves.

SEC. 2. For the above amounts the Secretary of the Treas-

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 ury under warrant of the President shall either draw from the funds granted by this Body for the support of the College or any other money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13 1902.

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Joint Resolution granting the Citizens of Hoffman Station and Harper in the County of Maryland, aid in building a Bridge.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Five hundred dollars (\$500.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Hoffman Station and Harper, Maryland County, in building a Bridge at the head of Hoffman River.

SEC. 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same under warrant of the President out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13 1902.

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Joint Resolution granting a Patent right to J. H. Hughes and J. H. Wilkins of Grand Bassa County for the manufacture of a substance styled "Vegetable Ivory."

Whereas J. H. Hughes and J. H. Wilkins of the County of Grand Bassa have petitioned the Legislature, showing that they have discovered a method of manufacturing an article called by them, "Vegetable Ivory," which they claim will increase the revenue more than a hundred per cent., and,

Whereas, the Government is desirous of increasing her revenue, and protecting those of her citizens, through whom it is increased;

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 Joint Resolution, a Patent right for the sole manufacture of an article of trade and commerce known as "Vegetable Ivory," is hereby granted to J. H. Hughes and J. H. Wilkins of Grand Bassa County, for the period of Eight years herefrom provided, they commence the manufacture of said article one year from the publication of this Joint Resolution.

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SEC. 2. They shall also be protected by the Government from any and all infringement of said Patent Right, by any person for the full time herein granted.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30. 1902.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Methodist Episcopal Church in the rear of Careysburg, Pessy Station.

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

SEC. 1ST. That R. Boyce, Pastor, Benjamin Burton, David Carroll, and John Gardner, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the rear of Careysburg in the Republic of Liberia and their successors in office together with such, as are now and may hereafter become members, are hereby constituted a Body Corporate and politic, by the name of the M. E. Church, Pessy Station; with power to take, hold and possess property real and personal, with full power to sell and convey the same, subject to the provisions of this Joint Resolution

SEC. 2ND. That the said Corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, before any of the Courts of this Republic having lawful Jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold property real and personal to the amount of (\$ 15000.00) Fifteen Thousand dollars, and do all things usually done by such bodies Corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13 1902.

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Joint Resolution granting to James D. Hardy who petitioned the Legislature showing that he was possessed of a War Certificate for Thirty Acres of Land (30) which was destroyed by the falling of his house in consequence of which he has not been able to draw said Land.

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 unto the said J. D. Hardy of Maryland County Thirty acres of Bounty Land, out of any Public land in said County not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22. 1902.

An Act Amendatory to an Act fixing the Salary of Members of the Legislature passed and approved A. D. 1874.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the first day of December 1901 the Salary of each member of the Legislature shall be Five hundred and fifty dollars (\$ 550.00) per annum for every annual Session, excluding Lay days and Mileage which shall be as under the Act passed and approved A. D. 1874.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the Bills of the members of the Legislature to be audited in accordance with this Act at the close of this present session.

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

Approved January 22, 1902.

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Joint Resolution Supplementary and amendatory to the duties of the several Land Commissioners and Surveyors of the several towns and villages of the several Counties and Territory of the Republic of Liberia.

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, all Government Surveyors and private Surveyors in the various Counties, Villages, Territory, Townships and Districts in each County, are required to make a full and accurate report of all land given to each citizen and number of acres of land surveyed for every individual, to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas in each County and Territory; and the Courts to the Superintendents of each County and territory and the Superintendents to the Secretary of State the Secretary of State to the Legislature in session annually, together with a copy of their plot.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1902.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the "Hope of Royesville Lodge, No. 4907 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows" of the County of Montserrado.

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

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SEC. 1. That J. C. Johnson, P. N. F., N. D. Levolve, N. F., J. A. Parker, P. N. G., J. T. Walker, P. S., T. T. Wilson, E. S., W. A. Yancy, Advocate, F. Bishop, W. T., O. Levolve, W. C., A. D. Simpson, N. G., and other officers and members of said "Hope of Royesville" Lodge No. 4907 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, and such others as may hereafter be connected with them, be, and they are hereby constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of "Hope of Royesville," Lodge No. 4907 at Royesville, in the County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, and shall be capable in law to receive and hold real estate and personal property to the value of Five thousand dollars for the use and benefit of said Lodge and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members and as such may sue, and be sued, plead, and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic, having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the said Lodge is permitted to do all other matters and things done by similar Lodges corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1902.

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Joint Resolution pensioning D. W. Worrell, Montserrado County.

Whereas the said D. W. Worrell a soldier in the expedition of 1893 in Maryland County was made an invalid, and since that time he is still suffering from paralysis in his arm, which entirely disabled him he the said D. W. Worrell praying the Legislature to pension him,

And whereas it is the policy of the Government to help such people.

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 Joint Resolution, D. W. Worrell of Montserrado County be pensioned the sum of sixty dollars (\$ 60.00) per annum and the Secretary of Treasury is hereby authorized under warrant of the President to draw for the same out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 10 1902.

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Joint Resolution Authorizing the Executive Government to negotiate, or, and purchase a suitable Gunboat for the protection of the Revenue

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

SEC. 1. That the President is hereby empowered and authorized to negotiate through the proper Department to procure a suitable Steam Gunboat for the protection of the Revenue, Trade, and Traffic on the Coast.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized under the direction of the President to pay for the above mentioned Gunboat a sum not more than Sixty Thousand dollars out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 3. That the name of the proposed Gunboat, shall be "Sanquine" and she must not be less than Two Hundred and fifty, nor more than three hundred tons register.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 13, 1902.

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Joint Resolution amendatory to the several existing resolutions regulating the title and privileges of the Native African Representative in the National Legislature of this Republic, approved January 8, 1888-4.

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

That from and after the passage of this resolution, all Native Tribes within the several Counties of this Republic complying with the above cited resolution by paying their taxes over to the Tax Collectors, who are appointed to collect said taxes, the Collector shall issue a receipt in duplicate to the tribes by which said taxes are paid; one of which to be deposited with the Superintendent, the other, the Superintendent is to endorse on the back and forward with the Certificate of the Superintendent, entitling Native African Representative to his seat in the National Legislature.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that said receipt and certificate shall be presented to the House of Representatives, by the Native African Representative, and after said Representative has been seated, the receipt and certificate shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury, and shall be charged against the several Sub-Treasurers of the Counties from which said Native African Representatives are sent.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved, that there shall be only one Native African Representative sent up by the Superintendent from each tribe complying with the provision of this Resolution.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved, that the said Native African representative shall be entitled to a seat in the House of Repre-

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sentatives, and shall be allowed to discuss all matters before the House effecting native interest.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 22, 1902.

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Joint Resolution giving a protective right to the Aboriginal Natives of the Republic of Liberia who have not been Registered or, of whom census has not been taken and for the better collection of the Poll or head Tax.

Whereas it has come to the notice of the Government that several of the Tax Collectors of the several Counties and Territory have been known to collect head Tax from the Natives coming in from the interior to civilized settlements have been made to pay taxes without their names appearing upon the Tax list.

And, Whereas it is the intention of the Government to preserve the comity that is due to all of its citizens alike in giving them equal protective rights.

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

SEC. 1ST That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution any Tax Collector of real estate or poll tax be found collecting from any person, Native or Civilized, whose names do not appear upon the Tax list shall pay the amount of (\$50.00) Fifty dollars upon the report of any one before a Justice of the Peace, or any court having competent Jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1902

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Joint Resolution granting an Annuity of one thousand dollars per year for five years, to the Saint Paul's River Industrial School, Montserrado County.

Whereas, application has been made to the Legislature of this Republic by Bishop J. C. Hartzell, for an annual appropriation of one thousand dollars per year, for five years to aid in the development of the Saint Paul's River Industrial School, and,

Whereas the Government is ever willing and ready, and at the same time feels that it is her duty to render whatever aid and assistance is in her power in helping to lessen the sum of human ignorance in this our native Country;

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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 Joint Resolution, that the sum of Five hundred (\$500—) dollars per annum for the period of five years is hereby granted to the Saint Paul's River Industrial School.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that the Secretary of the Treasury, under the warrant of the President, is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, January 22, 1902.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the True Liberian Lodge No. 5135 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of the County of Grand Bassa.

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

SEC. 1ST That N. B. Whitfield, P. N. F., B. Rowlinson Gibson, N. F., Jas. A. Greene P. N. G., N. Jas. Crawford N. G., J. Watson Porte, V. G., J. F. B. King, P. S., D. B. Brawn, E. S., D. Pratt Mason, W. Treasurer, D. W. Ury W. C., J. E. Smith Advocate, and all other officers and Members of said True Liberian Lodge No. 5135 United Order of Odd Fellows of Grand Bassa and such others as may be hereafter connected with them, be and they are hereby constituted, and declared a body politic and coporate under the name and style of the True Liberian Lodge Number 5135, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Grand Bassa County, Republic of Liberia, and shall be capable in law to receive and hold real estate, and personal property to the amount of Five Thousand dollars for the use and benefit of said institution; and shall have perpetual succession of Officers and Members and as such may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 2ND. It is further resolved that the said Lodge is permitted to do all other matters and things done by similar bodies corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd 1902.

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Joint Resolution respecting Light, Anchorage and Tonnage dues.

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

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SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, all vessels belonging to or calling at any of the ports of this Republic shall pay tonnage at the rate of 12 cents per ton annually; the tonnage dues shall be paid in two half yearly installments of six cents each. The anchorage dues six dollars for each vessel.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1902.

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An Act renewing and amending the Charter of the City of Harper Maryland County, passed and approved December 27, 1879.

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

SEC. 1ST. That the Charter of the City of Harper in Maryland County, passed and approved December 27, 1879, be and the same is hereby renewed.

SEC. 2ND. That section second of the above cited act be so altered and amended to read, Five members residents of Harper in whom all Legislative power shall be vested, one of said members who shall be chairman of that body.

SEC. 3RD. That section third of the above cited Act be so altered as to read the Corporative bounds shall be one mile in width, two miles in length, running in a direct line from the west extremity of west Harper to Wilson's Hill on East Harper.

SEC. 4TH. That section sixth of the above cited Act and the latter clause be so altered and amended, as to read, no person shall be a Common Councilman who is not a resident of said City, and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of Four Hundred collars.

SEC. 5TH. That the returns of all Elections shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Common Council, except the returns of the First Election which shall go to the Clerk of the Court of Quarter sessions and Common Pleas of Maryland County, who shall issue notices to the persons apparently elected as Common Councilmen, they being so notined shall convene at the time ordered by law as Common Councilmen, determine the election of its members, count the votes for the Mayor, and declare who is thereby elected in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

SEC. 6TH. That whenever there be a vacancy in th Office of the Mayor, and whenever the Mayor shall be absent from the Corporation, the Chairman of the Common Council shall possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor during such vacancy or absence.

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SEC. 7TH. The Monthly Court of the County of Maryland shall be authorized and requested to appoint Judges and Clerks for every stated Corporative election: said Judges and Clerks are to be notified by the Clerk of said court. The Monthly Court shall be authorized to take such steps to carry out the provisions of this Charter. Said Elections shall be held on the first Monday in March each year.

SEC. 8TH. The Secretary of State shall cause this Act to be printed in hand Bills and published in order that the Election may be held at the time appointed in this Act.

Any law or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1902.

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Joint Resolution reimbursing Gilbert Deans of Montserrado County

Whereas, the said Gilbert Deans of Montserrado County has petitioned the Legislature, showing that he had a certain amount of money and goods which he had brought to this country at the time of his immigration in the year 1896, and through the miscarriage of the then Government Emigrant Agent, the said petitioner's goods and money were lost; and,

Whereas the Legislature believes that the petitioner has sustained losses thereby;

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 Joint Resolution, the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, for the said Gilbert Deans; and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President, is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 23, 1902.

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Joint Resolution restoring John Anderson of Montserrado County to citizenship.

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, John Anderson of Johnsonville, Montserrado County, be, and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24, 1902.

An Act to amend an Act fixing the tariff on all Import Duties payable in gold; and repealing a portion relating to free goods as enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia assembled, approved January 25th, 1890, amended January 1893.

Whereas agricultural Implements, Tools, Sewing Machines and Musical Instruments of all kinds, have been imported into the Country free of duty,

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 Duties on all of the above named articles as well as cigars shall be ($12\frac{1}{2}$) Twelve and one half per cent Ad Valorum. Transit traders not excepted. To be paid in gold and silver coin.

SEC. 1. That any citizen ordering any of the named articles for their personal use, and not for sale; shall take an affidavit from a Justice of the Peace or City Magistrate to the effect, paying him the usual fee of 50 cents depositing the same with the Collector of Customs, who shall, on receiving the Affidavit deliver to him said goods provided that nothing in this section shall be understood to refer to cigars the duty on which shall be paid whether for personal use or otherwise ($12\frac{1}{2}$) Twelve and a half cents Ad Valorum.

SEC. 3. That the Duty on Lemonade, Beer, Ginger ale, and Claret Wine, shall be (.37) Thirty-seven cents per gallon.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24, 1902.

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Joint Resolution respecting the Superintendents of the several districts and territories within the Republic.

Whereas, it has become apparant, that in several of the districts and territories where there are Superintendents and Native African Commissioners, that there several duties have not been clearly defined; and that the law governing the duty of Superintendents of Counties to a great extent governs the actions of the Superintendents of said districts and territories in their native affairs, which have been found somewhat deleterious to the interest of natives, seeking justice from the several departments, said Superintendents leaving the adjudication of all native affairs solely in the hands of the Native African Commissioners, who to observe their purpose, very often overleaps justice, and from whose decisions, the native has no appeal, and very often, the result is, that thousand of dollars are spent by the Government, caused by the whims of some atrocious officer.

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,

SEC. 1. That the Superintendents of the several districts and territories, will have sole jurisdiction of all affairs purely native excepting those that are of a judicial nature.

SEC. 2. That district and territorial Attorneys or their representatives and Native african Commissioners, shall be associated with the superintendents in all native councils for the purpose of pointing out all matters that are of a judicial nature, they the district and territorial attorneys receiving from the losing party in all cases:—(Govt. excepted,) the amount of one dollar and twenty five cents (\$ 1.25) per day for every setting when required by the Suprentendent; he is simply to show in all cases presented, which is judicial or otherwise. All investigation of affairs to be conducted solely by the Superintendent and Native African Commissioner, whenever the presence of said Commissioner is required, otherwise the Snerintendent is sole Arbiter.

SEC. 3. All Native African Commissioners in said districts, and territories, are subservient to the orders of the Superintendent; and their duty, upon investigation of affairs, is mainly assigned to the Interior whenever ordered by the Superintendent to whom they report.

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

Approved January 27, 1902.

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Joint Resolution requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to pay certain claims held by Mrs. M. A. Cheeseman of Grand Bassa County.

Whereas Mrs. M. A. Cheeseman of Grand Bassa County has petitioned the Legislature to order the payment of a claim which she has against the Government, of Eighteen hundred and Eighty five dollars, and seventy five cents, for the amount deposited in the Sub-Treasury of Sinoe County as appears by the Sub-Treasuries receipt; and,

Whereas, by virtue of the receipt, the Auditor of said County has approved Bills to the amount of Fifteen hundred and Eighty four dollars and Eighty nine cents, which the Secretary of the Treasury refuses to pay without Legislative authority

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

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SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury, be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Mrs. M. A. Cheeseman of Grand Bassa County, the sum of one thousand, five hundred and eighty four dollars, and eighty nine cents, receiving as his vouchers, the audited Bills held by Mrs. M. A. Cheeseman amounting to fifteen hundred, eighty four dollars and eighty nine cents.

SEC. 2. That the amount referred to in section 1, of this act, be paid out of any money in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated under warrant of the President.

SEC. 3. That the books of the Auditors department of Sinoe, be inspected; and if it be discovered that the amount of Three hundred dollars and eighty six cents still due on the receipt issued by the Sub-Treasurer of Sinoe County, then the Secretary of the Treasury is also further authorized to pay the said amount to Mrs. M. A. Cheeseman.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27 1902.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Young People's Intellectual Association of Brewerville Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That Emanuel W. Williams President, M. E. Parson, Vice President, William Hardy, Recording Secretary, Henry E. Hedds, Treasurer, Howard B. Hayes, Corresponding Secretary, J. A. Gaskins, Lucinda A. Chesson, Frederick R. Bryant, Chas. W. Bryant, Allen J. Brisband, Elijah Halt, A. Hayes, Susannah Gaskins, Amanda Dudley, Martha A. Smith and Sofronia Parker, officers and members of the Y. P. I. A., of Brewerville, Montserrado County, and their successors in office are hereby declared a Body Corporate and Politic, by the name and style of the Young People's Intellectual Association of Brewerville, Montserrado County, with power to take, hold and possess, all property, real and personal that may be acquired by grant, purchase gift or otherwise.

SEC. 2ND. That the said Corporation may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any of the Courts having competent Jurisdiction; and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal property to the value of Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25000.) and shall do all other acts and things done in and by similar Bodies corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 27 1902.

Joint Resolution Pensioning Henry W. Bivens of Clay-Ashland Montserrado County.

Whereas Henry W. Bivens, citizen of Clay-Ashland, Montserrado County, on his duty in serving his dear country during an escort of His Excellency William David Coleman at Suehu, being attacked by hostile natives, the said Henry W. Bivens was badly cut which caused him to lose much blood, and he the said Henry W. Bivens pray the Legislature to pension him,

And whereas it is the policy of the Government to help persons,

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 Joint Resolution, Henry W. Bivens of Clay-Ashland, Montserrado County, be pensioned the sum of Forty-eight dollars (\$48.00) annually; and 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 Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1902.

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Joint Resolution providing for the appointment of an Embassy to bear the congratulations of the Republic of Liberia to His Royal Majesty King Edward the seventh of England, on the occasion of his Coronation to take place at London, on the 26th of June, 1902; recognizing the sublime and friendly relation that exist between the Republic of Liberia and the kingdom of Great Britain—the people of Liberia desire to emphasize their appreciation of that relation in a manner fitting the status of the Nation, which will tend to strengthen the tie of National friendship,—

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

Sec. 1ST. That the President be, and is hereby empowered to appoint and send an Embassy to England, to represent and bear the congratulations of the Republic of Liberia to His Royal Majesty, King Edward the Seventh of England, on the occasion of his Coronation to take place at London on the 26th of June 1902.

Sec. 2ND. For the carrying out of the provision of this Joint Resolution, the sum of Two Thousand and five Hundred dollars is hereby appropriated; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to pay the said sum under warrant

of the President, out of any money in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, January 27, 1902.

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Joint Resolution fixing the day of Adjournment of the First Session of the Twenty Eighth Legislature of the Republic of Liberia.

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

Sec. 1st. It is Resolved that the first Session of the Twenty Eighth Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn its First Session *sine die* the Thirtieth of January 1902.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27th 1902.

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Joint Resolution in relation to Books for Public Schools

Whereas there is great need for Primary and Elementary School books for the use in the Public Schools, and whereas local arrangements cannot easily and certainly be made to supply the demand.

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

Sec 1st. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to draw in favor of the General Superintendent of Public Instruction the amount appropriated for books for the Public Schools for each County, and pay for the same out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated. And the said General Superintendent of Public Instruction shall upon receipt of payment or good security immediately forward the full value of said drafts in first class School Books at cost price without any addition of profit to the Commissioner of Education in said County to be by him disposed of According to the Public School laws.

Sec 2nd. That as long as this arrangement can continue, the Secretary of the Treasury shall withhold from the warrant said amount of appropriation; and he is hereby authorized to draw upon said county said amount to balance General Government Account

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 27. 1902

Joint Resolution, Pensioning Mary Bush of Maryland County

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Mary Bush of Cape Palmas, Maryland County, be pensioned the sum of sixty dollars (\$60.00) annually; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized under warrant of the President to draw for same out of any monies of the Republic not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1902.

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Joint Resolution granting the Citizens of Greenville and Louisiana in Sinoe County, Republic of Liberia, and to clean out Congo creeks between the City of Greenville and the settlement of Louisiana.

Whereas the creek in the County of Sinoe commonly known as Congo Creek is one of the important routes that is mostly traveled by traders and others; and whereas the said Congo Creek is much overgrown by bush and high trees, so that it has become in cepted and obnoxious to traders, citizens and travelers;

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Greenville and Louisiana Sinoe County, to clean out the above named creek.

SEC. 2ND. That the secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for the same under warrant of the President out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved January 27, 1902.

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Joint Resolution reimbursing W. H. Morris of Sinoe County.

Whereas in the year A. D. 1893, the petitioner, W. A. Morris was transacting a lawful trade on the Kroo Coast,

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"Nana Kroo," at which time, hostility arose between the said Kroo Tribe and the Government, out of which he sustained great loss; said losses unabled him, the said petitioner to meet the demands made upon him by his creditors

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 Joint Resolution, the said W. H. Morris of Sinoe County is hereby reimbursed to the amount of Three Hundred and Fifty dollars for losses he sustained; and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President, to draw for the same out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1902.

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Joint Resolution creating an Inspector and Overseer of Public Buildings, and Public works generally, in the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe, and Maryland whenever the President deems it necessary. The functions of said office in Montserrado County shall be exercised by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Whereas, it is obvious to all, that the Republic sustains great loss of money in having Public Work done, such as building houses, bridges and the like improvements by contracts for such public works contracted, for which buildings and soon decay to the great injury of the Government.

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

Sec 1ST. That from, and after the passage of this Resolution, the President shall and with the consent of the Senate appoint for term of two years, a suitable person in the counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland, who shall be known as Inspector, Overseer, and Contractor of all Public Works, appropriated for by the Legislature.

Sec 2ND. It is further resolved, that the Inspector above referred to, shall before entering upon the duties of his office, make oath before the Court of Quarter Sessions, to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of Government as Inspector, Overseer, and Contractor of Public Works; which oath shall be recorded by said Court; and he shall enter into recognances with the Government, in the sum of One Thousand

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Dollars, for the faithful performance of the duties connected with said office; said Bond to be approved by the Court of Quarter Sessions, or the Commissioner of Bail appointed by said Court.

SEC. 3RD It is further resolved, that the Inspector shall conclude bargains for Public Works; and the County Attorney shall draw up legal contracts for the same, which shall be signed by the Inspector on behalf of the Government, and by the Contractor; however, in no case shall he contract for more than the amount appropriated by the Legislature. The Inspector shall see that only sound and durable timbers and materials are used; and all works done according to workmanship being thus satisfied, he shall approve of Bills for payments on part payment as the work progresses.

SEC. 4TH. It is further resolved; that in no case shall the Superintendent order the payment of any bill for Public Works, unless the same shall have been approved by the Inspector. The Inspector shall examine all public buildings and works, and report their condition to the Secretary of the Treasury quarterly; thereby enabling him to report the same to the Legislature annually. The salary of the Inspector herein created shall be (\$ 300.00) Three hundred Dollars per annum, payable from the appropriation made from the General Civil List.

SEC. 5ND. It is further resolved that any and all persons who may undertake any public works, shall first apply to the Inspector of Public Works who shall give to the Undertaker or Undertakers a certificate certifying their ability to do the work applied for, directed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall obtain from them a Bond for one and a half of the amount appropriated by law. Said bond be approved by the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions, or the Commissioner of Bail, and filed in the Treasury Department if in the county of Montserrado, and in the Superintendent's department if in the other Counties and Territory. And upon the Completion of any work by any Undertaker or Undertakers, and the certificate of satisfaction having been obtained from the Inspector, the residue of the money shall be ordered paid; but in case the work has not been satisfactorily done, and there appears fraud, the bond must be immediately forfeited and executed upon, before any Court having competent jurisdiction. All monies arising from forfeitures and direlection of duty, by the Inspector, shall be used only for Liberia Colleg-

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1902.

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Joint Resolution establishing a Sliding Scale for the payment of

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the Liberian Rubber Syndicate, in accordance with market prices in England.

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 Royalty paid on all Rubber by the Rubber Syndicate Company, shall be as follows:—

When Rubber realize 42 cts. per pound, the Royalty shall be four cents (.04 cts.) per pound, 44 cts. the Royalty shall be four and a half ($04\frac{1}{2}$ cts.); on 46 cts. five (.05 cts.) at 48 cts. $5\frac{1}{2}$ cents; on 52 to 60 cents, six (.06) cts., and over 60 cents, eight (.08) cents.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1902.

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Joint Resolution Pensioning John Hoff of Robertsport Montserrado County.

Whereas the said John Hoff in firing a National Salute was seriously wounded in the explosion of a cannon.

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

SEC. 1ST That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, John Hoff of Robertsport Montserrado County be Pensioned the sum of (\$50,00) Fifty dollars annually, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized under warrant of the President to draw for the same out any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1902.

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Joint Resolution to encourage Immigration.

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

SEC. 1ST That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the President is hereby authorized to enter into arrangements with the Liberia Colonization Society of Birmingham Alabama or its General Manager D. J. Flummer for the purpose of Chartering a Steamer to bring over Immigrants to Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution granting the Citizens of Saint John's River, Grand Bassa County, aid to build (2) Two Bridges,—one across Zeohn's Creek and the other across Dover's Creek.

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 sum of Four Hundred dollars (\$400.00) for Zeohn's Creek, and the sum of (\$300.00) Three Hundred dollars for Dover's Creek is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Saint John's River to build the above named bridges.

SEC. 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same under warrant of the President out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1902.

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Joint Resolution granting to the Protestant Episcopal Mission in the County of Maryland, the use of one Town Lot or parcel of Land for Mission purposes.

Whereas Bishop S. D. Ferguson of Cape Palmas and parts adjacent of the Episcopal Mission, having petitioned the Legislature for a grant of Land or one town lot in the County of Maryland upon which there has been erected a stone house formerly used for Mission purposes,

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, a parcel of land situated in East Harper, County of Maryland, that is, one town lot as herein mentioned is hereby granted to the Protestant Episcopal Mission for use, so long as it is applied to its legitimate purpose.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1902.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to have filled up the guns (ordnance) in the several Counties, and to distribute the guns of the "Rocktown" and "Gorronummah."

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of War is hereby directed, under direction of the President, to have put in good condition the cannons in the several Counties and Territory.

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SEC. 2, That, the guns of the "Rocktown" and "Gorronammah," be properly mounted, and distributed as follows:—that the low bow-gun of the "Rocktown" be sent to Maryland, together with the Gardner gun of the "Rocktown." That the bow-gun of the "Gorronammah," and one of the side guns of the "Rocktown" be sent to Sinoe. That the "Gorronammah's" Nordenfelt gun, and one of the said guns of the "Rocktown" be sent to Robertsport, Territory of Grand Cape Mount.

SEC. 3, That the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to carry out the above; and the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to pay the draft of the Secretary of War, for the above amount under warrant of the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1902.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the construction of a Pier at Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to make arrangements for the erection of a Pier at Lower Buchanan, in the County of Grand Bassa, at a cost not exceeding Twenty thousand dollars, to be paid out of the General and County Government funds, in such installments as in the judgment of the Secretary of Treasury may appear practicable.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1902.

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Joint Resolution respecting Trade.

Whereas numerous complaints have been made to the Government of Liberia to the effect that the trade policy of the Republic is too restricted, and,

Whereas the conclusion of the Commission appointed for the purpose of investigating the condition of trade in Liberia, as they affect foreigners, tend the same point:

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

SEC. 1. That foreign traders may establish themselves or trade at Half Cay II, and on the Cavalla River, at the

town of Webo, and beyond; also on the Mannah River, in the District of Grand Cape Mount, at the town of Jenny; provided they enter into agreement with the Government of Liberia to do so at their own risk, and not to make losses by the action and during of uncivilized persons or tribes,—the subject of diplomatic actions or international complications.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to make such a rebate on goods entered for sale at the Ports of Half Cavalla, Cavalla District and also at Mannah and Jenny for the Mannah River Territory as will equalize the tariff as nearly as possible with that of the French and English administrators in those sections. A special report shall be made to the Legislature on the subject of the rebate.

SEC. 3. Goods intended for the trade on the Cavalla or Mannah Rivers must be specially labelled, and shall be placed in hand until despatched to the place of destination. The duty must be paid at the port of reception.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1902.

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Joint Resolution concerning Government Guns, and Ammunitions of War.

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 Superintendents of the several Counties and Territory of this Republic, by direction of the Secretary of War and Navy shall cause notices to be posted for the period of two months in each civilized settlement calling in all Government Guns.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that at the expiration of said two months, the said Superintendents, under the direction of the Secretary of War and Navy, shall proceed to have "R. L." stamped on all Government Guns; said stamp to be furnished by the Secretary of War and Navy.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that all guns and other munitions of war hereafter ordered or imported for Government purposes shall be stamped by the Secretary of War with the stamp as above described before said guns and other munitions shall be used. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to import or sell any guns like those imported by Government.

SEC. 4. If any person or persons be found with any

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Government guns in his or their possession except by order of the proper authority, sell or dispose of such guns bearing the stamp of Government as aforesaid, he or they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace, shall be fined in the sum of not less ten dollars or imprisonment for a term of not less than one month and labor, as the case may be.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace to have all persons found with Government guns, except by order of the Government, arrested, and tried; and it shall also be the duty of all Military Officers to seize Government arms wherever found, and have the parties in whose possession said arms are found, tried; provided always that nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to refer to arms placed in hands of soldiers and other persons in service.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1902.

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Joint Resolution renewing the Pension of William Page, Paynesville, Montserrado County.

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

That after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of (\$75.00) Seventy-five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated; and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1902.

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An Act amendatory and supplementary to an Act approved February 1st 1900, authorizing the census of the inhabitants to be taken in each township.

Whereas the time allowed for taking the census has expired and the Legislature desire the time extended, because they are creditably informed that some townships adjacent to each other have failed to take the Census, on account of the Census takers, failing to agree on boundaries between the said settlements, and,

Whereas, there are intermediate sections un-connected with any particular townships, of which no Census has been taken,

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

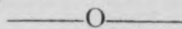
Sec. 1st That those townships that have failed to take the Census, shall at the regular Town Meeting in October 1902, appoint two judicious persons, to take the Census. Where towns and villages are situated near together, the Census Takers shall divide the distance between the said Settlements equally without reference to plots or boundaries, as it is the object of the State to have an enumeration of its citizens, and not by this Act a plotting of its several settlements.

Sec 2nd. On failure of the Census Takers appointed at the annual Town Meeting of October 1902, to take said Census' they shall be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) each recoverable before any Court having competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 3RD That, the township nearest to the intermediate sections, in which no census has been taken, shall at the annual Town Meeting of October, 1902, appoint two Census Takers for those sections, the time allowed the census Takers of the township shall be twenty days, and for the intermediate section, thirty days, and their pay in each case to be similar to that of the Census Takers of 1902.

Any law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1902.



An Act amendatory and supplementary to an Act entitled an Act authorizing a permanent Port of Entry and Delivery at the mouth of Mannah River. Montserrado County, approved January 11, 1886.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, that, there be appointed at the north west portion of the Republic of Liberia, within the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, South East bank of the Mannah River, two Sub-Collectors of Customs;—one to reside at the Port of Entry and Delivery, and the other at Jenny on the aforesaid bank of said River.

SEC. 2. The said Collectors shall assess and collect all of the duties on all Imports and Exports, and to send in quarterly reports of all the duties collected, to the Collector of Customs, Robertsport, who shall at once forward them to the Treasury Department, Monrovia, to be dealt with in the same manner as the reports of the several other Collectors of the Republic; and it is hereby made imperative that the said Collectors shall, at the end of every month, pay into the Sub-

Treasury, Robertsport, all amounts collected by them, obtaining the Sub-Treasurer's receipt.

SEC. 3. That the aforesaid Sub-Collectors shall each, before entering upon the duties of said office, give and execute a Bond, in the sum of Five thousand dollars, which Bond shall be approved by the Superintendent of the Territory of Cape Mount; said Bonds shall be subject to the executing laws of this Republic governing forfeitures, etc.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1902.



An Act Amendatory to an Act entitling an Act relating to Divorce.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the first section of the above mentioned Act found on page fifty four (56) of the Legislature of 1899 and 1900 be so altered and amended as to read that Divorces shall be granted for the following causes:—wilful or voluntary desertion for the space of six calendar months by either party, and for Adultery and infidelity to the marital contract.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.



An Act Repealing the Charter of the City of Greenville, Sinoe County.

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Greenville has failed to meet the end for which it was intended, and instead of relieving the citizens of cleaning the Government Streets by paying their Taxes and complying with the laws governing the City Arrangements,

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 Charter incorporating the City Greenville, be and the same is hereby repealed, and declared null and void as completely as though no such charter had never existed.

SEC. 2. The Mayor, clerks and all other officers connected with the City, are hereby allowed ninety days to pay off and complete all unfinished business appertaining to said Corporation and after the expiration of the above named time the Mayor, clerk and other officers of the city shall pay over to

the Sub-Treasurer of Sinoe County, all surplus monies if any there be, to be held subject to order under the law governing towns and villages, and see that the city clerk transmit to the State Department all the books containing records and transactions of the said corporation of the City of Greenville.

SEC. 3. That within ninety days from the passage of this Act, all persons holding *bona-fide* claims or Audited Bills against said corporation are required to present them to the Sub-Treasurer of the County of Sinoe for registration, who shall thereafter report the number, amounts and persons or Firms in whose hands such Audited bills are held, to the Superintendent of said County.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted, that on the second Monday of February in each year there shall be appointed by the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court of Sinoe County three Road overseers for Settlements or Township of Greenville whose duty it shall be to see that the roads and bridges in said settlement or township are kept in good and passable condition for carts as well as for walking; to see to it that all male persons between the age of sixteen and fifty years residing permanently for the period of three months or more within said township or settlement, work the roads whenever required or pay one dollar in Liberian Currency or coin in lieu thereof, provided that no person be required to work the road more than twelve times a year, and to do such other acts and duty as appertaining to the office of Road overseers. Said Road overseers are to receive twelve dollars (\$12.00) each per year for their services to be paid out of money arising from Liquor license. Said overseers are at any time liable to be dismissed from office by the Judge of Monthly and Probate Court for failure or neglect to discharge his or their duty. All male persons as above mentioned who shall fail to work the road either in person or by servant who shall fail to pay one dollar as aforesaid after notice given three days before the time for working of said roads, shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than three dollars and all cost to be paid in Liberian Currency or coin. All money thus paid shall be used for road purposes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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An Act relating to Justices of the Peace and City Magistrates.

Whereas, the Justices of the Peace of the various Counties overleap their power and prerogatives, and assume to tax the aborigines and Americo-Liberians with exorbitant and illegal cost; and,

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Whereas, many of said officers assume to try, and determine cases over which the law gives them no jurisdiction, thereby causing great imposition and suffering among the weaker and poorer classes of our citizenship; and,

Whereas, it is not the intentions of the Government to allow any of her citizens and subjects to be thus imposed upon;

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, all Justices of the Peace and other officers having concurrent jurisdiction with them, are hereby enjoined to follow strictly the letter of the law, created as found in Liberia Statute, old Blue book, entitled "An Act establishing the Judiciary, and fixing the powers common to the several Courts," (see new edition, page 114-116.) and all Bills of Costs shall be made out strictly in accordance with the rates laid down in the "Bills of Fees," found on the 30th and 31st pages of the new edition of the Blue Book, except where such Bills have been amended by expressed Act of the Legislature. Any Justice of the Peace, violating the provision of this section, shall be deemed guilty of official misconduct; and upon conviction upon a summons, investigated before the Judge of the County Courts of Quarterly Sessions, shall be fined the sum of Twenty-five Dollars for either trying a case over which the law gives them no jurisdiction, or for ordering the payment by any party of any item of cost not being laid down by law. And any constable or Policeman, collecting or demanding of any party, any item of cost not laid down in the law, shall, without reference to the Justice of the Peace, be fined in a sum of not less than ten dollars, and shall make restitution of all such cost so illegally received, upon summary investigation before the Judge aforesaid. And any Judge as aforesaid shall have power to investigate such complaints or charges either in or out of Court. And any Justice or Constable so fined, shall pay said fine forthwith or be imprisoned in the Common Jail for twenty five days, besides paying the cost of such investigation; and in case of imprisonment, information of the same being conveyed to the President, immediately suspended from office. In the Leeward Counties and Territory of Grand Cape Mount, the power and duty to suspend as aforesaid shall be vested in the Superintendent, who shall immediately inform the President of the persons suspended.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that any Constable or Policeman, who shall collect any amount imposed by Justices of the Peace or Magistrates for contempt, and fail to deposit same immediately into the proper Treasury, shall upon conviction

as above, forfeit and pay double the amount of such contempt, within three days from date of the imposing of said fine, or shall be immediately suspended from office and imprisoned as in section first of this Act. And any Justice demanding and receiving any other fee or perquisites from the hands of parties tried before them, than those laid down by law, shall, upon proof as aforesaid be required to refund same forthwith, and pay a fine of ten dollars, and be suspended from office for at least six months.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted, that Liberian Currency or Government Approved Bills shall be the legal tender for all fines and costs in Justice Courts unless otherwise ordered by law.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted, that whenever application shall be made to a Justice for writs in cases of Infraction of the Peace, it shall be his duty to satisfy himself that the complaint is sufficiently founded to warrant the sustaining of the charge upon trial; and in all cases of Infraction of the Peace, where the complainant fails to sustain the charge with evidences, no costs shall be awarded them, neither shall the Republic be liable for any part of such costs; but that the Constables, and Witnesses' costs may according to the justice of the circumstance be ruled against the Complainant. But in no such case ruled against the Republic.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted, that all Justices, City Magistrates, Constables and Policemen shall duly report all and every case, civil or criminal, and all writs issued and received under the law requiring them to report to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the several counties; and any of these officers failing to do so, and any Constable or Policeman suppressing any writs or neglecting to duly and faithfully report same, shall upon proof before the Judge as aforesaid be fined in the sum of Twenty-five dollars, and be dealt with according to the foregoing section of this Act.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted, that any Justice, or Magistrate, Constable, or Policeman, who shall cause the aborigines of the Country or several communities of the same to be disturbed, robbed or otherwise injured by the attempt to execute writs which shall be found to have been illegally issued, shall each be indicted by Grand Jury for official misconduct; and upon conviction shall be fined one hundred dollars to be paid forthwith, or imprisoned according to law. The Ministerial officer in such cases suffering one-half the penalty imposed upon the Justices.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

A Joint Resolution Relative to the Excelsior Mining Company of Maryland County; and the Enterprising Mining Company of Grand Bassa.

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

SEC. 1. That the royalty to be paid by the Excelsior Mining Company; and all other private Mining Companies in Liberia to the Government of the Republic, shall not exceed 10 o/o of the nett proceeds of any mine or mines worked.

SEC. 2. That the Charter of the Enterprising Mining Company Grand Bassa is hereby revived and declared of full force and effect; and the time in which it must commence work is hereby fixed at five years from the date of this Resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed into law by Limitation

An Act to encourage Immigration.

Whereas it is apparent that one among the greatest needs of our little Republic, is, that of immigration of intelligent, enterprising, industrious and race loving persons, of African descent, from the United States of America, the West India, Central and South America and elsewhere; and

Whereas, it should be the first and foremost duty of all patriotic citizens of this Republic to exert every effort in their power to perpetuate the life of his country and the identity of his race; and

Whereas the past history of immigration shows, that if Liberia is ever to be populated by the class of persons above indicated efforts more vigorous, supreme, persistent must be put forth by people of this country to effect this object; and

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, the Architect of the Universe, the—Maker and Preserver of nations and races, to spare the life of this people and country, here, on the western shore of this vast and unknown continent, to see the morning of the twentieth, century beginning to dawn, it should become, therefore, the duty of this nation to put forth efforts preparatory to meet the coming events of the century in which we live; for God never helps us to do a thing that we can help ourselves to do;

Whereas the Liberian Colonization Society of Birmingham, Alabama, United States of America, has expressed its willingness to raise a sum of money, double the amount that this Government may appropriate, that is to say, if this Government will appropriate twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars, to be used for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a steamship, to bring, among other things, immigrants to Liberia.

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

SEC. 1ST. That immediately after the passage of this Act, the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of assisting the Liberian Colonization Society of Birmingham, Alabama, United States of America to purchase and equip a steamship, for the purpose of bringing immigrants of African descent from the United States of America, the West Indies Central and South America to Liberia, as well as to carry and bring cargo and freight; provided that in no case shall any of the money above appropriated be used

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or drawn until after notice shall have been given to the President and Secretary of the Treasury of this Republic by the President and Treasurer of said Society, that the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) dollars has been raised and held on hand by said Society, ready to be paid on said steamship; and provided also that notice shall be given to the President and Secy. of the Treas. by the owner, person or firm from whom said Steamer is to be purchased, that he or they are ready to sell or dispose of said steamer, and that the only thing remaining to be done in order to complete the transaction is that this Government pay over to them an amount not exceeding twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars: in which case the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President of this Republic, shall place in the hands or at the disposal of the Liberian Consul General in the United States, the sum of money above appropriated, or so much thereof as might be required, and direct him to pay the same over to the person or firm from whom the said Steamer is to be purchased, and to see that the rights of this Republic is protected in this transaction.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that there shall be a Board of Commissioners consisting of five (5) members, two of which shall be citizens of this Republic and appointed by the President of the same; the third to be appointed by the Liberian Consul General in America, and the other two shall be appointed by the said Society. The said Board of Commissioners, shall in connection with said Society, have general supervision and control of said Steamer.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted that the Government of Liberia shall have one third interest, in said Steamer as well as in the proceeds thereof, after deducting the expense of working same; and shall sustain one third of the losses sustained, should any there be, in the operation of same, losses from fire and the sea excepted. At the time of purchasing said steamer, the title thereof shall pass to the Liberian Colonization Society, provided that the said Society shall then and there enter into a contract with this Government, through the Liberian Consul General in America, that the said Society will continue in the business of sending immigrants to this country, and provided further, that, if in the event that the said Society should ever abandon the work of immigration, as aforementioned, then, and in that case, the absolute ownership of said steamer shall pass to the Liberian Government. And in no case shall said steamship be sold or otherwise disposed

of without the knowledge and consent of the Liberian Government expressed by the proper authority,

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1902.

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Joint Resolution for Building a wall around Providence Island in the County of Montserrado in the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas our Fathers, the Pioneers to Africa left America in the year Eighteen Thousand and twenty, and having sailed across great ocean, and anchored in the Harbor of Montserrado County.

And whereas the said Providence Island was the first place of refuge to the Pioneers, our fathers, in this Country and whereas on account of the continual dashing of waves, and strong currents against said Island which caused the said Island to be a reducing state and condition.

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 Joint Resolution, a suitable wall (3) three feet thick and (3) three feet high above the level of said Island, the same to be built around said Island with Buttresses.

SEC. 2. That the said work shall be done with stones and mortar, and shall be cemented with cement.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that Two thousand (\$2000 00) dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to carry out the first and second section of this Joint Resolution, and 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 Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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