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Joint Resolution pensioning sundry persons 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 immediate after the passage of this Joint Resolution, C. C. Hoffman, S. F. Morell, Woa Sea and Jacob Baker, soldiers who were wounded in the War of 1896 be placed on the Pension list; each to receive Twenty five (\$25.00) dollars annually.

SEC. 2ND. 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 December 23rd, 1902,

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Joint Resolution incorporating The "Morning Star Household of Ruth" No. 1758 of Lower Buchanan in Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1ST. That Mary S. Ragland, P. M. N. G., Mary L. Whitfield, M. N. G., Florence A. Noel, R. N. G., Hannah B. Gabbidon, N. G., M. L. Logan, W. T. Anna M. Johnson, W. P., Daniel P. Mason, W. C. Alzada, L. Smith, W. C., and Martha L. Brumskine, W. C., and such others as may thereafter be connected with them, be and they are hereby declared a body politic and Corporate under the name and style of The "Morning Star Household of Ruth" No. 1758 of Lower Buchanan in the County of Grand Bassa; and shall be capable in law of enjoying all of the rights and privileges of such other Bodies Corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 23, 1902.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Number one Brass Band Company of Brewerville.

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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, the Number one Brass Band Company of Brewerville be and are hereby constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of Number one "Brass Band Company of Brewerville," of the Republic of Liberia and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of Two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) for the use and benefit of said Company, and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members, and as such may 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 Number one Brass Band Company of Brewerville is permitted to do all other matters and things done by similar bodies Corporate.

Any law to contrary notwithstanding

Approved December 23rd, 1902.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Harper City Lodge No. 5436 of Odd Fellows.

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

SEC. 1ST. That James J. Dossen, P. N. F. W. H. Yancy, N. F., W. H. Cummings, P. N. G., Anthony D. Wilson, N. G., Levi E. Boyer, V. G., John H. Tubman, W. T., John H. Nelson, W. A., John M. McIntosh, W. C., James D. Hardy, P. S., Mansfield F. Yancy, E. S. Williams, G. McKnight, R. S. N. G., Henry J. R. Cooper, L. S. V. G., Nathan Barnes, R. S. V. G., Grandolle A. Howard, Warden, Allen W. Yancy, Jr. Guardian, together with such other officers and members who now are or hereafter may become connected with said Lodge be constituted and declared a body Corporate, under the name and style of Harper City Lodge No. 5436 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, United States of America with all the rights, and privileges and immunities appertaining and belonging to other Lodges of the Order with perpetual succession of Officers.

SEC. 2ND. That the said Lodge shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount

of Five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) and to plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 23rd, 1902.

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Joint Resolution making an appropriation to build a suitable Court House in the County of Sinoe.

Whereas the County of Sinoe is greatly in need of a Court House, as the one now in use is unfit, and unsafe to hold Sessions of the Court, and having no suitable building in which to conduct 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 immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the sum of Six Thousand (\$6000.00) Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to build a suitable Court House in the County of Sinoe. Dimension as follows, length 45 feet, width 30 feet and height 19 feet. The same is to be properly completed.

SEC. 2ND. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury be, and, he is hereby authorized to draw in favor of the undertaker who is to furnish all materials, and said drafts to be drawn on the Sub-Treasury of Sinoe County out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 23rd, 1902.

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Joint Resolution incorporating Reeves Institute in the Town of Fortsville in 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 C. B. Reeves and A. C. Reeves Trustees and Proprietors of the Institute known as Reeves Institute of the Town of Fortsville in the County of Grand Bassa, carrying on educational work for the public benefit and all others as may be hereafter connected with them, be and they are hereby constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of "Reeves Institute" and shall be capable in law to receive and hold real and personal property to the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars, for the use and benefit of said Institution; and shall have perpetual

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succession of Officers and members, and as such may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any Courts of this Republic having competent Jurisdiction.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 23rd, 1902.

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An Act amendatory and supplementary to An Act fixing the duty on Piassava, Approved January 30th, 1900.

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, above mentioned, is so altered and amended as to read—that the Export duty on Piassava shall be one half a cent per pound, one half of which shall be paid in gold or silver coin, the same to be used for the support of Liberia College and the feeders thereof, and the other half of said duty to be paid either in coin, currency or General Government and County Checks.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 31st, 1902.

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Joint Resolution appropriating an amount of money to build an Iron Bridge across the Hoffman River, in Harper, Maryland County.

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

SEC. 1ST; That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of Two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building an Iron bridge across the Hoffman River in the County of Maryland.

SEC. 2ND. 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 December 31st 1902.

Joint Resolution aiding the Citizens of Lexington in Sinoe County to build a bridge or Causeway between Lexington and Farmersville.

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 sum of Three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of assisting the Citizens of Lexington, in the County of Sinoe to build a bridge or causeway between Lexington and Farmersville in said County.

SEC. 2. And the Secretary of 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 December 31, 1902.

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Joint Resolution appropriating Two hundred (\$200.00) dollars per annum for the benefit of Reeves Institute of Grand Bassa County.

Whereas it should be incumbent on the Government to aid and foster all Institutions of learning, and

Whereas the uncivilized population of Liberia should receive special attention from the Government in being civilized and Christianized with a good Education, theoretical and practical, for the future utilization in the Body politic, and

Whereas Reeves Institute, of Grand Bassa County, is endeavoring to carry into effect such a design on unbiased principles, and

Whereas Hon. C. B. Reeves and A. C. Reeves have thus far principally, of their own responsibilities, and with a little aid from a few christian and philanthropic friends succeeded in founding a school that contains 92 boarding pupils, thirty (30) of whom are children from the heathen population of our Country,

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, the sum of Two hundred (\$200.00) dollars per annum is appropriated for the benefit of the Native Youths of Reeves Institute in Grand Bassa County; and the Secretary of the Treasury, be and he is hereby authorize'd

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under warrant of the President, to draw for the same out of any money from the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 31st, 1902.

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Joint Resolution granting to Henry O. Stewart of Montserrado County, at Mount Coffee Section, Forty acres of land for Mission and Industrial purposes.

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 Forty acres of land is granted to Henry O. Stewart of Montserrado County in Mount Coffee.

SEC. 2nd. It is further resolved that the Land Commissioner of Montserrado County is hereby authorized to order the Survey or to Survey for the said Henry O. Stewart Forty acres of land out of any portion of lands not otherwise appropriated. He the said Henry O. Stewart paying all the expenses.

SEC. 3rd. It is further resolved that he shall hold the said parcel of land so long as it is used for the legitimate purpose for which it is given.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved December 31st, 1902.

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Joint Resolution removing E. Moulton, Judge of the District Court of Half Cavalla in the County of Maryland Republic of Liberia.

Whereas E. Moulton, Judge of the District Court of Half Cavalla, Maryland County has caused a great scandal upon the Judiciary of said District: And whereas he has been guilty of gross unbecoming conduct as a Judge, to us known from a petition from the Citizens of that District: And whereas the Legislature is not desirous of impeaching the said Judge, E. Moulton.

Therefore it is resolved by the Senate and House of Rep-

representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled.

SEC. 1st. It is resolved that from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the President is hereby authorized and directed to remove the said E. Moulton, Judge of the District Court of Half Cavalla in the County of Maryland, and to appoint another in his stead.

SEC. 2nd. It is further resolved that this Joint Resolution passed by a two third vote constitute the Joint address for the removal of a Judge in accordance with the Constitution of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding
Passed by Limitation.

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Joint Resolution to pension Richard Barrett of Montserrado County.

Whereas the petition of Richard Barrett shows that he was severely wounded at Rock Town in Maryland County in the War of 1893, and whereas it is not the policy of the Government to forget those, who have been wounded in the defence of this Country,

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 Forty eight (\$48.00) dollars per annum is hereby allowed to Richard Barrett as a pension for injuries received at Rock Town in Maryland County in the year 1893. 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 2nd, 1903.

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Joint Resolution prohibiting the interference of the Court of Civil Jurisdiction in staying executions, or granting time to delinquents who have been tried at a Court Martial and against whom judgment of said Court has been pronounced.

Whereas the method pursued by the Court of Civil Jurisdiction in granting stay of Execution, or time to delinquents who have been tried and Judgments awarded against them by Court Martial as well as obstructing the

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enforcement of military authorities against delinquents and Whereas it is the intention of the Government that the citizens soldiery shall duly observe and perform the military duties enjoined upon them, or delinquents required to satisfy the Judgment of the Court Martial.

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 it shall not be lawful for any Judge or Court of Civil Jurisdiction to interfere with Judgements awarded by Court Martials against delinquents by granting them time or stay of execution; but judgements of Court Martial pronounced against delinquents shall be enforced by the proper military authority without reference to the Civil Court provided that nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent the supposed rights of the writ of Habeas Corpus and appeal.

SEC. 2. Where said delinquent shall fail or refuse to pay the fine and cost assessed against him by the Court Martial, he shall be committed to prison by either the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court, or the Judge of the Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas, and shall be required to work for the Government sufficiently long to satisfy the fine and cost against him at the rate on One (\$1.00) dollar per diem.

All monies arising from this source shall be used for the improvement of the Regiment to which said Delinquents belongs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 2nd, 1903

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Joint Resolution reimbursing one Henry F. Johnson of Montserrado County.

Whereas the said Henry F. Johnson has proven to the Legislature that he was in possession of one Bill against this Government to the amount of Fifty five (\$55.00) Dollars, the sum being the balance for services rendered in the Garrison at Suchn, and unfortunately said bill was destroyed on its way to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment by one William Wilson who was drowned in the Saint Paul River.

Therefore 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 Joint Resolution the sum of Fifty five (\$55.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated 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 money of the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding
Approved January 2nd, 1903.

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Joint Resolution granting an Annuity to Mrs. R. R. Russell of Clay Ashland St. Paul's River Montserrado 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 Mrs. R. R. Russell of Clay Ashland Montserrado County be granted an Annuity of the sum of (\$60.00) Sixty Dollars per Annum, 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 Jany. 12. 1903.

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An Act to encourage Immigration.

Whereas the petition of the Colored "National Immigration Association" of Atlanta Georgia, United States of America shows that should this Government render them certain aid, as hereinafter mentioned, they will thereby be enabled to purchase and put into operation a suitabled Steamship to ply between the United States of America and this Republic, chiefly for the purpose of bringing Immigrants; and whereas it should be the policy of this Government to do whatever it can in a reasonable way to swell and increase its population by helping to facilitate the convenience of travelling between the two countries, 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 Act, the sum of Twenty five Thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of assisting the Col-

ored "National Immigration Association" Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America, to purchase and equip a Steamship for bringing Immigrants of African descent from the United States of America, the West Indian Islands, Central and South America to Liberia, as well to carry and bring cargo and freight, provided, that in no case shall the money above appropriated be used 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 the said Association, that the remainder of the money necessary to complete the purchase and equipment of said Steamship, is in the hands of the said Association, ready to be paid on said Steamship. And provided further, that notice shall be given to the President and Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic, 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, the above mentioned sum of money, in which case the Secretary of the Treasury under the warrant of the President of this Republic shall place in the hands or at the disposal of of the Liberian Consul General in the United States, the sum of money herein appropriated or so much thereof as may be required for that purpose, and direct him to pay the same over to the person or firm from whom the Steamer is to be purchased, and to see that the rights of this Republic are protected in the transaction.

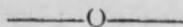
SEC. 2ND. It is further enacted that there shall be a board of Commissioners appointed consisting of five members two of whom shall be citizens of this Republic and appointed by the President of the same; the third to be appointed by the Liberian Consul General in America. The other two by the Colored "National Immigration Association." The said board of Commissioners shall in connection with the said Association have general supervision and control of said Steamer.

SEC. 3RD. It is further enacted, that the Government of Liberia, shall have an interest in said steamer in proportion to the amount of money she may pay on the same at the time of purchasing said steamer. The title there shall pass to the Colored "National Immigration Association," provided that the said Association shall then and there enter into a contract with this Government, through the Liberian Consul General in America, that the said Association will continue in the business of sending Immigrants to this country, and provided further that in the event the said Association should

ever abandon the work above mentioned, 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 10th, 1903.



An Act granting pecuniary aid to the A. M. E. Church in the Republic of Liberia.

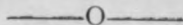
It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled.

SEC. 1ST. That from and after the passage of this Act, the sum of Five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for five years to aid the A. M. E. Church in the maintainance of a school when the building is completed and the school in actual operation.

SEC. 2ND. The Secretary of the 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 10th, 1903.



An Act making an appropriation to build a Highway.

Whereas a petition from J. H. Green, Managing Editor of "The African League" and others, showing that they intend to establish a new settlement in the Interior, the place not yet being located; and whereas the said petitioners pray that an appropriation be made for the purpose of building a Highway to said settlement and whereas the Legislature feels that is the duty of the Government to assist in this laudable and praise-worthy undertaking, 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 sum of Two thousand and five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building a Highway to the place to be located for the establishment of the Settlement to be known as "Liberia City." And as soon as

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said place shall have been located, the Secretary of the Treasury, under warrant of the President, is hereby authorized to draw for the purpose above mentioned out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12th, 1903.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Bedell's Peace Conference of Maryland County.

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

SEC. 1. That S. W. Seton, President, B. N. A. Kerly, Vice President, H. H. Morrell, Recording Secretary, H. T. Messenger, Corresponding Secretary, Abraham W. Savage, Treasurer and other officers and members of said Bedell's Peace Conference of Maryland County, and such others as may be hereafter connected with them be, and they are hereby constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of Bedell's Peace Conference of Maryland County, Republic of Liberia, and shall be capable in law to receive and hold real estate and personal property to the value of Two thousand dollars, for the use and benefit of said Conference, 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 Conference is permitted to do all other things done by similar bodies corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12, 1903.

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Joint Resolution appropriating an amount to assist the citizens of Louisiana in Montserrado County in opening a road between that Settlement and Fendel.

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 sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of

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Louisiana, in the County of Montserrado, in opening a road from that Settlement to Fendel.

SEC. 2 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 12, 1903.

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Joint Resolution pensioning one Nimley of River Cavalla, Maryland County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Nimley of Cavalla, Maryland County, be pensioned the sum of Forty-eight (\$48.00) dollars per annum, and the Secretary of the Treasury, under warrant of the President is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any monies of the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12 1903.

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Joint Resolution making an appropriation for repairs and improvement in the Post Offices at Harper, Maryland County ; Grand Bassa, and Sinoe Counties.

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 Six hundred (\$600.00) dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for repairs and improvements of the Post Office at Harper, Maryland County, and Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for repairs and improvements of the Offices of Bassa and Sinoe Counties, respectively.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12, 1903.

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Joint Resolution fixing a special Tariff on Margarine and stained Butter.

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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 the duty on all Margarine and stained butter be (10) ten cents in gold, copper, or silver coin on every pound, ordered into this country, or proceeds from vessels coming into any of the several ports of entry.

SEC. 2ND. And it is further resolved that any vendor wishing to sell Margarine or stained butter must pay a special license to this Government of Twenty dollars per annum in gold, copper, or silver coin.

SEC. 3RD. It is further resolved that any person or persons who shall be found selling Margarine or stained butter, without having complied with this Joint Resolution, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall before any Court of competent jurisdiction forfeit and pay the sum of Fifty dollars in gold, silver and copper coin one fourth of which shall go to the informer, and the (3) three fourths to the government, and all the Margarine and stained butter in the possession of the vendor or vendors informed against be confiscated, under the law of confiscation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Jan'y. 12, 1903

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Joint Resolution pensioning the Widow and heirs of Stand M. Perry, a citizen of Maryland County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Widow and heirs of Stand M. Perry, a citizen of Maryland County be pensioned the sum of Seventy five (\$75 00) dollars per annum, and the Secretary of the Treasury 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 Jan'y. 14th, 1903.

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Joint Resolution relating to Debtors.

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

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SEC. 1ST. That from and after the passage of this Resolution there shall be built in each County within the Republic in the City, a durable house or a room in the upper part of the several jail houses, called a Debtors Hall.

SEC. 2ND. That the above named hall shall be to place Debtors in and not thrust them in the cells and dungeons of Murderers, Burglars and all such other persons committing criminal offences.

SEC. 3RD. The Secretary of the Treasury, under warrant of the President, is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any monies of the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 14th, 1903.

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Joint Resolution restoring J. C. Diggs to citizenship.

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

SEC. 1ST. That J. C. Diggs, of the County of Grand Bassa, is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

All laws and parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 14th, 1903.

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A Resolution Amendatory and Supplementary to a resolution creating the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, and repealing a portion that relates to the Monthly and Probate Court of said Territory, Approved February 7th., 1900.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this resolution there shall be appointed in the Territory of Grand Cape Mount by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Liberia under the law by which such officers are governed, and Auditor of Public Accounts, The pay of the Auditor shall be (\$250.00) per annum.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sitting of the Monthly and Probate Court of the said Territory shall convene on

the First Monday in each month at the usual known hour of the Court, as already by law concluded upon.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved, January 14., 1903.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the Executive Government to negotiate with Messrs Houston Brothers and Company of Liberia, for the construction of a light railway or tramway on the right bank of the Manna River.

Whereas application has been made to the Government of Liberia for permission to construct, run and maintain light railways or tramways on our Northeastern frontier,

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

SEC. 1. That the Executive Government be and it is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and arrange with the firm of Houston Brothers and Company of Liberia for the construction, running and maintaining of light railways or tramways on the right bank of the Manna River, running from Cobolia to Jenny or from any other point to the beach of said portion of Territory upon such fair and equitable terms and conditions as may be arrived at and agreed upon by the said firm, and the Executive Government. Provided, that nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be considered binding without the ratification of the Senate.

Any law or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, January 14., 1903.

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Joint Resolution relative to the Postal employees and other employees of the several Departments of Government that is to say, Clerks etc. etc. within this Republic.

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, all employees to the Postal Department, and other officials of the Head Departments of Government such as Secretaries, Chief Clerks, under clerks etc. etc. must give Bond approved by the Superintendents of the several Counties and the Territory of Grand Cape Mount.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the President of the Re-

public of Liberia shall fix the sum for which, such officer shall give Bond, and his order in the premises shall have the force in law.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14., 1903.

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Joint Resolution granting aid to the Citizens of Fortsville, Hartford and Harrisville to run a road from the boundary of Fortsville (10) Ten Miles interiorwards.

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 (\$800,00 Eight hundred dollars be appropriated for opening a new road from Fortsville to run (10) Ten miles interiorwards, and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the Citizens of Fortsville, Hartford and Harrisville Grand Basa County for the above named purposes.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, January, 14., 1903.

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A Joint Resolution for the better Government of the Militia of the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas it is the Custom of the Soldiers to appear on the field during those days prescribed by law to perform military duties with loaded guns, razors, knives and revolvers which is contrary to all military laws,

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 any one found on days of drill and inspection with loaded guns of any kind or cartridges, or any other ammunition for improved or other guns, will be fined the sum of fifty dollars.

SEC. 2. Any one found with razors, revolvers, and knives of any description shall pay the sum of (\$25.00) Twenty five dollars. Upon failure to pay the aforesaid amount he or they shall be imprisoned in the common jail, and hired out to work on the public or private works at the rate of (\$1.00) one dollar per

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diem. The said amount shall be paid into the Sub-Treasury, account of the military

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14, 1903.

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An Act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church of Paynesbury, in the County of Grand Bassa.

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

SEC. 1. That T. J. King, Pastor, Geo. Preston, Jas. Anderson, Walker Horace, and C. W. Nelson Trustees, of the Methodist Episcopal Church Paynesbury, are hereby constituted a body corporate with perpetual succession, by the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and with power to hold property real and personal, to the value of (\$2000.00) two thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the said corporation shall be granted privilege to sue, and be sued, plead and implead, before any court of this Republic, having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14, 1903.

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An Act to appoint a Statistician.

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

SEC. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby directed to appoint a Statistician whose duty it shall be to gather, arrange, compile and have published every (3) three months, if possible, such statistics relative to commerce and such subjects as may be proper for public information; and whenever published, copies of same shall be furnished to members of the Legislature and heads of departments free of charge.

SEC. 2. That all Collectors of Customs be instructed to forward on to the said Statistician, when appointed, all Invoices of Imports and Exports, after the duty has been assessed at once; (Steamer purchases not excepted) so as to cause no delay in having them published every quarter.

SEC. 3. That the office be called, Bureau of Statistics; and the salary of said officer shall be seven hundred (\$700.00) dollars annually.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 14, 1903

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A Joint Resolution approving of the purchase of Kock's farm, near Harper in the County of Maryland.

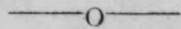
It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled.

SEC. 1. That the purchase of Kock's Farm located near Harper, in the County of Maryland by the Executive Government, is approved.

SEC. 2. The said land shall form part of public domain and shall be used for the special purpose of Immigrant allotment.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14, 1903.



An Act to reimburse P. A. Green, Sr. of Sinoe County.

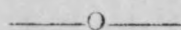
It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled

SEC. 1ST. That from and after the passage of this act, the said P. A. Green, Sr. of Sinoe County, is hereby reimbursed to the amount of Three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for losses he sustained growing out of the hostilities between the Kroo Tribes and this government in the year 1894.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th, 1903.



Joint Resolution granting aid to the Citizens of Clay-Ashland Saint Paul's River Mo. County to build a bridge across Hazel'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 immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of (\$300.00) Three hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Clay-Ashland, Saint Paul's River Montserrado County in building a bridge across Hazel's Creek between the said settlement and Virginia.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that 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 4th, 1903.

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Joint Resolution granting to the Citizens of Millsburg Montserrado County aid to build a Bridge on the road leading to Muhlenburg Mission.

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

SEC. 1ST. That the sum of (\$150.00) One hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Millsburg Montserrado County in building a bridge on the road leading to Muhlenburg Mission.

SEC. 2ND. 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 not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 14th, 1902.

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Joint Resolution granting the citizens of Bexley, Grand Bassa County, aid in building two Bridges, across Parker's and Jackson's Creek.

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

SEC. 1ST. That from and immediatly after the passage of of this Joint Resolution the sum of (\$400.00) Four hundred Dollars for Parker's creek, and the sum of (\$500.00) Five hundred Dollars for Jackson's Creek be, and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Bexley, Grand Bassa County to clean out the above named creeks.

SEC. 2ND. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury 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 14th, 1903.

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A Joint Resolution restoring Virginia King of Bensonville, John T. Rogers of Marshall and Henry Carpenter of Caldwell all of the County of Montserrado and Republic of Liberia 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 after the passage of this Joint Resolution Virginia King, John T. Rogers and Henry Carpenter are each restored to all the rights and privileges and immunities of all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 14th, 1903.

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An Act to amend An Act fixing the Tariff on certain goods imported into the Republic passed 1890 and 1902.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, there shall be levied and assessed a duty on Lemonade and Ginger ale of twelve (\$—12½¢) and a half per cent advalorem; the duty on Percussion cap Guns, such as Rifles, Muskets and Dane guns, shall be two dollars and fifty cents per piece, on all Breech Loading rifles, of whatever class, the duty shall be twenty dollars each, absolute gold. The duty on Pork shall be one dollar and twenty five cents, per Barrel of (200) Two hundred pounds. The duty on common Rum and Gin shall be one dollar per Gallon proof, absolute gold.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that all Lumber imported into this Republic, for private individuals for private use, shall be admitted free of duty. The importer shall present his invoice to the Collector of Customs, and make a declaration that the Lumber imported is for his private use, and not intended for sale; said declaration shall be supported by an affidavit a copy of which shall be filed in the Custom House, which shall be used as evidence against the importer attempting to sell or selling any such Lumber ordered for private use within the meaning of this Act; and if proven. the Lumber shall be confiscated, to the Republic of Liberia and a fine of one hundred dollars for each offence, be imposed upon said importer, recoverable before any court having competent Jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. The duty above referred to in this Act, shall be collected and three fifths shall go to the support of the General Government and the remaining two fifths to the County.

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

Approved January 14, 1903.

An Act to amend the Charter of the Mountain Mining Company, Sinoe County approved February 20th, 1875.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Charter of the Mountain Mining Company, Sinoe County be and is so amended as to grant said Company the exclusive rights of mining on Two thousand Acres of Land to be selected and located by said Mountain Mining Company in the County of Sinoe, and the non-exclusive rights of mining in said County, also the rights to prospect for Gold, Silver, Copper, Coal, lead or any other minerals or earthly substance of value, by whatever name called, within the boundary of said County.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that should said Mountain Mining Company discover a mine or deposits of value in the public domain in Sinoe County, they shall have the rights to acquire possession thereof by grant, lease or otherwise from either Government or private individuals; if purchased from Government, the minimum price of public land shall be paid and no more, whereupon said Company shall be at liberty at any time to enter the same for mining purposes.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the said Mountain Mining Company shall in a written instrument properly dated, locate all mines or mining districts discovered by them, and cause the same to be registered in the County Registry Department, and the time limited in the Charter shall commence to run from the date of the registry required.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14th, 1903.



Joint Resolution incorporating the Number one Cheeseman and Jones Brass Band, Monrovia, 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 J. E. Jones President, S. F. McGill, Bandmaster, L. D. DeShields Assistant Bandmaster, J. E. Jones, Jr. W. H. Powell, L. R. Howard, J. B. R. McGill, J. A. Hammond, H. J. George, J. H. Smith, Jr., J. D. DeShields, J. S. Payne, J. N. Street, J. S. Boston, W. H. Mum-

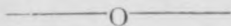
ford and J. S. Brooks all of the City of Monrovia, Republic of Liberia together with such members of the No. 1 Cheeseman and Jones Brass Band of Monrovia Republic of Liberia, shall be capable in law to receive hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of Two (2000.00) thousand Dollars for the use and benefit of the band, and shall have perpetual succession of officers under the name and style aforesaid, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any Court of Law having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 2ND. And be it further resolved that the No. 1 Cheeseman and Jones Brass Band Company of the Republic of Liberia is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations for their Government as they deem expedient, provided such Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations be not repugnant to the laws of this Republic.

SEC. 3RD. That the No. 1 Cheeseman and Jones Brass Band Monrovia, Republic of Liberia be under the immediate control and direction of the Colonel of the First Regiment, in his absence of the Lieutenant Colonel, and in absence of the Lieutenant Colonel, the Major, on days set apart by the law for Military duties or otherwise; that is to say should the Regiment or any portion be called out by the the Government, they are in duty bound and compelled to attend under a penalty of a fine governing delinquents who fail to perform military duty.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1903.



Joint Resolution granting to the Morning Star Lodge, Maryland County, Two town Lots from the Government reserve of One and a quarter Acres of land on Big Town Hill; also one town lot to the Evening Star Lodge No. 9, from the Government reserve in Buchanan, 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 two town Lots on Big Town Hill from Government reserve, are hereby granted to the Morning Star Lodge No. 6 F. A. and A. M, also one town Lot in the County of Grand Bassa from the Government reserve in Buchanan is hereby granted to the Evening Star Lodge No. 9, F. A. and A. M.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1903.

Joint Resolution making Provisions for a Parade Ground for the 5th, Regiment, Liberian Army, and fixing a site for a Public Hall for the citizens of Crozierville and Bensonville.

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 President is hereby directed to order a Government Surveyor, to proceed to Crozierville with the Chief of the Military there and one of the Town Commissioners and survey Ten (10) Acres of Land from that portion known as the Government Reserve, on which a Government receptacle was located; the same to be set aside and known as the Parade Ground of the 5th, Regiment, and a site for a Public building for the citizens of Crozierville and Bensonville.

SEC. 2ND. And the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is authorized to draw for the same to the amount of (\$75.00) Seventy five Dollars out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th 1903.

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Joint Resolution pensioning Jacob Harris and giving Ex. Superintendent George W. Dixon an annuity, both of Montserrado County, for valuable services rendered in several wars.

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, Jacob Harris shall receive Sixty Dollars pension, and George W. Dixon Ex. Superintendent One hundred Dollars annually, 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 19 1903.

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A Joint Resolution incorporating the M. E. Church of Johnsonville, Montserrado County.

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

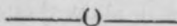
SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, W. F. Hawkins, Pastor, George Coleman Joseph H. Leone, and Henry Taylor Trustees of the Metho-

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dist Episcopal Church of Johnsonville, Montserrado County, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the M. E. Church of Johnsonville, and as such may hold property to the value of (\$2000.00) Two thousand dollars, may sue and be sued, plead and be implead in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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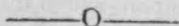
Joint Resolution reimbursing Henry Smith with Fifteen (15) Acres of Land, John Nelson and A. C. Harris Sr. each with Thirty (30) acres of Land.

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 Land Commissioner is empowered to give Henry Smith an order directed to any Government Surveyor for the County of Montserrado for Fifteen (15) Acres of Land; and to John Nelson and A. C. Harris Sr. each, an order of the same tenor for Thirty (30) Acres of Land for each one, out of any public lands not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 10th, 1903.



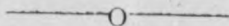
Joint Resolution pensioning March Gaskins of Brewerville Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, March Gaskins of Brewerville Montserrado County be pensioned the sum of Sixty dollars (\$60.00) annually, 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 19, 1903.



Joint Resolution granting Z. B. Roberts, Z. B. Russ, and John Lewis, and such other members of the body hereafter to be known as the Shell Fish Association a right to develop the Shell Fish Industry.

Whereas it is obvious that as the Republic grows, and the

people thereof become more enlightened, that her vast hidden treasures or resources will be brought to light, and whereas the sea boundary of the Republic abounds in Shell Fish, which may, by proper management be brought into value; and as a progressive government should encourage any and all useful industry the people may venture to engage in, and as Z. B. Roberts, Z. B. Russ, John N. Lewis, and other Liberians or Foreigners as they may admit as members of the Body hereafter to be known as the Shell Fish Association have petitioned the Legislature of Liberia to allow them at their own expense to exclusively develop the Shell Fish industry within the Atlantic jurisdiction of the Republic, for a term of eight years using the same for food, lime and other 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 after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the petitioners are hereby granted the exclusive rights to develop the Shell Fish Industry at any point within the Jurisdiction of the counties of Sinoe, Grand Bassa and Montserrado.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that for and in consideration of the special rights herein granted, the said Shell Fish Association shall pay to the Republic of Liberia two hundred dollars in coin or currency of this Republic for each and every County above mentioned, the payment of which shall begin two years from the date upon which the said association shall commence its operation within the Atlantic jurisdiction of each of the aforementioned Counties; provided that nothing herein shall be so construed as to require the said association to pay for any county in whose jurisdiction the said association shall not be operating. This grant may be returned for a second term after the expiration of the first by the consent of the Legislature upon the same consideration beginning and ending with the several terms. Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall prevent the natives and others from collecting or taking oysters and other shell fish from the sea for food.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

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An Act providing for the better protection of the several Counties and Territory of Grand Cape Mount.

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

SEC. 1. The Secretary of War and Navy is hereby directed

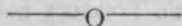
and authorized under direction of the President to negotiate for, and supply each County in the Republic as well as the Territory of Grand Cape Mount with an ample supply of arms and ammunition. in all not to exceed Two thousand and five hundred Guns, Rifles, Muskets and Two hundred thousand cartridges for Rifles.

SEC. 2. The Rifles, Muskets and ammunition are not to be opened until necessity require or by orders from Head quarters.

SEC. 3. For the carrying into effect the provision of this Joint Resolution the sum of Twelve thousand and five hundred dollars is appropriated and the Secretary of War is authorized to draw on the Secretary of the Treasury for the same, the Secretary of War furnishing the Secretary of the Treasury with all of the original invoices and other shipping documents

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th 1903.



An Act creating a Bureau in connection with the Post Office Department of the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas the work and business of the Postal service of the Country from the report of the Head of the Department shows increase of work, business and revenue; and whereas the growth and importance of the service has caused the Post Master General to organize a Postal money order Department in the office and asks Legislative sanction.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, a Postal money order Bureau is created in connection with the General Post office, and shall be in charge of an officer styled "Comptroller" of the money order service, he being also the accountant of the General Post Office; and is entitled to one clerk only.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted, that the duties of the Comptroller and Accountant, as well as the Clerk, shall be defined by regulation of the Postmaster General, they giving a bond of Two thousand and five hundred dollars and one thousand dollars respectively.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the salaries of the Comptroller and Accountant shall be Five hundred dollars; and that

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of the Clerk Two hundred and fifty dollars. They holding their office by the same time as Post master and Chief Clerks.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1903.

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Joint Resolution granting aid to the citizens of Paynesville and Congo Town, Mo. Co.

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 (\$150.00) One hundred and fifty dollars for Congotown Bridge, and (\$100.00) One hundred dollars for John Wilson Mungrove bridge, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to aid the citizens of Paynesville, and old Congo town to build their Bridges.

SEC. 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury 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 19th. 1903.

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A Resolution granting aid to the citizens of Johnsonville, Montserrado County, to clean Palmwine Creek.

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution the sum of (\$400.00) Four hundred dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to assist the citizens of Johnsonville, in clearing out their creek.

SEC. 2. 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.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Glasgow Company No. 1 of Kcoo town Monrovia, Montserrado County.

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

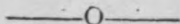
SEC. 1ST. That B. J. Davis, Agent General, William Johnson, Advocate, Samuel Johnson, Agent for Monrovia, G. M. J. Morris, Agent for Sinoe, Tom Peter, Dock Captain, Tom

Walker, Second Captain, Mie, Second Captain, Jim Mannie, Chief Mate, Tom Tobey, Chief Mate, Gibson, Second Mate, Tom Piper, Second Mate, Lewis Mannie. Chief Engineer, Harold Woods, Purser T. W. Newman, Asst. Purser, Robert, Sergeant, Smith, Sergeant, with their successors as members and officers are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of the Glasgow Company No. 1, of Kroo town, Monrovia, and by such name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded and do any and all other acts that are generally done by such bodies corporate.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1903.



Joint Resolution authorizing the purchase of Barley opposite Monrovia for opening a new Settlement for our Kroo Brethren.

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 Executive Government is authorized to negotiate with any party or parties, that may claim any land at the above named place, with a view to purchase, and that after the land has been purchased the Government is further authorized to have the most healthy part located and surveyed into town lots half the size of the lots on Monrovia.

SEC. 2ND. It is further resolved that the intention of the Government shall be made known to the citizens of Kroo-town through their Governor, and they shall further be made to understand that it is not the intention of the Government to force them to leave but that it is for their general good as well as ours.

SEC. 3RD. It is further resolved that the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1000.00) is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the spirit of this Joint Resolution.

SEC. 4TH. That the Secretary of the Treasury 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.

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Joint Resolution making it lawful for any person or persons indicted for any offences above the crime of Misdemeanor to change venue to any County within the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas it is highly essential that in order to secure fair and impartial trials of all cases that may affect the life, liberty and rights of the citizens of the Republic; and that they ought not be compelled to go to trial before any Court in such important cases wherein they feel that on account of local prejudice, they will not receive a just verdict,

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, it shall be lawful for any person, or persons indicted by the Grand Jury for offences above the crime of Misdemeanor to change the venue to any Court in any County of the Republic of Liberia, having competent jurisdiction. Provided the change is made to the nearest County.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the venue changed shall be governed upon this principle. The individual indicted shall appear before the Court in which he stands indicted and make an oath showing that on account of existing local prejudices, he or she believes or fears that they will not be able to obtain justice. The venue changed, shall be to the nearest County.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution granting to T. J. R. Faulkner a subvention of Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year for five years.

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 sum of (\$500.00) per year be and the same is hereby appropriated for T. J. R. Faulkner as an annual subvention for five years from the approval of this Joint Resolution by the President.

SEC. 2ND. It is further resolved that the condition of the amount provided for in section 1st. to be given to the said T. J. R. Faulkner, shall be that the said T. J. R. Faulkner agrees with the Government to extend the telephone wires at least 25 miles each year for five years as herein provided for and keep the lines in working order.

SEC. 3RD. A site for a central station is to be selected by the

Government in the Government Square in the City of Monrovia, and a suitable building erected thereon by the Secretary of the Treasury for the better working of the Phone, and the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized under warrant of the President, to draw for the amount as provided for in section 1st. of this Joint Resolution, as well as the amount of one thousand dollars for the building herein provided, out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 19th, 1903.

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An Act fixing the hours of business for the officers of Sub Treasurers, Collector of Customs and Post Masters.

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 business hours of the officers of Sub Treasurers, Collectors of Customs and Post Masters shall be from 7 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. Sunday is excepted, unless when absolutely necessary.

SEC. 2ND. It is further enacted that any of the above named officers failing to comply with the provision of this act he or they shall be deemed guilty of official misconduct and upon conviction of the same, before any Court having competent jurisdiction, shall be fined in a sum of not less than (\$50.00) Fifty dollars for the first offence and for the second be fined the sum of (\$100.00) One hundred dollars, dismissed from office, together with all cost of prosecution.

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

Approved January 19th, 1903.

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Joint Resolution giving aid to Honorable J. A. Tuning to assist in collecting every necessary material and the completion of a History of the country already commenced by him.

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 sum of (\$1000.00) One Thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to assist Hon. J. A. Tuning

in collecting every necessary material, and completing a History of the country.

SEC. 2ND. It is further resolved, that the amount as provided for in the first section of this Joint Resolution shall be drawn for by the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President, in the following manner to wit, \$250.00 to be paid in advance, \$250.00 to be paid when the manuscripts are fully collected, reviewed and certified to by the Superintendent of Public Instructions, or any other person whom the President may appoint, as being genuine and suited to compose said history, \$250.00 to be paid when the manuscripts have been sent to the press, \$250.00 after the books are presented to government.

SEC. 3RD. It is further resolved, that after the printing of the book and enough of the copies sold by whoever is appointed by the Executive Government, the sum herein appropriated to assist in the collection of the manuscripts and completion of the history with interest at 6 per cent shall be deducted and then and in that case, the copy right be, and the same is hereby reserved to the author.

SEC. 4TH. It is further resolved that the history herein provided for shall be a General history of the country.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 19th 1903.

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Joint Resolution reimbursing Cornelius, Lathrop, Aaron and Lucinda, heirs of the late J. C. Todd of Montserrado County.

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 Cornelius, Lathrop, Aaron and Lucinda, heirs of the late J. C. Todd be and they are hereby reimbursed to the amount of (\$800 00) Eight hundred dollars, and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is authorized under warrant of the President to issue bond for the sum of (\$800.00) Eight hundred dollars under the law governing deposits.

SEC. 2ND It is further resolved that the lawful guardians of the aforesaid heirs, shall receive annually the interest on the aforesaid deposits until they shall become of age, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized under direction of the President to draw orders for the aforesaid interest out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 3RD. It is further resolved that the principal of the

aforesaid Bond shall become due to each he'r at their respective majority or when he or her shall become of age proportionately, and the Secretary shall draw for same.

SEC. 4TH. That the County Attorney of Montserrado County, is hereby authorized to make a proper inquiry in the Estate of J. W. Goods, and Lewis R. Johnson, deceased in the County of Montserrado, and any property found therein, to adopt such measures tending to the collection of the sum of Five hundred dollars from the estate making a total one thousand (\$1000) dollars being the amount of goods and chattes misappropriated by the said J. W. Goods and Lewis R. Johnson, deceased and auctioneers in the disposition of certain goods and chattels of the said J. C. Todd the amount collected shall be placed in the Public Treasury for the benefit of the Government.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1903.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the M. E. Church in Caldwell Saint Paul's River Mo. Co

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 M. E Church in Caldwell aforesaid is incorporated into a body politic

SEC. 2. A B Scott chairman of the Board of Trustees with F. T. Clarke, William Clarke, Thomas Pritchard, L. A. Laurence composing the Board of Trustees of the M. E. Church in Caldwell on the Saint Pauls River, Montserrado County, with their successors in office are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Caldwell, and shall plead and be impleaded and do other acts that are generally done by such bodies Corporate.

SEC. 3 The corporation shall have full power and authority to make and fulfil all contracts, take and hold real and personal Estate to the value of Twenty five thousand dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 19, 1903.

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Joint Resolution providing for the better safety and protection of Government.

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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 after the passage of this Joint Resolution, any person or persons, Liberian or Foreigner trading direct or indirect with our aboriginal inhabitants along the coast or interior, known to import cannons, shells or balls for native trade or gift shall be deemed guilty of treason.

SEC. 2ND. That any person or persons Liberian or Foreigner convicted before any Court of this Republic having competent Jurisdiction in such cases shall suffer the penalty of the law under the head of Treason, and confiscation of all such articles aforementioned to the Government.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

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Joint Resolution reimbursing George Erskine, C. Brandy, Andrew Watson, W. M. White, Peter Brown, Frank Freeman, Aaron C. Harris Jr., and Perry S. Eddington all of Montserrado County.

Whereas George Erskine, C. Brandy, Andrew Watson, W. M. White, Peter Brown, Frank Freeman Aaron C. Harris Jr. and Perry S. Eddington, have petitioned the Legislature to reimburse them for services rendered in the Garrison at Suehn, and whereas it is the policy of the Government that any person or persons rendering services to the Government shall be paid for said services, 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, George Erskine, C. Brown, Andrew Watson, W. M. White, Peter Brown, Frank Freeman, Aaron C. Harris Jr. Perry Eddington be reimbursed the amount of (\$25.00) Twenty five dollars each, exclusive of Perry Eddington whom shall be reimbursed the sum of (\$18 00) Eighteen dollars and no more.

SEC. 2ND. 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 money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved January 19th, 1903.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the M. E. Church of Paynesville, County of Montserrado Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That Henry Smith, R. T. Jackson, Samuel Worrell and Thomas Darning Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church Paynesville County of Montserrado, and their successors in Office are hereby declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Paynesville, County of Montserrado 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. 2. That 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 Ten thousand dollars, and shall do all other acts and things usually done in and by similar bodies.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1903.



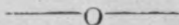
Joint Resolution fixing the day for Adjournment of the Second Session of the Twenty Eight Legislature of the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That the Second Session of the Twenty Eight Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn its Second Session *sine die* on the Twentieth of January 1903.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 19 1903.



Joint Resolution amendatory and supplementary to a Joint Resolution respecting the title and privileges of Native African Representatives in the National Legislature. Approved January 22 1902.

Whereas it is necessary for the aboriginal tribes of this Republic to be represented in the National Legislature, and whereas the law allowing the several tribes of this Republic to send Referees to the House of Representatives is somewhat indefinite, and fails to meet the end so far as refers to taxes.

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 no Referee from any tribe shall be admit-

ted to a seat in the House of Representatives of this Republic, unless the tribe be represented shall pay a tax of (\$100.00) one hundred dollars per annum prior to the time of his taking his seat in the House of Representatives, said taxes to be paid to the tax Collector or Collectors as provided for in the above cited Joint Resolution.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that should any Superintendent grant certificate to any one as Referee to the House of Representatives without a receipt from the Tax Collector showing full payment of the amount of tax herein required, he shall be held responsible to the Government for the said amount of taxes the amount thus due shall be made up by the House of Representatives at the end of the session and refer the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall in making up the warrant in payment of the civil List deduct such amount or amounts from the salary of the Superintendent issuing such certificates against the provision of this Joint Resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 20th, 1903.

Joint Resolution attaching a penalty to all reporting Officers in 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 Resolution, all reporting Officers throughout the Republic of Liberia who are required by law, to report to the several Heads of Departments, must report Twenty nine (29) days after the end of each quarter to enable the Heads of Department to intelligently and profitably lay their report before the Legislature for legislation thereon.

SEC. 2. All reporting Officers to the Heads of Department failing to forward their report to the Heads of Department twenty days after the close of each and every quarter shall forfeit and pay to the Republic of Liberia for each and every offence, the sum of Fifty Dollars, the same to be collected by any Court of competent jurisdiction. And the head of the Department in which such officer is a delinquent complaining to the President of the Republic, the President shall during the interim of the Legislature remove such officer from office.

SEC. 3. All Heads of Departments whose duty it is by law to report to the National Legislature shall and they are hereby required to do so during the second week of each session of the Legislature; and on failure to do so shall forfeit and pay

for each failure the sum of One hundred (\$100.00) dollars the same to be collected as provided for in section second.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 20th., 1903.

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Joint Resolution restoring John B. Drayton Sr. of Johnsonville, 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, Jno. B. Drayton 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 20, 1903.

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Joint Resolution granting aid to the citizens of Tubman Town to build their Bridges.

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 (\$250.—) Two hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Tubman Town to build a Bridge.

That the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President be, and he 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 20, 1903.

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Joint Resolution respecting the rights of prospecting for gold and other precious metals, minerals or other earthly deposits in the Counties of Grand Bassa and Sinoe in Liberia.

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 it shall be unlawful for any Foreigner or Foreigners to undertake the work of prospecting for gold or other precious metals, stones or minerals of other kinds in

either of the above named Counties except under provisions herein mentioned and directed.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that in all cases except for lawfully Chartered and Registered Companies no Foreigners shall engage in prospecting for Minerals etc. etc. in the Counties of Sinoe and Grand Bassa unless he or they obtain consent of the President of this Republic to do so, and in case permissions be granted before such person or persons be allowed to go to the interior, he or they shall enter into Bond with reliable security, that he or they will do no act tending to disturb the Natives as to excite them to do Acts of disloyalty to this Republic, said Bond shall be Three thousand dollars signed and witnessed by at least two witnesses, and further it shall be required of such speculator or speculators to pay for Licenses to prospect in either of the within named Counties the sum of \$ 1000.00 dollars in gold yearly payment in advances.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the right of prospecting is intended and is hereby understood and restricted to the act of investigating, to search for, to collect samples for testing, and not the work of mining or searching except for such specimens. Any person or persons violating the provision of this resolution shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and on trial and conviction before any court having competent jurisdiction shall severally pay a fine of not less than Four Thousand dollars and cost of prosecution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th, 1903.

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Joint Resolution respecting a square of land known as Colonization reserve in the Township of Careysburg.

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 Eastern half of said land shall still remain as originally intended, and the other half shall be subject to the Government; and the Land Commissioner be, and he is hereby authorized to sell like any other public land, any part of this half of said block of land to any citizen applying for same for building purposes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20th, 1903.

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An Act repealing An Act entitled An Act relating to Divorce passed by Limitation 1902.

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

SEC. 1. That immediately after the passage of this act, the above mentioned act found, on page thirty two of the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia of 1901 and 1902, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 20th, 1902.

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An Act amendatory to the Joint Resolution passed and approved January 16th 1897.

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

SEC. 1. That, after the expiration of the concession granted Augustus Humplmayr, it shall be forbidden for any person in the Counties of Montserrado, Grand Bassa, Sinoe, Maryland, and the Territory of Grand Cape Mount to go about soliciting the natives, or Americo Liberians citizens to leave the district or counties to immigrate as laborers to any place outside the Territory of this Republic, before they shall have taken out license to do so. For said license, they shall pay the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars gold annually into the Sub Treasury of the County in which he or they desire to operate. The license thus obtained shall not be transferred to any one else; the penalty for the violation of section first, shall be a fine of Two hundred dollars and six months imprisonment; one half of the fine is to go to the informer.

SEC. 2. Any person, company, or firm employing laborers for services abroad, must give a bond with security of one hundred and fifty dollars for each laborer; to this effect; that he or they will return said laborer to the port in this Republic from which he or they were taken two months after the time he or they were engaged for, expires.

Those that die, a certificate of his, or their death must be presented properly certified to, under oath; the failure to present said certificate, two months after the time they were engaged for expires, shall be fined, one hundred dollars for each laborer yearly, until he returns or the certificate be presented; but the Executive Government may notwithstanding the above section issue regulations tending to secure the same end.

SEC. 3. A proper and correct register must be kept by name in a book of each laborer shipped, day and date the imc shipped for, also his or their returing by the Ship-

ping Master. Any person or persons company, or firm, having laborers to ship must notify the Shipping Master at the place the laborers are to be shipped from, two days before they are ready to be shipped. No laborer under Twenty one years of age shall be shipped. The ages to be determined by the Shipping Masters. The failure to keep said Register, shall be a fine of Five Hundred dollars and dismissal from office. The above penalty shall be enforced by any court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 4 The fee per head for each laborer, shall be as follows:

From Montsefrado County,	\$ 5.00.
" Territory G. C. Mount,	" 5.00.
" Grand Bassa County,	" 5.00.
" Sinoe County	" 5.00.
" Maryland County,	" 5.00.

SEC. 5. That the entire amount of money accruing from the shipment of laborers shall be set apart for affording protection to the laborer shipped, and for the enforcement of order on the coast; the foregoing sections shall not be so understood as to include laborers for working on ships.

SEC. 6. The Shipping Master fee, after the thirty first of December 1903, shall be twenty five cents for each person shipped by him. The Shipping Master of the different counties shall give each a bond of Two Thousand dollars, and immediately after the money is collected, they shall turn the same over to the Sub Treasurers of the counties; provided that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent the Executive Government from making such regulations, relative to the collecting and paying the money arising from this branch of the revenue into the different Sub Treasuries, as shall better facilitate the carrying into effect the intention of this Act; but no arrangement shall be made to prevent the Shipping Master from receiving his fee upon each laborer shipped from his County at the time of his or their shipment. The said Shipping Master shall report as all other reporting officers: said report must be made out in triplicate form, one to be forwarded to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, one to be forwarded to the Bureau of Statistics, and one to the Secretary of the Treasury, on failure to report, he shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars and forfeiture of his bond.

* Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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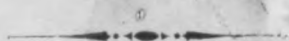
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An Act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church of Crozierville in the County of Montserrado.

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

SEC. 1ST. That Edward Hunt, Rector, G. S. Padmore Senior Warden, S. Christopher Clark, S. Solomon Eastman, Josiah Cox, J. H. Cox, John C. Brathwait and J. N. Carter Vestrymen all of the settlement of Crozierville in the County of Montserrado and Republic of Liberia, and their successors in office together with such as now are, or hereafter may become members, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of "Christ Church," with power to take hold and possess property real and personal, that may now or shall be hereafter acquired by purchase, gift, devise or bequest, with full power to sell and convey the same, subject to the provisions and conditions of this Act.

SEC. 2ND. That the said corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court having competent jurisdiction; and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal estate to the amount of Five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$5900)

SEC. 3RD. That the said Corporation is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such By-laws, rules and regulations for their government, and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies corporate and politic, consistent with the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; provided such By-laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the laws or constitution of this Republic.

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

Approved December 23, 1903.

Joint Resolution granting aid to the Kings and citizens of Duqueah River to clean out the Duqueah River.

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 sum of One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Duqueah River to clean out said River.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Dec. 23, 1903.

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 Six 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. 1904.

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 December 23, 1903.

Joint Resolution incorporating the United Sisters of West Africa Household of Ruth No. 1547, G. U. O. of Odd Fellows, in the Settlement of Crozierville County of Montserrado.

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

SEC. 1ST. That I. N. Holder P. M. N. G., A. L. Padmore M. N. G., P. M. A. Coker R. N. G., M. A. Carter N. G., C. C. Clarke W. T., J. E. Clarke W. P., G. S. Padmore W. R., A. L. Sims W. C., W. H. Weathers W. S., S. Eastman W. M., N. C. Holder W. C., J. N. Carter, J. E. Clarke and S. S. Eastman Trustees; together with such other Officers and members who now are, or here-

after may become connected with said Household be constituted and declared a body corporate under the name of the United Sisters of West Africa Household of Ruth No. 1547 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, with all the rights, privileges and immunities appertaining and belonging to other corporate bodies, with perpetual succession of Officers.

SEC. 2ND. That the said Household shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of Four Thousand five hundred Dollars (\$4500.00) and to plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 30, 1903.

Joint Resolution granting Wesa, a Niffo Krooman of Monrovia, Thirty (30) Acres of Land.

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 President is authorized to instruct the Land Commissioner, to grant an Order to Wesa, directed to any Government Surveyor for Thirty (30) acres of Land, out of any public lands not otherwise appropriated, at his own expense; said land being a special grant to him and the heirs of his body to be held by them entire, and upon failure or death of such heir or heirs, the said land shall revert back to the Government.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January, 15, 1904.

Joint Resolution restoring J. R. Priest to Citizenship.

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

SEC. 1ST That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution J. R. Priest of Sinoe County is restored to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship.

Any law to the contary notwithstanding

Approved January 15th 1904.

Joint Resolution granting the Citizens of Louisiana the benefit of re-surveying and plotting their Settlement at the Government's expense.

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 citizens of Louisiana be granted a Surveyor at the expense of the Government for the purpose of obtaining their deeds, as well as to plot and lay the Settlement as it was in former years.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting the Citizens of Bensonville Montserrade County a Surveyor to survey and give the Citizens their base line and boundary of the Settlement.

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 President is hereby authorized to order the survey of the base line and boundary of Bensonville, half of the expenses to be paid by the Government and half by the Citizens of said Settlement

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 15, 1904,

Joint Resolution for the special relief of Mary E. Ellis, Widow of the late S. E. Ellis of Sinoe County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of Two hundred dollars be annually appropriated for the benefit of Mary Ellis the widow of the late S. E. Ellis, and his children.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15, 1904,

Joint Resolution granting One Thousand (\$1000.00) dollars towards establishing the Girl's Training Institute on the Saint Paul's River and also an annuity of Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per annum for five (5) years to said Institute.

Whereas application has been made to the Legislature of this Republic by Bishop S. D. Ferguson of the Protestant Episcopal Mission for a grant of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars to assist in building the necessary houses for the Girl's Training Institute on the Saint Paul's River and also for an annual appropriation of Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per year towards the running expenses of said Institution.

And whereas it is the policy of the Government to encourage and assist according to its ability such enterprises that are calculated to benefit the country.

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 the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars is hereby granted towards the necessary buildings for the Girl's Training Institution on the Saint Paul's River and also Five hundred dollars per annum, for the period of Five years, for the said Institution.

SEC. 2ND. That 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 19, 1904.

Joint Resolution providing an annuity for Mrs. Edith C. Capehart of Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That an annuity of Seventy five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the aforementioned Edith C. Capehart, and the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized under direction of the President to draw for the same out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting an annuity to Hon. B. J. K. Anderson Sr. for faithful services

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, Hon. B. J. K. Anderson Sr, who has faithfully served his country, and being wounded, the effects of said wound telling on him in his old age, be given an annuity of Four hundred Dollars (\$400.00) during his natural life time

SEC. 2ND. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any monies in the public Treasury, under warrant of the President, not otherwise appropriated

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1904.

Joint Resolution to facilitate the Interchange of Mails between Liberia, Great Britain, Germany and other ports of Europe.

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

SEC. 1. That any steamer delivering at Monrovia or Harper, a mail within fifteen days after her departure from English, German or other European ports, shall have the right to take forty Boys (40) for ship's service without payment of fees to Government. Said vessel or vessels arriving after six o'clock p. m. may send her or their mails ashore to Post Master or Agent of line; and may transact all business relative to taking deck Laborers, or sending or taking mails or passengers, without incurring any penalty therefor. A list of all boys so taken must be handed over to the Shipping Master whose duty it shall be to ship all such boys, taking the Captain's or line Agent's bond, for the return to the Port or Ports from which they were taken.

SEC. 2. In case an epidemic shall exist at any Port of departure, the right of inspection shall after notice given, be exercised when the steamer shall arrive after six o'clock p. m. The Shipping Master shall be paid by Government for the above number of boys. The fee shall be ten (10) cents per head. All other laborees taken by said ships, shall be shipped under the law regulating the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1904.

An Act respecting Judicial and other Officers.

Whereas there should be a better system brought unto the Judiciary with respect to the claims of certain Officers connected with the Court. And whereas this matter, by being unnoticed, has caused great slackness of duty on the part of said Officers

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 bills of the Clerks of the several Courts of record within this Republic, the Sheriffs and Marshalls, shall before being presented to the Auditor for his approval, be submitted to the Judge or Judges of said Court or Courts, to be by him or them duly certified as required, to be fully and intelligently itemized, showing specifically and distinctly, each and every item of service therein claimed. And the provisions of this section shall also apply to County Attorneys, Constables and other persons connected with the Judiciary service; and any Judge of the said Courts of record failing to strictly comply with the provisions of this section, shall, upon the matter being properly shown to the President, be removed from office until the meeting of the next Legislature, who shall investigate the matter.

SEC 2ND. It is further enacted that in no case shall the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas sign the bills of Justices of the Peace for costs in cases sent forward unless the same be found properly itemized and not until the case or cases shall have found their terminus in said Courts.

SEC 3RD. It is further enacted that it shall not be lawful, and the Auditor is hereby forbidden to audit any bill or bills for persons who have served as Coroner or Coroner's Jurors over the body of any person or persons who shall be known to have been previously sick and died from natural consequences, unless such facts are not known to the Auditor previous to his approval of said bill or bills. The Coroner shall be held responsible for said unlawful bills, and shall be liable to prosecution therefor in any Court of competent jurisdiction; and upon conviction shall forfeit his Office and pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 19, 1904.

Joint Resolution reimbursing Zinda Ann King of Farmington River Montserrado County.

Whereas Zinda Ann King Widow of Moses N. King has shown to the Legislature by petition and vouchers that the Government is justly indebted to her late husband, and

Whereas it is not the purpose of the Government to withhold the legal claims of her citizens, 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 Zinda Ann King, widow of Moses N. King be reimbursed the amount of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2ND. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for the same under warrant of the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting an Annuity to sundry persons of Maryland County

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

SEC. 1ST. That an annuity of Seventy five dollars (\$75.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the heirs of F. T. Howard of Maryland County, R. A. Howard and M. A. Howard by name and the sum of Forty dollars (\$40.00) for Scissors of Half Garraway and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized under warrant of the President to draw for the same out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1904.

An Act to effect constructive notice of legal action upon absent defendants from this Republic.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, notice of the pendency or commencement of an action against an absent defendant from this Republic shall be effected by the publication of the writ of summons in some prominent newspaper in the County in which action is commenced, for the space of three months after the action is brought or by posting the said summons at the door of the Court House and in two other conspicuous places in the said County or Territory for the same space of time, should there be no newspaper published in the said County or Territory.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that after the publication or posting the said summons as mentioned in the above section for the time therein mentioned, should the said defendant fail to appear on the first Monday of the next ensuing term of Court thereafter, the plaintiff in such action shall be entitled to Judgment *pro-con-fesso*. This is also intended to apply to defendants whose whereabouts in this Republic are unknown; but shall not apply to such persons who have never resided in this Republic, nor to those who may be temporarily absent herefrom, either on business or pleasure.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1904.

Joint Resolution making an appropriation to build suitable Post Offices in the Counties of Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland.

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 Two Thousand dollars (\$2000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated for each of the aforesaid Counties, Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland, to build suitable Post Offices. And the Post Master General on report of the respective Superintendents of the said Counties, of the completion of said Post Offices, shall cause the Postal Order system to be put into operation.

SEC. 2ND. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same in favor of the Contractors who are to furnish all materials for said buildings. The said drafts are to be drawn out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated, account General Government, provided that nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be understood as to prevent the Post Master General from inaugurating the Postal Money Or-

der system in either of the aforementioned Counties at any time before the completion of the said Post Offices.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1904

Joint Resolution restoring C. A. King of Montserrado County to citizenship.

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

SEC. 1ST. That after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the said Charles A. King of Montserrado County, is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship, in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1904.

An Act supplementary to an Act chartering the City of Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

Whereas there are prevailing irregularities at present in the Municipal Government of Buchanan, owing to the Common Council having made certain appropriations far in excess of the revenue of said City, and whereas at present a considerable amount of claims against which, cannot be redeemed owing to a limited revenue; and whereas under a regime and mismanagement of affairs, the purpose of the Legislature in chartering or incorporating this City a body politic has not been met

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

SEC. 1ST. That the Salary of the Mayor shall be not more than Seventy five dollars per annum; Treasurer not more than Fifty dollars; Common Councilmen not more than Thirty dollars, each; Street Commissioner Upper Buchanan, not more than One hundred dollars; Street Commissioner Central Buchanan not more than One hundred and fifty dollars; Street Commissioner Lower Buchanan not more than One hundred and fifty dollars, and the City Clerk not more than Fifty dollars, per annum.

SEC 2ND. In all cases where the services of an Attorney at Law are required to guard the interest of the City, the County Attorney shall act, for which he shall receive a remuneration of not more than Fifty dollars, per annum.

SEC 3RD. That the Superintendent of the County shall, at as early a date as practicable, appoint three discreet persons for the purpose of registering the entire indebtedness of the City, which, when done, shall be submitted to the Mayor, to be paid by the Treasurer of the City, as soon as it is convenient so to do, provided the claims thus held, are found to be legal.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting aid to the citizens of Virginia Mo. Co. to build Two (2) bridges.

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 Two hundred (\$ 200. 00) Dollars for Capehart's Creek and the sum of three hundred (\$ 300.00) Dollars for the bridge between Virginia and Brewerville be and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Virginia to build the above named bridges.

SEC 2ND. The Secretary of the Treasury 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, 22, 1904.

Joint Resolution pensioning sundry persons of this Republic.

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, James M. Bailey shall receive One hundred (\$ 100.00) dollars, Julius Hamilton of Sinoe County shall receive Forty (\$ 40. 00) dollars, Isabella Neal of Montserrado County shall receive Sixty (\$ 60.00) dollars and Dan-

lette Clay of Robertsport shall receive (\$50.00) dollars, per annum, and said persons shall be placed on the pension list.

SEC. 2ND. 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 22, 1904.

Joint Resolution restoring James Anderson of Robertsport to citizenship.

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 Anderson of Robertsport, Territory of Grand Cape Mount, is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship, in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting aid to the Citizens of Sinoe County to bridge their swamp.

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 sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Louisiana in Sinoe County to bridge their swamp titled "Walnut Bridge."

SEC. 2ND. 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 22, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting aid to the citizens of Grand Bassa County to further extend their public highways.

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 Act the sum of One thousand dollars, (\$1000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the Citizens of Grand Bassa County, to put the road leading from Lower Buchanan eighteen miles (18) to the rear of Harlandsville in a good condition so that commerce can have an easy flow from the Interior to the City.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 22, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting an Annuity to Wesley Ford Gibson of Marshall, Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That an annuity of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated annually for the aforesaid Wesley F. Gibson, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, under warrant of the President to draw for the same out of any money in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1904.

An Act to Charter the College of West Africa.

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

SEC. 1. That J. C. Hartzell, Bishop of Africa for the Methodist Episcopal Church, W. T. Hagin, A. P. Camphor, E. Lyons, S. T. Prout, F. C. Holderness, D. E. Howard, A. D. Williams, F. T. Clark, R. T. Sherman, A. L. Sims, J. D. Summerville, Wiley Forte, Z. B. Roberts, J. S. Pratt, R. J. B. Watson, F. E. R. Johnson, C. F. O. King, H. W. Travis, Fred. Grant, W. B. Gant, John Mills, E. L. Parker and such persons as shall be appointed from time to time to succeed them are hereby created and constituted a body poli-

tie and corporate, under the name and title of the "Trustees of the College of West Africa" and henceforth shall be styled and known by that name; and by that name and style to remain and have perpetual succession, with power and authority to contract, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, to hold, purchase and convey, as well as mortgage or hypothecate property, real, personal and mixed, to the amount of One hundred thousand (\$100 000 00) dollars; to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at pleasure, to make, alter from time to time such byelaws as they may deem necessary for the government of said Institution and its officers.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an incorporated institution in the State of New York U. S. A., its Officers and Board of Managers together with the Bishop of Africa for the Methodist Episcopal Church is hereby legally created and constituted a Board of Trustees of the College of West Africa in the United States, acting conjointly with the Board in Liberia.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the President of the College of West Africa by virtue of his office shall at all times be a member of the Board of Trustees in Liberia.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that the Trustees in Liberia shall have the power to fix the time and place of their regular meetings, to elect the usual officers in such corporations and to make all necessary bye-laws for the regulation of their business and meetings. There shall be appointed by the President of the Board an Executive Committee consisting of Five members of the Board of Trustees.

The President of the College shall be exofficio Chairman of said Committee. The said Committee shall supervise such affairs as pertain to the general welfare of the College, and which require special consideration during the interim of the regular meetings of the Board, except in matters of instruction and discipline or other matters that legitimately fall within the purview of the Faculty.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted that there shall be twenty regular members of the Board of Trustees, besides the Bishop of Africa for the Methodist Episcopal Church and the President of the College. The persons hereinbefore named shall constitute the first Board of Trustees and in them and their successors conjointly with the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, its officers and Board of Managers, all power is hereby vested. The Board of Trustees in Liberia, after the approval of this Act shall be divided into three classes of seven each.

The first class shall hold office until the first regular meeting of the Board in 1905, and then at that first regular meeting and each year thereafter the said Board shall elect by ballot seven Trustees, and at no time shall less than three members of the entire Board be members of the Liberia Annual Conference, and two thirds of said Board shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted that the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church its officers and Board of Managers, together with the Bishop of Africa for the Methodist Episcopal Church conjointly with the Board of Trustees in Liberia and their successors shall be competent in law and equity to take to themselves in their said corporate name, real, personal or mixed estate, by gift, grant, bargain and sale, conveyance, will, devise or bequest to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars(100,000.00) of any person or persons whomsoever, and to place out at interest or otherwise, dispose of same for the endowment, use and support of the College, and in such manner as shall seem to be most beneficial to said Institution.

SEC. 7. It is further enacted that the Bishop of Africa for the Methodist Episcopal Church, as the representative of the Missionary Society may act for said Society, in all matters which pertain to the College, wherein said Society is concerned, and by virtue of his office shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Trustees in Liberia.

SEC. 8. It is further enacted that the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, its officers and Board of Managers conjointly with the Board of Trustees in Liberia, shall elect the President of the College on the nomination of the Bishop of Africa for the Methodist Episcopal Church. They shall also elect on the nomination of the President of the College such Professors, Tutors, Assistants and other officers of instruction and government of the College as they shall deem necessary; the emoluments, responsibilities and term of their respective officers to be fixed and determined by the Bishop of Africa for the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Missionary Society or a special Agent or Representative, whom they may appoint and the Executive Committee of the Board of Liberia.

SEC. 9. It is further enacted that the College of West Africa shall be opened to all the youths of Liberia and parts adjacent, irrespective of religion, sex or parentage; in the broadest sense it is denominational, but in no sense sectarian. It shall aim to impart thorough and practical knowledge in the following departments Collegiate, Theological, Industrial, Normal and Military,

SEC. 10. It is further enacted that the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, its Officers and Board of Managers together with the Bishop of Africa for the Methodist Episcopal Church conjointly with the Board of Trustees in Liberia, shall have power to establish in connection with the College, to organize and control, such preparatory schools or seminaries as it deems necessary.

The Board of Trustees in Liberia shall be further empowered to confer such literary, scientific or professional degrees and diplomas, regular and honorary, as are usually conferred by regular institutions of learning; provided however that no degree shall be conferred or diplomas issued without the recommendation of the President and Faculty of the College.

SEC. 11. It is further enacted that this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22 1904.

Joint Resolution reimbursing Jemima Snyder of Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1 That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Jemima Snyder is hereby reimbursed to the amount of Fifty-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$56.25).

SEC. 2 It is further resolved that 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 22 1904.

Joint Resolution incorporating The Grand Lodge of United Brothers of Friendship, and Sisters of the Mystical Ten, 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, Brothers N. H. B. Cassell Grand Master, R. V. Richards Deputy Grand Master, John L. Barnett Grand

Secretary, C. A. Lincoln Assistant Grand Secretary, Thos W. Howard Grand Treasurer, J. N. Davis D. D. C, for Montserrado County; J. R. Davis D. D. G, for Bassa County; A. C. Tucker D. D. G, for Maryland County; P. F. Simpson Grand Chaplain; G. W. Gibson jr Grand Lecturer; L. M. Ferguson G. S. M; J. R. Cooper G. J. M; J. W. Ash G. J. S; A. A. Brumskine G. O. S; S. F. Brown Grand Pilot; J. G. Thomas G. R. S; H. L. White G. L. S; W. J. McBurrough G. S. B; W. N. Scott, J. W. Cooper jr, L. D. Davis, P. J. Brumskine, S. D. Ferguson jr Grand Council of five, W. D. Coleman, W. S. Davis, J. S. Summerville and T. J. Harris Grand Managers, all of the Republic of Liberia, together with such others as may become members of said Grand Lodge of this Republic, shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate, to the amount of Ten Thousand dollars (\$ 10,000.00) for the use and benefit of the Grand Lodge of United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten, and shall have perpetual succession of Officers under the name and style aforesaid, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 2 And be it further resolved that the Grand Lodge of United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten of the Republic of Liberia, are hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such bye-laws, rules and regulations for their government as they may deem expedient, provided such bye-laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22 1904.

Joint Resolution providing for the building of a Court House and Jail at Careysburg Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1 That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the building and completion of a Court House and Jail in the township of Careysburg Montserrado County.

SEC. 2 It is further resolved that the materials for said building shall be of durable wood; such as white-gum, sassy-wood, mulberry, brimstone, cedar, walnut, burrwood and the like of the body of said building. Planks for floors, partitions,

windows, doors, and frames for same, ceiling etc., shall be of durable wood such as brimstone, mulberry, whistmore sassy, wood and burrwood.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the foundation for said building shall be of rock basement or pillars, two and a half or three feet high, the size of this building shall be thirty-seven feet six inches by twenty feet. Seven feet six inches for piazza making the main body of said building 30x20 feet, seventeen feet six inches high.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that there shall be three floors to said building, the first floor to contain four rooms, three for Jail purposes and one for the Jailor. The second floor for the Court with a room for the office of the Clerk and Registrar. There shall also be on the third floor a Commissary and Debtors room. This building is to be done in workmanlike manner, with stairs running from the piazza with columns and bannisters up and down, being covered and closed in with corrugated iron. And the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President be, and is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise ordered.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22 1904.

Joint Resolution fixing the tariff or duty on certain articles.

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 duty on all ale and stout shall be (37) thirty seven cents per gallon, and the duty on all cigarettes shall be 12½c/0 advalorem and that the duty on soap shall be (0) one cent per pound, and that on Kerosene shall be thirty cents (30) per case payable in gold coin.

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

Approved January 22, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting an annuity to Dr. E. W. Blyden.

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 Annuity of Four hundred dollars (\$400.00

be and the same is hereby granted to Dr. E. W. Blyden for and during the remainder of his natural life.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting to Chief Nimley and his people aid to clean out the swamp between Papper's Town and Lexington, of Sinoe County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the sum of One hundred and fifty (\$ 150.00) dollars is hereby appropriated to aid Chief Nimley and his people to clean out the above named creek.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1904.

An Act to amend An Act relative to the appointment of the Bureau of Statistics and the duties of said Officers so appointed
Approved January 14, 1903.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the above cited Act be so amended as to read, that the Statistician so appointed, whose duty shall be to gather, arrange and compile all such statistics relative to commerce and such subjects as he may deem proper for public information, shall report the same to the Secretary of the Treasury quarterly at least fifteen days after the end of each quarter of each fiscal year. And the said Statistician shall also be required to make his annual report to the Legislature during the first week of the Session.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to have said report of reports referred to in the first section of this Act printed and a copy be furnished each member of the Legislature as well as each head Official of Government.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that two hundred (200) Copies be forwarded to the Sub Treasurer of each of the Leeward Counties, and three hundred (300) copies to the Sub Treasurer of Montserrado County, and the Territory of Grand Cape Mount and the several Districts shall be furnished with copies of same in proportion, charged in their accounts to be sold at the rate of fifty cents (50cts) for public benefit, all such monies arising from the sale of said copies, shall be for the support of the Government printing Office of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1904.

Joint Resolution incorporating the Monrovia Hospital Association

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

SEC. 1. That after the passage of this Joint Resolution Samuel T. Prout, Chairman, W. E. Dennis, Secretary, Frederick Grant, Treasurer, Bishop S. D. Ferguson, D. E. Howard, Dr. Ernest Lyons, A. D. Williams, C. T. O. King, C. D. King, C. B. Dunbar, N. H. B. Cassell, Wesley Toles and others, all of the Republic of Liberia, are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of *The Monrovia Hospital Association*, with perpetual succession of Officers, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Managers and other Officers as they may find necessary from time to time.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that they are hereby granted the privilege of taking and holding real and personal property to the value of Ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, as well as to convey the same, and to sue and be sued plead and be impleaded before any Court having competent jurisdiction of this Republic, and to do all other acts that are not repugnant to the Constitution and the laws of this Republic in common with other bodies, corporate and politic.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27th, 1904.

Joint Resolution pensioning Mrs. Bond of Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the sum of Sixty (\$60.00) dollars per annum, be, and the same is hereby appropriated as a pension to Mrs. Bond, of Montserrado County, whose husband died whilst serving as a private soldier in the Anglo Liberian Boundary Commission.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury 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 27th 1904.

An Act amending the Law on Descent

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

SEC. 1. That after the passage of this Act, any citizen of Liberia dying intestate, and without heirs, direct or collateral; and leaving property, real or personal or both, said property shall go to the parents of the deceased in equal proportion, and from them to the heirs of the parent from whom the owner of the property descended, and in case of the death of the parent before the death of the intestate said property shall vest in the heirs of said parents in his or her stead.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27th 1904.

An Act amending the several existing Acts granting to Careysburg and Marshall respectively a Provisional Monthly and Probate Court and fixing the powers of the same.

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

SEC. 1. That the Provisional Monthly and Probate Courts constituted and established at Careysburg and Marshall in the County of Montserrado, shall hold the monthly sessions

in their respective townships on the days provided for in the Old Statute, presided over by a Judge respectively, regularly appointed by the President, who shall hold office by the same tenure as other Judges, being subject to the same course of procedure for official misconduct.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the Clerks and Sheriffs of said Courts, before entering upon the duties of their Office shall give bond each with good security of not less than Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for the faithful performance of the duties pertaining to their office. Each Court shall have a seal. Said Courts shall have power to punish for contempt in a fine of not more than (\$30.00) Thirty dollars and imprisonment during its session at the will of the Judge. All such fines and other fines, shall be faithfully collected by the Sheriffs and paid into the Sub Treasury, taking receipt for same.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the Jurisdiction of said Provisional Monthly and Probate Courts shall simply be that as provided for in the Acts constituting and establishing said Courts, subject to the amendments herein provided in Section 1st of the Act of 1863, be so amended, as not to include cases of Ejectment.

SEC. 4. All laws or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 28, 1904.

Joint Resolution appointing an Attorney for the District of Territory of Grand Cape Mount.

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 is hereby authorized to appoint an Attorney in the Territory of Grand Cape Mount whose duty it shall be to represent the Judicial interests of the Republic in said Territory; except to prosecute in cases originating in the Courts of Quarter Session. He shall be the legal adviser to the Superintendent of said Territory and shall be a member of his council, and shall have the power to order and supervise the investigation of all criminal matters of an indictable nature and direct that the same be sent forward to the Court of Quarter Sessions.

His salary shall be one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per annum. He shall supervise all matters of an indictable nature arising in Courts of the Justices of Peace, and when

of sufficient magnitude he shall have same forwarded to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1904.

Joint Resolution incorporating the Cadets of Temperance No. 1 Maryland County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution D. M. W. P. C. H. Tascoe, usher, W. A. Tubman, Grand Guide, W. A. L. J. Wells, Inside Watchman, R. B. Watkins, Outside Watchman, Patrons, A. E. Tubman, C. H. Campbell and Edward Knight, V. A. F. B. Nelson Secretary, L. A. Whitmore Assistant Secretary, H. A. Biggins Treasurer, S. R. Wilson, Paul A. Davis, J. W. Scotland A. Sprinet, A. M. Watkins, C. H. Scotland and P. E. Howard be and they are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Cadets of Temperance No. 1 Maryland County and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, may own real and personal estate and property to the value of (\$10,000.00) Ten thousand dollars, make bye laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this Republic; and do such other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intentions of their organisation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1904.

Joint Resolution fixing the day for adjournment of the first Session of the Twenty ninth 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. 1. That the first Session of the Twenty ninth Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *sine die* on the (30th) thirtieth day of January 1904.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting to the Citizens of Caldwell Mo. Co. aid to build their bridges.

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 two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$225.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Caldwell Mo. Co. to build their bridges namely; for Henry Russells creek near the small river one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00); the creek leading to Jimerson town near F. T. Clarke's place, twenty five dollars (\$25.00) Robertson creek on Front Street, Fifty dollars (\$50.00) and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting Mrs. Florida B. Ashton of Maryland County, aid in maintaining a female school for native girls.

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

SEC. 1. That after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per annum, be and the same is hereby granted to Mrs. Florida B. Ashton to aid her in maintaining and training the said native girls under her care, as long as a number of not less than eight are kept by her. The Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized and directed 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 28, 1904.

Joint Resolution providing for the relief of the City of Monrovia

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

SEC. 1. That the Corporation of the City of Monrovia is hereby allowed and permitted to import from abroad

Petroleum, Cement, Lamps, and all other articles which are intended to be used in improving and lighting the City, duty free, and when so ordered shall not be used for any other purpose, excepting such as is provided for in this Resolution under a penalty of forfeiture of the right herein granted.

SEC. 2. That whenever the prisoners in the common jail at Monrovia are not engaged in Government service, the Sheriff of Montserrado County shall on the requisition of the Mayor of said City, place them at the disposal of the City authorities; provided, the City shall furnish their board.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1904.

Joint Resolution providing aid to the Citizens of Grand Bassa County to clear out the Mechin River.

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 thousand dollars (\$ 3000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the cleaning out of the said river in the County of Grand Bassa, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized under warrant of the President to draw for the same out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1904.

Joint Resolution making an appropriation for the publication of Fifteen hundred copies of Stevens' National Reader.

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 Reader known as "Stevens' National Reader" shall be adopted as the Standard Reader in each of the Public Schools of this Republic and Colleges receiving financial aid from the Government, provided that nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be understood to prevent the use of any other reader in any of the Schools and Colleges of this Republic.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of Seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to print and bind Fifteen hundred (1500) copies of the said Reader 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 monies in the Public Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that when the said Readers are printed and in the hands of the General Superintendent of Public Instruction, he is to forward copies to the Commissioners of Education of the several Counties, who shall debit the same to the account of the School Fund of said Counties, and the Commissioners of Education of the several Counties are required to sell the said Readers to the pupils at Fifty (50) cents each in Gold, Silver or Copper coin, or Liberian Currency, to be placed in the Sub-Treasury taking his receipt for the same, and credit the same to the account of Public School Funds.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1904.

Joint Resolution granting Henry Hughes, Esqr. of Grand Bassa County, the exclusive rights of gathering and exporting the substance known as Clay Fibre Rush for the space of Eight years.

Whereas Henry Hughes, Esqr. has discovered within the Territory of Liberia by researches made from time to time, the above named article of trade and whereas it is the intention of the said Henry Hughes Esqr. to further develop the said article of trade, and to bring it on equal basis with any other product of trade. And whereas the said Henry Hughes Esqr. has petitioned the Legislature to grant him the sole exclusive right to develop the said substance.

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 Hughes Esqr. of Grand Bassa County is hereby granted the sole exclusive right of collecting and exporting from Grand Bassa County and the non exclusive rights in all other Counties of the Republic of Liberia for the space of Eight years, from the first day in March A. D. 1904 the substance known as Clay Fibre Rush.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the said Henry Hughes Esqr. and others, shall be required to pay over to the Govern-

ment as duties on the said substance the sum of one cent per pound, in gold or silver coin only, and when collected, shall be used as other duties.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1904.

Joint Resolution providing for a Wireless Telegraph System.

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

That the sum of Ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, to be expended over a period of four years, is hereby appropriated for the building and equipping of Wireless Telegraph Stations, between the principal Seaport towns, and trading points of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1904.

A Resolution providing for the creation of a Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

SEC. 1ST. That the President of the Republic is hereby empowered to create and organize a Bureau of Agriculture, at the head of which shall be a Commissioner who shall be an experienced Farmer.

SEC. 2ND. The duty of said Officer shall be to promote the interest of agricultural education and investigation in the Republic; to collect information with regard to the condition, prospect and harvest of the principal crops and forest products; to make investigations and disseminate information concerning the feasibility of extending the demands of foreign markets for the agricultural and forest products of the Republic; to purchase, if necessary, and distribute valuable seeds, and to arrange for and supervise experiments with respect thereto. The salary of said Officer shall be Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per annum.

SEC. 3RD. It is hereby made the duty of the Townships at their annual October meetings to appoint a committee of three experienced farmers to assist and cooperate with the Com-

missioner in the discharge of the duties indicated above. The Committee will receive no pay. In case the Town meetings do not appoint the Committee, the Commissioner will then do so.

SEC. 4TH. The Secretary of the Treasury shall place at the disposal of the Bureau, the sum of Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) annually to be expended for literature, seeds and experimental purposes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved January 30, 1904.

Joint Resolution Incorporating the No. 1 Union Brass Band Company of Hartford Grand Bassa.

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, J. W. Diggs, Jr. Pres. John T. Barnard, Band Master J. E. Clark Assistant Band Master, James R. Clark Secretary C. A. Reeves Treasurer, R. L. Griggs, J. J. Griggs, S. S. Smith, W. J. Forte and others of Hartford in the County of Grand Bassa, and such other persons as may become members of said Brass Band, are hereby declared a body politic corporate under the name and style of the No. 1 Union Brass Band Company of Hartford, and by that name and style, shall sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any courts of competent jurisdiction of this Republic; to make and ordain such bye-laws and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this Republic and to hold real and personal property and do such things as are done by corporations of a like nature.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th, 1904.

An Act permitting Foreigners residing at ports of Entry to the coastwise, at places not ports of Entry.

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

SEC. 1. That foreign merchants, and traders residing at

Ports of Robersport, Monrovia, Marshall, Buchanan, Greenville and Harper, having establishments at said ports are permitted to trade coastwise at points not ports of Entry under such regulations as may be formulated and published by the Executive Government from time to time under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2ND. It is further enacted that Foreign Merchants and traders, having establishments in the above named ports, may trade coastwise and may establish factories at points on the coast not ports of Entry, where the Government may deem it safe to allow such contact with the aborigines, providing however, at all such points the factors shall be Liberian citizens. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent Foreign, owners or agents from visiting said factories and taking stock of the same. In all respects factors shall be held answerable in cases of fraud, embezzlement, cheat or other acts of dishonesty, before any court of competent jurisdiction, and punished as provided for in the common law and other laws in force in the Republic.

SEC. 3RD. It is further enacted that the annual license for trading at the points above referred to shall be the same as are now paid for license to trade at regular ports of entry; Rum license not excepted. All licenses to trade at said points shall be paid into the County Treasury where such points are. The license shall be granted as in other cases by the clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions. All license money accruing from said trading points shall go to the chiefs and headmen at said points, who shall covenant with the Government before receiving the same, that they will do their best to induce unobstructed trade from the Interior to such points; to afford aid in the apprehension of all robberies and to protect and defend factors, owners and Government officials at said points; and on failure to do so they shall lose the benefit of the license money herein appropriated for them.

en. SEC. 4TH It is further enacted that in all cases where foreigners enjoying the benefit of this act, so conduct themselves as to incite the natives to rebel against the Government or where from the hostile attitude of the natives to traders or Government, danger threatens, the Government reserves to itself to interdict trade and intercourse at such points, until the law and authority of Government is duly recognized and obeyed by the Natives at such points, and may order the removal of Foreign traders and Factors from such points, until then. And in no case shall indemnity be claimed by foreigners for such removal nor for buildings and improvements at such points. And should any factory or factories

be destroyed by fire or otherwise, the Government shall investigate the cause and punish any person or persons found guilty of such depredation according to the laws of the Republic, but in no case shall foreign owners claim any indemnity beyond such as is granted under the laws of Liberia in such cases provided.

SEC. 5th. It is further enacted that at trading points along the Coast, Merchants, Traders, or factors may alone hoist and float their house flags, and at all such trading points the National flag of Liberia shall constitute the standard of all such trading points. To this end the President shall cause the chiefs of all such points not Ports of Entry open to trade, to be furnished with a Liberian flag to be hoisted daily at such points. Any merchant, trader or Factor violating the provisions of this section, may be held liable in any court of competent jurisdiction of the Republic, and on proof and conviction shall be fined in a sum not less than fifty dollars for each offense.

SEC. 6TH. It is further enacted that all arrangements for land on which to erect factories or houses, shall be submitted to and approved by Government, and not with the natives on the coast. And any person employed in factories at such points who shall be found creating disturbances among the Natives shall be deported by order of the Government to such part from which he was engaged.

SEC. 7th. It is further enacted that all produce bought at said points shall be conveyed to the regular ports of Entry above named and shipped from thence abroad under the revenue law of the Republic.

SEC. 8th. It is further enacted that all goods imported for trade on the coast, shall be landed at one of the ports above named and duties paid on same and transhipped to the coast from said ports.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan'y 30th, 1904.

Joint Resolution authorizing the cleaning out of Jar-baker's Creek also for the opening of a road on the North West Boundary line to the end of our limits in the interior and to place fortifications and Public Force on same.

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 sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars is hereby appropriated for the cleaning out of Jar-baker's creek, and five thousand

(\$5000) dollars for opening the road and bridging the creeks on said road, that is allowing one thousand dollars (\$1000.) for each fifty miles of road, and bridging the said road; to commence at Larweelah on the Manoh River and to run on the boundary line or as near as possible.

SEC. 2ND. The President is directed to establish on said road at reasonable distances apart, fortifications with suitable Police Force, one Chief Commissioner and as many Sub Commissioners as may be necessary, the Sub Commissioners and Police Force are to act under direction of the Chief Commissioner.

SEC. 3RD. That as there is no law at present defining the duties of Commissioners and Police Force on said road, instructions must be given by the Executive Government.

SEC. 4TH. That for the maintainence of Commissioners, officers and Police Force, as well as the pay of same, the sum of Ten thousand (\$10000) dollars pay, and for maintainence for carriers three thousand (\$3000.) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to draw for the within several appropriations under warrant of the President, out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th. 1904.

Joint Resolution authorizing and directing the President to open certain roads in the County of Maryland.

Whereas, owing to the need of public roads in the interior and a better system of communication to be held between the Government and our interior native population, who left to themselves are continually at war with each other, and being so far beyond the trading centers of Liberian traders; the greater portion of the market products of our hinterland are either wasted or decoyed away to the adjacent foreign Colonies, and whereas the Government should do something by way of opening regular commercial communication with the Natives of the interior, and inaugurate some plans and means, whereby the natives may become more identified with the Government, and thereby, more safely secure the territory of our hinterland.

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 President be and is hereby authoriz-

ed and directed to open in the County of Maryland one public highway extending from the port of Webo on the Cavalla river interiorward to the Glaion section of the Pra country and to establish on the said road thereon more stations, thereby dividing this vast extent of country into three or more districts.

SEC 2ND It is further resolved that one Commissioner shall be appointed to reside at each of said stations, whose duties shall be the same as the Native African Commissioner, within his or their districts, and shall received the sum of three hundred dollars per annum as his salary and one hundred dollars for traveling expenses.

SEC 3RD. It is further resolved that the President be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish each or such of said commissioners as shall be found necessary with a suitable police force to act under the direction of said Commissioner or Commissioners in keeping and preserving peace on the said road and among the several tribes in the section of the Country. The said police to receive each a compensation, not more than eight dollars per month, with board and lodging at said Station free.

SEC 4TH. It is further resolved that the President be and is hereby authorized and directed to open a highway leading from Sheppard's lake in the County of Maryland to Demar-loo on the Cavalla river, thereby connecting the two water ways for the convenience of trade and travel between Harper Cape Palmas and the Cavalla river.

SEC 5TH. And the sum of Sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) be and is hereby appropriated to open the said road leading into the interior from the Port of Webo. And the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the road between Sheppards lake and Demar-loo, and the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is authorized and directed to draw for the same under warrant of the President out of any General Government fund not otherwise appropriated.

SEC 6TH It is further resolved that the sum of one dollar payable in coin or Liberian currency be and he is hereby levied on all male inhabitants in the County of Maryland from the age of sixteen to sixty years, which shall be collected by a collector or collectors to be appointed by the President, and paid into the Sub Treasury of said County as a special fund to be used towards aiding the carrying into effect the provisions of this Resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1904.

Joint Resolution amending the patent granted J. H. Hughes and J. H. Wilkins of Grand Bassa County, Approved January 30, 1902.

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 said J. H. Hughes and J. H. Wilkins are hereby granted the further right of instituting legal action against any person or persons interfering with the aforesaid right granted them in any of the Courts of the Republic having competent Jurisdiction for a damage of not more than One thousand dollars (\$1000.00) the said interference is so understood as to mean, the gathering buying and shipping the said Vegetable Ivory from this Republic.

SEC. 2ND. It is further resolved that the said J. H. Hughes and J. H. Wilkins shall not transfer the aforesaid rights thus granted to any person or persons, firm or firms without the approval of the Executive Government

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 30, 1904.

An Act repealing an Act entitled an Act Amendatory to the Joint Resolution passed and Approved January 20th 1897

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person in the several Counties and Territories of this Republic to go about soliciting the Natives or Americo Liberian citizens to leave the country to emigrate as laborers to any place outside the territory of this Republic before they shall have taken out license to do so. For said license they shall pay the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) in gold coin into the Sub Treasury of the County in which he or they shall desire to operate, said license shall be given by the Superintendent of the said County upon payment of the above named sum. The license thus obtained shall not be transferable to any one else. The penalty of the violation of this section shall be a fine of Two hundred dollars and six months imprisonment, one half of the fine to go the informer and the other half to the Government.

SEC. 2. Any persons, company or firm, employing laborers for services abroad must give a bond with security of one

hundred and fifty dollars for each laborer to the effect, that he or they will return said laborer to the port in this Republic from which he or they were taken, two months after the time of services expires for which they were engaged. In case of death a certificate of his or their death properly certified must be presented, and upon failure to present said certificate two months after the time of engagement expires as above cited they shall be fined the sum of One hundred dollars for each laborer yearly until he returns or the certificate is presented. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the County of Maryland.

SEC. 3. A proper and correct Register must be kept by the Shipping Master in a book, of the name of each laborer shipped, day and date of shipping, also the period of service for, and date of his or their returning. Any person or persons, Company or Firm, having laborers to ship must notify the Shipping Master of the place the laborers are to be shipped to, two days at least before they are ready to be shipped. On failure to keep said register the said Shipping Master shall be fined the sum of Five hundred dollars and dismissed from office. The above penalty shall be enforced by any Court having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. The fee per head for each laborer shipped shall be Five dollars (\$5.00) in gold coin in each of the Counties and Territories of this Republic.

SEC. 5. That two thirds of the money accruing from the shipment of laborers, and fines for violation of the shipping laws, shall be set apart for General Government purposes one half of said amount shall be used for the purpose of bringing over Immigrants of a desirable class from America and the West Indies. The foregoing section shall not be so construed as to include laborers for working on board ships. The fee on such laborers shall be one dollars per head payable in gold. The Shipping Master shall receive from the first day of February 1904 a fee of fifty cents for each laborer shipped to foreign parts, and for all deck laborers, he shall receive ten cents (10cts) per head.

SEC. 6. The Shipping Masters of the several Counties and Territories shall give a bond of Two thousand (\$2000.00) Dollars each, and immediately after the money is collected they shall turn the same over to the Sub Treasurers of the different Counties and Territories. And no arrangement shall be made to prevent the Shipping Master from receiving his fee upon each laborer shipped from his County or Territory at the time of paying said shipping monies into the Sub Treasuries.

No Shipping Master shall receive his fee until he exhibits to the Sub Treasurer of his County or Territory, one, at least of the shipping documents, countersigned by the Captain or other person taking laborers or deck boys. The Sub Treasurer shall endorse the paper so presented and this shall be sent up with the Shipping Master's report.

SEC. 7. The Shipping Master shall report as all other reporting officers, said report shall be made out in triplicate forms, one to be forwarded to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, one to the Bureau of Statistics, and one to the Secretary of the Treasury. On failure to report he shall be fined not less than Five hundred Dollars, and forfeiture of his bond, said reports shall be made quarterly. One third of all revenues accruing from the shipment of laborers; license for shipping and fines for violation of the shipping laws shall be kept in the Sub Treasuries and paid out on County claims under the warrant of the President, and the remaining two thirds set apart by the provisions of Section fifth of this Act shall be forwarded to the Treasury Department at Monrovia monthly by the Sub Treasurers.

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