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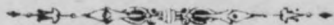
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DURING THE SESSION 1904—1905.

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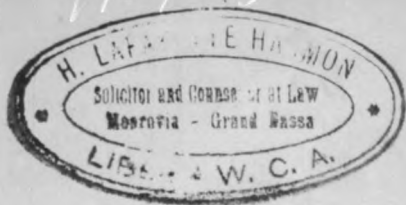


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Joint Resolution incorporating the No. 1 Brass Band Crozierville.

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, Isaac N. Holder President, Samuel R. Holder Band Master, Jas. A. Holder Assistant and Master, Alfred E. Padmore, Secy., N. C. Holder Treasurer, P. N. Caddle Band Solicitor, R. N. Holder, John T. Carter, J. A. S. Padmore, Rurel Wharton, J. H. Porte, Hezekiah D. Nurse, Victor E. Brathwait and others of the settlement of Crozierville and such other persons as may become members of said No. 1 Brass Band Company, are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the No. 1 Brass Band Company Crozierville of the Republic of Liberia and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of One Thousand (\$1000) dollars 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. 2. It is further resolved that the No. 1 Brass Band of Crozierville, is permitted to do all other matters and things done by similar bodies corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 23rd, 1904.

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Joint Resolution reimbursing A. L. Wilson, Maryland County.

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

SEC. 1. That immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President is hereby authorized and directed to direct the Superintendent of Maryland County, to furnish A. L. Wilson with another certificate for thirty (30) Acres of Bounty Land, out of any public land not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 23rd, 1904.

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Joint Resolution granting aid to the citizens of Louisiana, Since County to open and re-dig their Canal leading to the wharf.

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 Five hundred (\$500) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to aid the citizens of Louisiana in redigging and cleaning out their canal leading up to the wharf.

SEC. 2. It further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury under the warrant of the President, shall draw for the same out of any money in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 23rd, 1904.

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An Act amendatory to an Act defining Fornication and Adultery.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the above cited Act be and is hereby amended to

read "That where any man and woman not being married shall live together in a state of public offensive lewdness, he and she shall be liable to indictment and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty five Dollars (\$ 25.00) nor more than One hundred Dollars (\$ 100.00) or imprisonment in the Common Jail for a term of not less than one or more than six months."

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 5, 1905.

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An Act incorporating the General Convocation of the Missionary District of Cape Palmas and parts adjacent of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

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, Bishop S. D. Ferguson, N. H. B. Cassell, W. D. Coleman, R. C. Cooper, S. G. Harmon, J. N. F. Davis, C. M. W. Cooper, G. W. Gibson Jr, S. D. Ferguson Jr, J. J. Dossen, Trustees and other officers who may be elected from time to time, together with all persons who are now or hereafter may become members of the General Convocation of the Missionary District of Cape Palmas and parts adjacent Protestant Episcopal Church, are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic bearing the said name, and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the use and benefit of the said Missionary District, and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members as may be elected from time to time; may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court of Law or equity of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and do all other Acts and things done in similar Bodies Corporate and Politic.

SEC 2. It is further enacted that the said General Convocation is hereby vested with full power and authority

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to sell, lease or exchange any estate or property by them acquired, whenever the interests of the work under their management seems to require it. And, further the said General Convocation is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such laws rules and regulations for their Government as they may deem expedient, provided such laws rules and regulations be not repugnant to the laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 5, 1905.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the M. E. Church of Louisiana, Sinoe County.

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 P. E. Walker, Pastor, P. N. Railey, B Montgomery, John Madison, Chas. B. Kennedy, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Louisiana, Sinoe County, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of the M. E. Church of Louisiana, Sinoe County and as such may hold property to the value of Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts having competent Jurisdiction of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 5th, 1905.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the President to settle the disturbances existing among the tribes along the Frontier of the Counties of Montserrado and 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 immediately after the passage of

this Joint Resolution the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to adopt such measures as will be necessary to restore peace and order between the tribes engaged in war in the vicinity of Owensgrove and the Farmington rivers along the frontier of the Counties of Montserrado and Grand Bassa and the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the provisions of this Joint Resolution. And the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is authorized to draw for the same from any General Government funds not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 5th, 1905.

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A Joint Resolution granting to the Citizens of Louisiana and Bluntsville aid to build a Highway and Bridge over the Creek between the said Settlements in the County of Sinoe.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars be and the same is hereby granted and appropriated to the Citizens of Louisiana and Bluntsville of Sinoe County to throw up a public highway, and to build a substantial Bridge across the creek between the said Settlements.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the said highway shall not be less than 12 feet wide, and shall be sufficiently high to prevent the overflow of high water, ditched on both sides and built of durable material.

SEC. 3. 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 not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 5th, 1905.

Joint Resolution incorporating the "Eureka" Lodge, No. 127, United Brothers of Friendship 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, C. M. W. Cooper, W. M; S. A. Ross, D. M; T. E. McCarthy, W. S; Allen Peal, A. W S; C. O. Tuning, W. T; B. J. Turner, E. A. Strong, and S. H. Dickinson, Trustees; and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them be and they are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of "Eureka" Lodge, No. 127, United Brothers of Friendship, Sinoe County; and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of competent jurisdiction of this Republic; may own real and personal property to the value of Ten thousand dollars (\$ 10,000.00); may make bye-laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this Republic, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intentions of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 5, 1905.

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A Joint Resolution incorporating the "Loving Link" Temple, No. 127, of the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, 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, Annie E. Davis, W. P; Mary E. Hunter, V. P; Anna M. Wynn, W. Secy; Molly A. A. Holmes, Asst. W. Secy; Abbis G. Hardy, W. Treas; Nellie E. Shaw, W. C; Clara Bowens, S. M; Phona A. Slight, Jr., M; Lydia A. Brown, J. G. K; Arabella S. R. Chesson, J. G. K; Susan N. Ash, P; Joseph N. Parker, F. G; James W. Ash, C; Thomas A. Hunter, J; and other officers and members of the "Loving Link"

Temple, No. 127 of the Sisters of the Mysterions Ten of the United Brothers of Friendship of Montserrado County, and their successors in office, be and they are hereby declared a body corporate and politic by and under the above mentioned name and style; may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of competent jurisdiction of this Republic; may make and ordain such bye-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this Republic and may hold and enjoy real and personal property to the value of Ten thousand dollars (\$ 10,000.00); and shall enjoy all other rights and privileges that are enjoyed by similar bodies corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 5, 1905.

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Joint Resolution defining what officials of Government shall transmit and receive communications through the Post Offices of the Republic free of taxation.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President, Vice President, Members of the Executive Cabinet, Superintendents, and other County Officers whose duty it shall be to tender reports to the Central Government, or hold official communications with other public officers in any County of the Republic including all Military officers, shall be privileged to transmit and receive all letters and other written or printed communications, to and from each other through the Post Office free of taxation, provided said communications be on official business.

SEC. 2 It is further resolved that all members of the Legislature and Judges of the Supreme Court including the officers, shall be privileged to transmit and receive all written or printed Communications whether letters or other docu-

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ments through the Post Office free, during their respective Sessions.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved, that the official or Public Character of communications shall be indicated by writing or printing the words "public" or "official" on the cover of said communications or other documents together with the name of the sender.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by two third vote of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, January 6, 1905.

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Joint Resolution granting to Rev. W. A. Warner Superintendent of the "El Bethel" Mission, Cape Palmas, Liberia a certain tract of land for Mission purposes.

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, one hundred acres of land in the settlement of Watheke in the County of Maryland, be and is hereby granted to Rev. W. A. Warner, Superintendent of the El Bethel Mission "Frederick Rowe Station" for the purpose of erecting buildings, schools, Churches and conducting other religious Missionary business operations upon and the said Mission shall be entitled to hold and enjoy the said tract of land so long as it be used for its legitimate purpose.

And the President be and is hereby authorized and directed to grant a deed to said Mission for the land herein above granted.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th 1905.

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A Joint Resolution granting the citizens of Mount Olive of Montserrado County assistance in erecting a Bridge across the creek in that settlement.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125 00) be and the same is hereby granted and appropriated to the citizens of Mount Olive to assist them in building a Bridge across the creek running through the said settlement, said Bridge is to be built of durable materials and to be not less than six feet wide, and to be substantially framed to prevent its being carried away by the highwater and strong current.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th, 1905.

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Joint Resolution Incorporating the A. M. E. Church Cape Palmas.

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 E. Gibson, Pastor, Allen N. Yancy and Samuel J. Dossen, Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Cape Palmas County of Maryland, be and are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of the A. M. E. Church of Palmas, and as such may hold property to the value of five thousand dollars, may sue and be sued, plead and implead in any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18th 1905.

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Joint Resolution declaring how aborigines may enjoy elective franchise within this Republic.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, in no case shall a deed be granted to any aboriginee for a town lot to which he or they may be entitled as a grant from the Government until he or they shall have built and completed a frame dwelling house thereon, covered with plank, sheet iron, tiles, or shingles, or a house of stone, brick, logs, or mud, of sufficient size to accommodate himself and family. And on all parcels of farmland granted by the Government, before a deed is granted, the party entitled thereto shall be required to put same under cultivation, at least one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of said tract in Coffee, Palmtrees, Rubber, Cocoa, or such other valuable specimens of marketable products.

SEC. 2. And it is further Resolved that no Election Registrar shall register the names of any person or persons, where the said names appear in a deed containing the names of more than three (3) persons, unless said deed be of "Ancient date;" that is to say,—twenty years old or the person applying for registration under said deed shall prove to the registrar that he is a co-heir with the other persons named therein or be a member with them in some Incorporated Company or Firm; and shall swear that the property described in the deed was not granted with a fraudulent intent either to secure or influence the vote of the said applicant; and any person who shall be known to make a false oath to the facts required to be proven in this section either as the applicant, or a witness; he or they shall be deemed guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury and subject to the penalty of the Law in such cases as provided for in the Criminal Code of 1900.

SEC. 3. And it is further resolved that any Registrar who shall fail or neglect to comply with the provisions of section second of this Resolution shall be liable to a fine of

Twenty five dollars (\$25,00) for each and every name so registered.

Approved January 20th. 1905.

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An Act relating to Private Bonded Warehouse and repealing so much of the same passed A. D. 1900.

Whereas it is apparent that private bonded warehouses have proven detrimental to the interest of the Customs.

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, Section 3rd. of the Act of the Legislature passed A. D. 1900, relating to private bonded warehouses, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that all goods, wares and merchandise shall be placed into the government bonded warehouses under the laws governing the same; and in no case shall articles on which duties are assessable be allowed to be taken from the bonded warehouses of the several ports of this Republic before the lawful duties are paid. The provisions of this Act refer only to such ports of entry where the government has bonded warehouses in operations.

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

Approved January 21, 1905.

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An Act amendatory to an Act fixing the Tariff on certain goods approved January. 12th A. D. 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 third section of the said Act be so amended as to read, The one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the duty on all liquor shall be applied to the loan of A. D. 1871, and one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the same for

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C o u n t y purposes, the remaining one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) to be for General Government purposes.

SEC. 2nd That any law conflicting with this Act be. and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved January 21, 1905.

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An Act Amendatory to, and repealing all Acts or Resolutions relating to the sale of firearms and their munitions, and reviving the Acts passed A. D. 1892--3 Approved January 24th, 1893.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the Act to regulate the importation and sale of firearms and their ammunicions passed by the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia in the year 1892-3 Approved January 24, 1893, so much as relates to firearms and munitions, be and the same is hereby revived; and the President is hereby required to see that the aforesaid Act or law is enforced by the proper officials throughout the Republic.

SEC. 2. It is enacted that any Liberian citizen shall be allowed to import one of each class of the aforesaid firearms and their ammunicions for his or their personal use under no greater restriction than the common trade guns; providing always that any person (Liberian) so ordering said arm or arms shall file a certificate in the office of the Collector of the Port where said arms and ammunicions are landed that he or they do solemnly swear, or affirm that the arm or arms and ammunicions so ordered are for his or their personal use, and that they will not sell either of them to any native persons, under a penalty of forfeiture of said arm or arms and a fine of Five hundred dollars, recoverable before any Court of Competent jurisdiction in this Republic, upon conviction of the above offence of misdemeanor. The duties on such improved arms and muni-

tions shall be Twelve per cent (120/0) Advalorum.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1905.

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A Joint Resolution providing for the relief of Emma Rouse, widow of Daniel Rouse, late of Maryland County.

Whereas Mrs. Emma Rouse of Maryland County, now residing in the County of Montserrado has petitioned the Legislature showing that she holds two deeds for lots number twelve and fourteen in the County of Maryland; said lots are the property of the estate of her husband, she being the widow, is therefore entitled to her dower; and the Government has taken possession of said lots without her having received any compensation from the Government for said lots:

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 One hundred dallars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the widow of Daniel Rouse as her dower; and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and pay the same over to the aforesaid widow as her dower, and take possession of the aforesaid deeds and hand them over to the Attorney General, who shall cause said deeds to be cancelled; and the said lots be and are hereby declared the property of the Government.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24, 1905.

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An Act to incorporate the Liberian Steam Navigation Company.

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

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SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, J. W. Toles, D. E. Howard, J. D. Summerville, R. H. Jackson, R. A. Wright, J. H. Green, J. R. Faulkner, J. F. Cooper, Solomon Hill Sr., T. I. Taite, J. C. Johnson, A. B. Stubblefield, Sr., F. O. Thorne, W. D. Coleman, R. B. Richardson, J. B. Dennis, J. J. Dossen, E. M. Cumming, B. K. McKeever and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them their heirs and assigns be and they are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Liberian Steam Navigation Company", and by that name and style they may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of competent jurisdiction of this Republic; may own real and personal property to the amount of Six hundred thousand Dollars (600,000) with power to increase this amount whenever necessary.

SEC. 2. The object and intention of the said company shall be to own and operate steamships and to carry on such business as is usually conducted by steamship companies.

SEC. 3. The Liberian Steam Navigation Company shall have the power to issue certificates of share of stocks not to exceed the amount of Six hundred thousand Dollars (\$600,000) and may dispose of such shares or any part of them in any market consistent with the Constitution of this Republic and the By-Laws and regulations of the said Company.

SEC. 4. The officers of this Company shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Attorney, Superintendent and a Board of Directors of not less than seven nor more than thirteen members including the officers above mentioned, and such other officers as the Company may create by its Constitution and By-Laws which shall also provide for the mode and manner of their election and define the duties of each officer. The said officers shall transact all the business of the said Company.

SEC. 5. The meeting of said Company shall be held in the City of Monrovia at such times and for such purposes as the Company under its By-Laws may elect until otherwise

directed by the said Company.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted that in case of the death of any of the members of the Company his interest therein shall descend to his heirs except or unless he shall otherwise direct by demise; but no member shall assign his interest in said Company to any person or persons except in the way and manner directed by the Constitution and By-Laws of said Company.

SEC. 7. The said Liberian Steam Navigation Company shall adopt a constitution and bye-laws which shall be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction of this Republic; and the same may be repealed, amended, or supplemented whenever it may seem expedient by the Company so to do. The said Company shall have a seal.

SEC. 8. The Company shall have the power to borrow money on the security of the property of said Company.

SEC. 9. The said Company shall have the right to import free of duty all machineries, tools, appliances, fuel, and other materials as may be necessary for the carrying on of the Company's operations.

SEC. 10. The said Company shall, after the beginning of its operations, undertake to carry and bring Government Officials and Soldiers anywhere along the Liberian coast whenever required by Government and without cost.

SEC. 11. It is further enacted that the sum of Three thousand dollars (\$ 3,000 00) a year for the term of four (4) years is hereby appropriated as a subsidy to assist the said Company to carry into effect the intentions of said Company. And so soon as the said Company shall begin its operations the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President shall be authorized to draw for the same for the above mentioned purpose.

SEC. 12. The said Company shall begin its operations within two years from the publication of this Act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21, 1905.

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 Joint Resolution granting to the City Corporation of Harper Cape Palmas all the Poll and Property Taxes accruing in the City.

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 Poll and Property Taxes accruing in the City of Harper, Maryland County, be and is hereby granted to said City Corporation. And all road taxes accruing to said City shall be paid in Liberian Currency, Gold, Silver or Copper Coin.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th, 1905.

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Joint Resolution amendatory to the Act establishing the Judiciary and fixing the powers common to the several Courts.

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 several Courts of Monthly Sessions within the Republic shall have original jurisdiction in all actions of debt from Thirty dollars and no more than Three hundred dollars.] And the time to be allowed for the payment of debt and damages, in all Courts of Record, shall be at the rate of thirty dollars per month with interest at the rate of six per cent (6 o/o), from the date of rendition of judgment; provided that nothing in this section shall prevent Plaintiffs from requiring Defendants to give Bond and security for the payment of such debts as required by existing laws.

SEC. 2. And all appeals from the several Courts of Monthly Sessions, shall be taken either to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Counties and Territories or to the Supreme Court of the Republic under the laws regulating appeals from Courts of record; and may be tried by a jury in the Court of Quarter Sessions at the instance of either party whenever the appeal

is taken to such Court. But nothing in this section shall be so construed as to permit Judges of Courts of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas to issue any of the remedial writs now issued by Judges of the Supreme Court.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1905.

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An Act amending An Act defining the Crime of "Forgery" and fixing the punishment for said Crime.

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 any person who shall falsely make or materially alter with intent to defraud any writing which if genuine might apparently be of Legal efficiency or the foundation of a legal liability; or fraudulently make or alter a writing to the prejudice of another man's rights, shall be deemed guilty of the Crime of Forgery and upon conviction be punished by imprisonment in the common Jail for a term of not less than three months nor more than three years, and fined in the sum of not less than Fifty Dollars, nor more than Three Hundred Dollars and make restitution to the full value of the actual damage sustained by said "Forgery"

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

Approved January, 30, 1905

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Joint Resolution restoring H. B. Robinson and Isaac F. Martin 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 after the passage of this Joint Resolution H. B. Robinson and Isaac F. Martin of the County of Montserrado be, and they are hereby restored to

all the rights and privileges of Citizenship, and they are hereby authorized to do every Act in common with other Citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January, 30, 1905.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the negotiation of a loan in the United States of America,

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury under the supervision of the President of Liberia is directed to arrange in the United States, a loan of two million dollars, to be devoted to making highways into the interior and paying off the Floating debt.

SEC. 2. The loan shall bear interest at 5 o/o, shall be issued at a discount not exceeding 8 o/o and shall run for sixty year and shall be secured in the General Revenue of the State having priority next after the 7 o/o loan of 1871.

A sinking fund of \$30,000 a year shall be set aside for the payment of the principal. This sinking fund shall be instituted 10 years after issue of Bond or Bonds.

SEC. 3. The Legislature shall at its next session appropriate the proceeds of the loan as indicated above.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31 1905.

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Joint Resolution for the relief of Government and to prevent Audited Bills from being used as currency.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Audited Bills shall no longer be negotiable, and all persons purchasing Audited Bills shall have

no benefit therefrom. The Treasury Officials are directed to give checks for Audited Bills only to such persons in whose name the said bills are made out, and for whose legal services they were approved.

SEC 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall give no bond for Audited bills after March 31st 1905. He shall issue bonds after that date only against County Cheques, Treasury drafts or other bonds and legal bills approved before said time.

SEC 3. The Auditors of the Treasury Department are hereby directed not to give credit to any Sub Treasurer or others receivers of public money for cheques not endorsed over by drawee and the pay of which is not acknowledged by the person from whom it was received by such Sub Treasurer or others receiving officer.

SEC 4. The Act approved January 19, 1904 respecting judicial officers, authorizing the Judges of Courts to approve bills for Judicial service is, not intended to prevent the Auditors from exercising their discretion with regards to the allowing or the auditing of said Bills.

SEC. 5. It is further resolved that the President shall appoint, for the County of Montserrado, two, and for each of the other Counties one person to be styled the Registrar of the domestic floating debt of the Republic, who shall examine and take account of all bills, cheques, currency, Bonds, and other script, purporting to be evidence of Government indebtedness, held by any person whomsoever; and as soon as said accounts are completed and made out in due form, the said registrar shall forward a copy thereof to the Secretary of the Treasury and deposit the original in the Superintendents' office of the Counties. The copy forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury shall be recorded in a separate book kept for that purpose. And the Superintendents of the several counties shall publish public notices in at least 3 of the most public places in their respective Counties and Territories requiring all persons holding such script as above named to present same for Registra-

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tion at the places to be named in said notices; such notices shall be published for at least ten days previous to the commencement of said registration. The said registration shall commence the first Monday in April, 1905 and end April 30, 1905. And all persons failing to present their claims within the time herein named for registration shall forfeit the said claims. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby required to make a special report on said registration to the Legislature at its next session—1905-6.

SEC. 6. And the President of the Republic is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate for a loan of two hundred thousand dollars in gold coin for the purposes of liquidating the floating debt of the Country and enabling him to place the finance upon better bases, said sum of money shall be obtained upon the security of the public revenue, as collected by the ordinary course of law and shall be repaid within ten (10) years with interest thereon at a rate not more than six per cent per annum.

SEC. 7. And the President of the Republic is hereby required to strictly enforce the law relating to the drawing by the Secretary of the Treasury and Superintendents on the Treasury and Sub Treasuries of the Republic for monies, unless it be known that said monies as drawn for, are actually in the Treasury, as approved January 17, 1880. But the President is hereby directed not to enforce this section until the loan for the payment of the floating debt shall have been effected.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1905.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Union Lodge No. 125 U. B. F. of Hartford Grand 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 R. L. Griggs, J. T. Barnard, L. L. Smith, R. L. Gaines, A. B. Brooks, E. W. Leonard, and other of Hartford Grand Bassa County and such other persons as may become members are hereby declared a body politic and Corporate under the name of Union Lodge No. 125 United Brothers of Friendship of Grand Bassa, shall sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic; hold real estate and personal property to the value of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$ 10,000) and do any act not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Republic in common with other bodies Corporate and politic, for the purposes of carrying into the effect the intentions of this organization.

Any law to the Contrary notwithstanding

Approved January, 1905.

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An Act incorporating the Dredging and Mining Enterprise Company.

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, D. E. Howard, S. G. Harmon, F. E. R. Johnson and such other persons as may be associated with them, their heirs and assigns, be, and are hereby declared a body politic under the name and style of the Dredging and Mining Enterprise Company.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that said Dredging and Mining Enterprise Company shall have the sole and exclusive right for the term of fifteen years. The said Dredging Company is to commence its operations within two (2) years from the passage of this Act, otherwise, this charter becomes null and void. To dredge the rivers in the County of Grand Bassa from their sources to the sea, for the purpose of searching for and discovering gold and other precious minerals; said Company shall have also the right, (a) to import all mining machin-

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city, tools and other requisites for said dredging and mining free of duty; (b) to wash all deposits dredged from said rivers, for the purpose of separating all gold and other precious minerals therefrom; (c) to acquire and hold land in the County aforesaid by purchase or otherwise, not exceeding five hundred (500) acres for the purpose of establishing the plants and offices and to dispose of any such lands not required for that purpose; provided whenever it has been necessary for said Company to lease or acquire land from the government of Liberia the amount to be paid for said land shall be at the then current price of land per acre; (d) to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded by the Company's name of incorporation in any of the Courts of this Republic; (e) to enjoy a common seal of the Company, and to make and establish such by-laws and regulations as may be deemed expedient for its government provided said by-laws, rules and regulations shall not be in violation of the laws of Liberia, and the provisions of this charter; and elect such officers as shall be deemed necessary for the government of said Company, and to do all lawful things incident or conducive to the exercise or the enjoyment of the rights, interests and powers of the Company expressed in this charter.

SEC. 3. The said Company shall pay to the Government of Liberia for the grant of this charter ten per cent (10 0 0) on the net profit arising from the working of this concession, said amounts to be paid in gold coin at the Treasury Department in Liberia.

SEC. 4. In consideration of the amount to be paid to the Government for the granting of this Concession, said Government shall not impose any duty upon products obtained by the Company in connection with this dredging and mining operation, nor shall it impose any tax upon the Company other than those imposed by Act of the Legislature upon all citizens without distinction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1905.

Joint Resolution relieving the City of Buchanan.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, whenever the prisoners in the common jail in Buchanan Grand Bassa County are not engaged in government services, the Sheriff of said County shall upon request of the Mayor through the Street Commissioners of either ward of the City place them at the disposal of the City authorities only for public services, the said City shall become responsible for their board during the time of service.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21, 1905.

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An Act providing for the Government of districts in the Republic inhabited by Aborigines.

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

SEC. 1. Every district inhabited exclusively by an aboriginal tribe shall be regarded as a Township, and shall be governed on the same line. The people living therein shall have the right to choose the chief or local authority who shall in all cases be approved and commissioned by the President. Where necessary the President may divide a district; each section shall then be considered a township. The law respecting laying out and clearing the roads, and the overseer of police shall apply to said districts.

SEC. 2. Every town in such districts shall have granted to it in common and immediately around it a tract of land to be used for Agricultural purposes by the inhabitants thereof, to whom, if they so desire, a deed may be granted by the President. The land shall be of sufficient quantity to give each family resident in said town a homestead of at least 25 acres, the possession of said land in common shall not entitle the male inhabitants of said town to the

right of suffrage. Should the inhabitants desire to hold the land in severalty they must petition the Executive Government, who, if of opinion that the Petitioners are sufficiently intelligent and civilized, may order such division. One year after such division, the male inhabitants may enjoy the right of suffrage.

SEC. 3. Every native district containing one distinct tribe, (not sections of tribe) unless the tribe is a very large one, shall be supervised by a District Commissioner appointed by the President of the Republic and reporting to the Commissioner of Native African Affairs in each County, Superintendent or Secretary of the Interior as directed by the President. Such Commissioner may be when necessary, attended by a small guard.

SEC. 4. Every Chief and his council or such other person as may be deemed suitable, and upon the request of the Community affected, shall constitute a court for the preservation of order and settling of disputes between members of the communities and persons resident therein. Fees, costs, and jails shall for the present be the subject of Executive regulation.

SEC. 5. Every District Commissioner shall also have the power of a Court of which Court the Principal Native Chief or Chiefs of the District shall be associated for the purpose of settling disturbances between the Chiefs of the tribes or between strangers and the residents of the districts, stopping robberies on the highway or other matters which might lead to inter tribal warfare. Appeals from the Court of the native Chiefs shall be to that of the District Commissioners from whom an appeal shall be to the Court of Quarter Sessions of each County. The above Court shall hear the matter in a summary way and shall always take notice of and administer the Customary Native Law of the particular tribe or tribes interested in the dispute. Where there is a doubt as to what the law is the Court shall have the

power to call in any Chief or prominent member of the tribe not interested in the thing in dispute, who, having been sworn in the native manner if not a Christian, shall give evidence of what the law is. Serious crimes, such as Murder, Manslaughter, Rape and the like, shall, where possible be dealt with by the Court of Quarter Sessions.

Sec. 6, The President at the request of the native Chiefs of a district or districts, or on his own initiative may issue and enforce such regulations as will tend to the good government and improvement of Districts inhabited by the Natives. The regulations so issued shall be yearly communicated to the Legislature for its sanction. The President may impose a penalty not exceeding Two Hundred dollars, for a breach of any regulation so issued.

SEC. 7. If any chief or other person who shall be ordered to appear before the President, the Secretary of the Interior, or Superintendent of the County or district for the investigation of matters and things tending to disturb the Peace of the County or District, shall refuse to attend as ordered, such refusal shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be indictable. The penalty for such disobedience being a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars, nor less than Two Hundred Dollars.

SEC. 8. All persons taking native girls to wife after the native manner, must pay the dowry in accordance with the native customary law, to the family or to the last husband of the woman thus taken to wife. It shall be unlawful for any person to take a native girl or woman to wife who is already the wife of a native man, provided, however, that should the said native husband give his consent and require the usual dowry to be paid he may be allowed to marry after said payment. In no case shall any native girl or woman be forced to marry any man against her consent even after the dowry shall have been paid. In case however a native woman shall refuse to remain with a civilised

man, the said man being already married to a civilised woman the dowry shall not be recoverable from subsequent husband.

SEC. 9. It is understood that the uncivilised male population is a part of the Militia and may be called into military service by the President under all circumstances in which civilised male inhabitants are summoned to the colors. Remuneration, allowance, and equipment shall for the present be a matter for regulation by military authority.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th, 1905.

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Joint Resolution for the relief of Government and to prevent Audited bills from being used as a Currency.

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, Audited Bills shall no longer be negotiable and all persons purchasing Audited bills shall have no benefit therefrom. The Treasury Officials are directed to give cheques for Audited bills only to the persons in whose name the said bills are made out and for whose legal service they were approved.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall give no bonds for Audited bills after March 31st 1905. He shall issue bonds after that date only against County Cheques, Treasury drafts or other bonds and legal bills approved before the said time.

SEC. 3. The Auditor of the Treasury Department is hereby directed not to give credit to any Sub Treasurer or other receiver of public money for cheques not endorsed by drawee and the pay of which is not acknowledged by the person from whom it was received by such Sub Treasurer or other receiving officer.

SEC. 4. The Acts approved January 19, 1904. An Act respecting judicial officers, authorizing the Judges of Courts to

approve bills for Judicial services is not intended to prevent the Auditors from exercising their discretion with regards to the allowing or auditing of said bills.

SEC. 5. And it was further resolved that the President shall appoint, for the County of Montserrado, two, and for each of the other Counties one person to be styled the Registrar of the domestic floating debt of the Republic, who shall examine and take account of all Bills, Checks, Currency, Bonds, and other scripts, purporting to be evidence of Government indebtedness held by any person whomsoever; and as soon as said accounts are completed and made out in due form, the said Registrar shall forward a copy thereof to the Secretary of the Treasury and deposit the original in the Superintendents' office of the Counties. The copy forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury shall be recorded in a separate book kept for that purpose. And the Superintendents of the several Counties shall publish public notices in at least three of the most public places in the respective Counties and Territories requiring all persons holding such script as above named to present same for registration at the places to be named in said notices; such notices shall be published for at least ten days previous to the commencement of said registration. The said registration shall commence the first Monday in April 1905 and end April 30th 1905. And all persons failing to present their claims within the time herein named for registration, shall forfeit the said claims. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby required to make a special report on said registration to the Legislature at its next session 1905—6.

SEC. 6. And the President of the Republic is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate for a loan of Two hundred thousand dollars in gold coin, for the purpose of liquidating the floating debt of the Country and enabling him to place the finance upon better bases; said sum of money shall be obtained upon the security of the public revenue, as collected by the ordinary course of law and shall be repaid within (ten) 10 years

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with interest thereon at a rate of not more than six per cent (6 o/o) per Annum.

SEC. 7. And the President of the Republic is hereby required to strictly enforce the law relating to the drawing by the Secretary of the Treasury and Superintendents on the Treasury and Sub Treasuries of the Republic for monies, unless it is known that said monies as drawn for, are actually in the Treasuries, as Approved January 17th 1880. But the President is hereby authorized not to enforce this Section until the loan for the payment of the floating debt shall have been effected.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1905.

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Joint Resolution removing Henry B. Williams Judge for the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas of Grand Bassa from office.

Whereas Henry B. Williams Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, of the County of Grand Bassa, has been charged with being guilty of showing favor and partiality in judgment and of giving counsel in its tendency calculated to impede and hinder the right influence of the law in rendering justice to those who seek it, and whereas satisfactory proof of those facts have been made known and shown to the Legislature by written and other documents laid before it by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Liberia.

Therefore it is resolved by the Senate and house of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled. And passed by the concurrence of two third vote of both branches of the Legislature:

That after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President of the Republic of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized and directed to immediately remove from office Henry B. Will-

ams, Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas for the County of Grand Bassa.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1905.

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Joint Resolution granting F. Bernard sole and exclusive right to run two Ferries, one across the Saint Paul River near Mama Town Bar, and one across the Mesurrado River from Monrovia to the Vey Town opposite, both in 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, F. Bernard and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with him, their heirs and assigns be and are hereby declared a body politic under the name and style of F. Bernard, Limited.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that F. Bernard Limited, shall have the sole and exclusive right to run two ferries across the above named rivers for the term of ten years with the privilege of ten more, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts having competent jurisdiction; and shall be capable of holding real and personal property to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00.)

SEC. 3. The said Corporation shall have the privilege of doing all other things done by similar bodies corporate.

SEC. 4. All transportations across said ferries by F. Bernard Limited, for government purposes shall be free of charge.

SEC. 5. The maximum charge for each crossing shall be six cents.

SEC. 6. Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent persons from crossing in their private canoes and boats.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the survey of the boundary of Millsburg 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 President is hereby authorized to order the survey of the Base line and Boundary of Millsburg; one half of the expenses to be paid by the Government and one half by the citizens of said settlement.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31st, 1905.

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Joint Resolution providing schools at Nanna Kroo and Settra Kroo Sinoe County and at Nmanbe, Maryland County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of \$ 300.00 per annum each, be appropriated to pay salaries of teachers at Nanna Kroo, Setta Kroo and Nmanbe.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of \$ 50.00 each for Nanna Kroo and Setta Kroo and \$ 25.00 for Nmanbe is to be used in assisting to build a school house at each place. The same to be drawn from amounts appropriated for Public Schools in said Counties and under the direction of the County School Commissioner.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized under warrant of the President to draw for the same out of moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January, 1905.

Joint Resolution relieving Ex Postmaster Thos. W. Howard from paying certain claims against him for monies which had been stolen from the Post Office at Monrovia in the year 1901.

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 Thomas W. Howard Ex-Postmaster of Monrovia, be and is hereby relieved from the payment of the sum of Two hundred and eighty seven dollars and eight cents (\$287.08) said amount having been stolen from the Office in the year 1901.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31st, 1905.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the U. B. F. of Cape Palmas.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, James B. Gray, S. C. M. Watkins, Samuel Hughes and William A. Tubman of Cape Palmas Republic of Liberia, and such other persons that may become members of the United Brothers of Friendship are hereby declared a body politic and Corporate under the name and style of United Brothers of Friendship of Cape Palmas, and by that name and style shall sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, to make and ordain such laws that are not inconsistent to the laws of this Republic, and to hold personal and real property to the value of five thousand dollars (5000.00) and to do such things as are done by bodies of such nature.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1905.

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Joint Resolution respecting the Port of Nana Kroo.

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

SEC. 1. That Settra Kroo is attached to the Port of Nana Kroo for revenue purposes. A wharfinger shall be appointed for said place.

SEC. 2. It is not permitted to land or ship at Nana Kroo or Settra Kroo goods or produce of any sort whatever in absence of an officer of the Customs under penalty of One Thousand Dollars for each offence and confiscation of goods so landed or shipped.

SEC. 3. Exporters and shippers before going to any port or ports on the Kroo Coast of Sinoe County, shall apply to the Superintendent, or the Collector of Customs at the port of Greenville, for the attendance of Custom Officer, should it appear uncertain as to whether such officer at that time is already in attendance at such destined port.

SEC. 4. Any Custom Officer who shall leave his port before he is replaced without permission of the Superintendents of the several Counties, Territory of Grand Cape Mount and the District of Marshall, or of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall pay the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for each offence before the Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas of the proper County, Territory and District aforesaid, provided however, that arrangements shall have been previously made by the Superintendents of said Counties, Territory or District for the housing and accomodation of the Custom Officers at the port in question.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1905.

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Joint Resolution fixing the day for adjournment of the second 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 Second Session of the Twenty Ninth

Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *sine die* on the third (3rd) day of February A. D. 1905.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31st 1905.

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Joint Resolution granting the Tramway Company of Montserratado County the sole and exclusive right to run a Tramway across the Old Field at Paynesville Montserratado County Republic of Liberia beginning from the head of the Junk River running across until it reaches the head of the Messurrado River

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. A. Davis and W. H. Blaine and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them their heirs and assigns be and they are hereby declared a body politic under the name and style Tramway Company of Montserratado County.

SEC. 2. That the Tramway Company shall have the sole and exclusive rights and powers to run a Tramway across the Old Field beginning at the head of the Junk River and ending at the head of the Messurrado River, the said Company shall be allowed (15) fifteen feet on each side of the public road for the term of 20 years with the privilege of renewal of 20 more years, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts having competent jurisdiction and shall be capable to hold real and personal property to the amount of Ten thousand (10 000) Dollars.

SEC. 3. The said Corporation shall have the privilege to do all other things done by similar bodies corporated.

SEC. 4. All transportation across the said Old Field by the Tramway Company for government purposes shall be free of charges.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Febry. 1st. 1905.

Joint Resolution regulating the payment of Piassava duties and Escheat.

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 Export Duty on Piassava shall be one half cent per pound payable in Gold, Silver or Copper coin.

SEC. 2. And the amount appropriated for the support of Liberia College shall be paid out of the said Fibre duty, and should there be a surplus beyond the amount of \$16000.00 as appropriated, the same shall go to the Government. But should the said Fibre duty not be sufficient for the support of the said College, the difference shall be paid out of General Government funds."

SEC. 3. And all lands escheated, except in Montserado County, shall hereafter revert to the Government and form a part of the public Domain.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feby. 1. 1905.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the payment of Lieutenant William D. Lomax and other soldiers for services rendered Government.

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 Lieutenant William D. Lomax shall receive Three hundred and ninety-six (\$396.00) dollars; and W. B. Roberts, W. C. Bell, Moses Winkey and John Thomas shall receive each Two hundred and sixteen (\$216.00) dollars, for their services rendered the Government in the interior for three years.

SEC. 2 That the Secretary of the Treasury, under warrant

of the President, is hereby authorized and directed to draw for the same out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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AGREEMENT.

AN AGREEMENT made the fifth day of January 1906 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA of the one part and THE LIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY chartered and Limited hereinafter called "the Company" of the other part WHEREAS by a charter granted by an Act of the Legislature of Liberia passed in January 1901 it was among other things provided that the Union Mining Company of Liberia thereby incorporated should have the sole and non-exclusive rights and powers therein described in the Counties of Montserrado and Maryland including the right to search for minerals precious stones and oil springs and on discovery of any such deposits the right to a lease of the land containing the same and the right to carry on any lawful commerce trade pursuit business operations or dealings in connection with the objects of the Union Mining Company in consonance with the laws of Liberia;

AND WHEREAS with the consent of the Liberian Government the said Charter has been transferred to and is now vested in the Company party hereto; AND WHEREAS the said Charter was supplemented

(a) By an Agreement dated the 21st day of December 1901 and made between the Company under its original name of the West African Gold Concessions Limited of the one part and the Liberian Government of the other part.

(b) By a letter dated the 8th of August 1904 addressed by the Hon. D E. Howard on behalf of the Liberian Government to Sir Harry H. Johnson Managing Director of the Company, and

(c) By an Agreement dated the 9th of August 1904 and made between the Company of the one part and the Liberian Government of the othe part AND WHEREAS by a letter dated the of October 1904 addressed by the Hon. Arthur Barclay President of the Liberian Government to the said Sir Harry H. Johnson proposals were made for the construction of certain roads within the said Republic and for the contribution by the Liberian Government of part of the cost of construction upon the terms therein contained which proposals are hereinafter referred to as "the Road Scheme ;"

AND WHEREAS by a letter dated on or about the 26th day of Aug. 1904 addressed by the Hon. Arthur Barclay on behalf of the Liberian Government to the said Sir H. H. Johnson a proposal was made and accepted in principle by the Government with reference to the establishment of a Bank in Liberia under the Charter hereinbefore referred to which proposal is hereinafter called "the Bank Scheme" AND WHEREAS the Company has determined to raise the sum of £100,000 by the issue of transferable registered certificates for various sums aggregating that amount entitling the holders to interest at the rate of 6 o/o per annum and to the 10 o/o of the excess over £50,000 of the annual Custom revenue hereinafter mentioned and to part of the net profits of the Company derived from the sources hereinafter mentioned until the profits and other money distributed among such holders otherwise than on account of principal or interest shall amount to £100,000.

Now it is hereby agreed and declared as follows :

1. The said £100,000 shall be applied as follows:—

£5,000 shall be applied in meeting any pressing obligations of the State of Liberia.

£25,000 or such less sum as may be required for the purpose shall be applied in buying up and paying off or otherwise extinguishing the whole of the existing Treasury Notes of Liberia or at any rate all such notes as are accepted as legal ten-

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der in payment of customs duties and the balance shall be applied (a) to the construction of roads in Liberia in accordance with the Road Scheme (b) in paying off or otherwise extinguishing the Company's existing Debentures and current liabilities not exceeding £7000 (c) in furnishing working Capital for the Banking Scheme or other business of the Company.

Upon the whole of the said £100,000 being raised the Liberian Government will as from the date of the receipt by it of the said sum of £5,000 and the provision of the said sum of £25,000 pay to the Company in sterling gold in London annually the equivalent of 6 o/o on £100,000 (that is to say £6,000) per annum by equal half-yearly payments. The first half-yearly payment to be made on the expiration of nine calendar months from the date of receipt of the said £5,000 and the second half-yearly payment to be made on the expiration of twelve calendar months therefrom. The said half-yearly payments shall continue until there shall have been paid to the holders of such certificates out of the 10 per cent of the excess over £50,000 of the annual Customs revenue hereinafter referred to and out of the percentage hereinafter mentioned the net profits of the Company derived by exercise of the privileges and powers conferred by the said Charter or otherwise therefrom (including profits from the operations of the Bank to be established under the Bank Scheme and the profits derived from or under the Road Scheme and also profits derived from or by virtue of any Charter License or Concession hereafter to be granted to the Company by the Liberian Government) sums amounting together to £100,000 provided that if such event shall happen during the currency of any half-year the Government shall pay a due proportion of the half-yearly payment having regard to the portion of the half-year which may then have elapsed.

2. Of the net profits of the Company derived from the sources mentioned in the last preceding Clause 50 o/o shall be allocated and paid to the holders of the said Certificates and

the remaining 50 o/o shall belong to the Company and the aforesaid allocations and payment of profits shall continue until the holders of such Certificates shall have received sums amounting in the aggregate to £100,000 out of the sources mentioned in the last preceding clause hereof. In ascertaining the net profits of the Company derived as aforesaid for the purposes of this and the last preceding Clause no account shall be taken of any amount received in respect of the 6 o/o payable by the Liberian Government as aforesaid or in respect of the 10 o/o of the excess over £50,000 of the annual Customs revenue hereinafter referred to.

3. The Company shall forthwith effectually appropriate the amounts to be received from the Liberian Government in respect of the said 6 o/o on the said £100,000 to the payment of interest to the certificate holders and for that purpose may assign the same with the benefit of the charge hereby created on the Customs revenue and receipts to Trustees for the certificate holders.

4. The Government of Liberia hereby charges with the due payment of the said 6 o/o interest on the sum of £100,000 the whole of the Custom revenue or receipts of the Republic. The said Customs revenue or receipts shall as paid pass into the hands of the Company and when the Bank Scheme shall have been carried into effect to any Bank or Banking Department which the Company may establish and the Company shall deduct therefrom a sum sufficient to meet the said interest.

5. In addition to the said 6 o/o on the sum of £100,000 the Liberian Government shall pay to the Company or the Company may retain 10 o/o of that portion of the annual Customs revenue or receipts of the Republic which may be in excess of £50,000 which 10 o/o shall constitute a first charge upon such excess and may with the benefit of such charge be assigned by the Company wholly or in part as security for or otherwise for the benefit of the holders of the said Certificates. The

payment or retention of the said 10 o/o shall continue so long as the payment of 6 o/o interest shall continue under Clause I hereof and until there shall have been paid to the holders of the Certificates sums amounting together to £100,000 out of the sources mentioned in the said clause.

6. In order to ensure the Customs revenue and receipts being properly and efficiently collected and transmitted to the Company at its Banking Department or when the Bank has been established then to the said Bank the Liberian Government shall and doth hereby request the Company to arrange for the appointment to the service of the Liberian Republic of two European officials who shall be constituted Customs Inspectors and Financial Advisers to the Liberian Republic. The duties of these officials shall be the drawing up and putting into effect such reformatory regulations as will cause a thorough reorganisation and systemization of the Customs service of the Liberian Republic. They shall be attached to the Treasury Department of the Liberian Republic and the Secretary of the Treasury (the Constitutional Head of the Customs Service) shall assist the work of the said Inspectors and Advisers in every way by enforcing all such regulations as may be drawn up from time to time by them. The salaries of these officials shall be arranged for between the Liberian Government and His Britannic Majesty's Government from whose service they shall be lent. But such charges shall not be chargeable to the Company or any of its sub-companies. Until the said sum of £100,000 shall have been repaid in dividends from the sources above mentioned to the Certificate holders or until any loans contracted by the Liberian Government with the Company shall have been completely repaid together with the prescribed interest thereon the Liberian Government shall bind itself to retain the services of the aforesaid Inspectors and Financial Advisers. Provided always that these presents shall only become binding on the Company when His Britannic Majesty's Government shall have officially in-

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formed the Company that it has taken note of these presents and that it has selected for appointment the European officials required as Customs Advisers by the Liberian Government and that it will fill up any vacancy arising in such office from time to time until the payment from the sources above mentioned of the said sum of £100,000 in full.

7. The Company shall before paying out any moneys in the service of the Liberian Government in excess of £ 50,000 deduct the said 10 o/o above mentioned and any other percentages in respect of loans which may subsequently contracted.

8 From the date of the payment of the said sums of £ 5,000 and £ 25,000 hereinbefore mentioned all Customs due and duties must be payable in gold and no bills or paper money shall be accepted as legal tender for the same and the issue of all further Treasury Notes in bills or paper money shall cease and thenceforth so long as the present arrangement exists with or without modification the Liberian Government shall not issue any other paper money to be accepted in payment of Customs dues or duties but all Customs dues and duties shall be paid in gold.

9. The Liberian Government shall not contract any loans whatsoever without first applying to the company to lend the amount required but in the event of the Company declining such further loans the Liberian Government may make application in other directions on terms not more favourable than those offered to the Company. But the interest on the invested capital (6 o/o) and the proportion (10 o/o) of the increase of Customs revenue being a first charge upon the Customs revenue and receipts the Government shall not enter into any arrangements which might create a charge upon or impair the value of the Customs revenue and receipt so pledged. The Liberian Government further binds itself not to reduce the existing import and export duties

except by agreement with the Company until after the payment from the sources before mentioned of the said sum of £ 100,000.

10. The obligation of the Liberian Government under these presents to pay the said interest of 6 o/o per annum on the said sum of £ 100,000 and to pay the said 10 o/o of the excess over £ 50'000 of annual Customs revenue and receipts is hereby declared to be absolute and unconditional and the Liberian Government shall not be entitled at any time to set up or plead any counterclaim set off cross demand or lien against the Company or to refuse payment on any such grounds and the Certificate holders shall be entitled the to said annual interest and percentage of the Customs revenue and receipts and the Liberian Government shall pay or cause the same to be paid from time to time to the Trustees for the Certificate holders without regard to any equities between the Company and the Liberian Government.

11. Nothing in these presents shall affect the rights and privileges conferred on the Company by the said Charter or by any of the subsequent Agreements appertaining thereto or hereinbefore recited. And further nothing in these presents shall affect the existing schemes for the establishment of a separte bank when thought fit and the construction of roads except in regard to such term contained in the same as are expressly affected by the condition of these presents.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties to these presents have caused their respective common seals to be affixed hereto the day and year first above written.

(Sgd.) H. H. JOHNSTON

p.p.r. Liberian Development Company Chartered and Limited.

Witness to the above signature of

SIR. H. H. JOHNSTON,

(Sgd.) J. BRAHAM.

For the Government of Liberia subject to the conditions contained in the Resolution of the Legislature of Liberia approving the foregoing agreement.

(L. S.)

(Sgd.) ARTHUR BARCLAY,
President of Liberia.

(Sgd.) D. E. HOWARD,
Secy. Treasury R. L.

Witness to the above signatures,

(Sgd.) F. E. R. JOHNSON,
Attorney General R. L.



Joint Resolution approving of the arrangement made in the month of January of the present year between the government of Liberia and the Liberian Development Company for the loan and investment of One Hundred Thousand pounds (£ 100,000) 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 nothing in said arrangement shall be held to vitiate or set aside existing arrangements with the Council of foreign Bond Holders London with respect to the external Loan of 1871.

SEC. 2. That the Republic of Liberia reserves to itself the right of putting an end to the arrangement ten years from date of signature or thereafter, by repaying to certificate holders any balance due with respect to the hundred thousand pounds dividend in which event the payment of the six per cent interest and ten per cent of excess of custom receipts over £ 50,000 shall cease.

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independent investigation of the affairs of the Bank to be established by the Company through the medium of some firm of reputable Chartered accountants to be selected by the Consul General of Liberia in London.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury shall always be allowed an overdraft not exceeding Ten thousand pounds, paying interest at six per cent and delivering to the Bank vouchers therefor. The Bank shall always be repaid from current Custom's revenue paid into its office at the disposal of the Treasury for the Republic or otherwise as agreed.

SEC. 5. It is to be clearly understood that the six percent interest and the ten percent excess being paid all monies remaining are entirely at the disposal of the Republic and shall be immediately paid over to the order of the proper Treasury official.

SEC. 6. Upon the receipt of Thirty thousand pounds paid to the Republic of Liberia in Sterling Gold in the City of Monrovia then the equivalent of six per cent on One hundred thousand pounds that is to say Six thousand pounds per annum by equal half-yearly payments shall be made, the first half yearly payment shall be made on the expiration of nine calendar months from the date of receipt of the said thirty thousand pounds, and the second half yearly payment be made on the expiration of twelve calendar months after the receipt of the thirty thousand pounds.

SEC. 7. The Liberian Government shall and doth hereby request the British Government to arrange for the appointment to the service of the Republic of Liberia two European officials who shall be constituted Customs Inspectors and Financial Advisers to the Republic of Liberia; the duties of these officials shall be the drawing up and putting into effect through the Secretary of the Treasury such reformatory regulations as will cause a through re-organization and systemization of the custom services of the Republic of Liberia.

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provided that such regulations do not conflict with the constitution of the Republic of Liberia. The salary of the said first Inspector shall not exceed one thousand pounds and the salary of the second Inspector shall not exceed Five hundred pounds per annum.

SEC. 8. The European official provided for shall be procured by the Republic of Liberia direct from the British Government. The Republic of Liberia reserves to itself the right to remove at any time either of the officials they being subject to the Laws of Liberia, for any official misconduct during their time of service, the British Government being immediatly requested to replace them.

SEC. 9. All duties shall be paid in gold but any sum due less than any gold coin in circulation may be paid in Silver or Copper.

SEC. 10. On or before the thirtieth day of September 1906 all and singular the provisions of the scheme in the form of an agreement relative to the Bank and Roads shall be put into odperation without defalcation, otherwise the agreements relative to the scheme aforementioned shall be null and void and of no effect.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9th, 1906.



Joint Resolution making appropriations for the purchase of a town lot to erect a suitable Post Office upon, in the County of Maryland, and to repair the Court House and Jail in the aforesaid County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of any Joint Resolution the amount of Three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to purchase

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a suitable lot in the County of Maryland and to contract for building a Post Office 25x36 feet with a veranda of 7 feet wide thereupon.

SEC. 2. And it is further resolved, that the amount of Six hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to repair the Court House and Jail in the aforesaid County, and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to draw under warrant of the President for the said sums out of the Public Treasury from any amounts not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4, 1906.

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Joint Resolution making appropriation for defraying the Expenses of the Inauguration of the President.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Four hundred dollars (\$400.00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Inauguration of the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4, 1906.

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Joint Resolution regulating the payment of Export duty on Piassava.

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 duty on all piassava exported from the Republic shall be one quarter of a cent per pound, payable in gold, or silver coin, or Liberian coppers, to be used for the

support of Liberia College and its feeders, located in the several Counties of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4, 1906.

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Joint Resolution opening a Port of Entry and Delivery at Fishtown in Maryland County;

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Fishtown in the County of Maryland be, and is hereby declared a regular Port of Entry and Delivery; said Port shall extend from Fishtown to Rocktown in said vicinity.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the regular officers of said Port shall be, a Collector of Customs at Fishtown and a Deputy at Rocktown, who shall serve both as Collectors of Customs and Wharfingers for said Port, and shall receive each a salary of One hundred dollars (\$100.00) per annum. There shall be one landing point designated at each place above named which shall be considered a Government Wharf, from which all shipping, landing and Customs business shall be conducted. And the Superintendent of the County shall upon instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, when it is deemed necessary appoint not more than one Tide Waiter to serve aboard steamers when in said Port.

SEC. 3. And it is further resolved that said Port shall be allowed one Shipping Master, whose duty shall be the same as all other Shipping Masters in the Republic, and the Tide Waiters for said Port shall receive the sum of One dollar (\$1.00) per day when actually engaged in the Custom's service.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the M. E. Church of Robertsport, 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 from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Benjamin Lewis, Pastor, R. J. B. Watson, J. T. Gordon, J. B. Watson, Trustees, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Robertsport Grand Cape Mount, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Robertsport, Territory of Grand Cape Mount, and as such may hold property to the value of Five Thousand dollars, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved January 4, 1906.

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Joint Resolution appointing an agent of Governmental affairs having jurisdiction from the Port of Jenny on the Mannoh River, as far as Vargua, Suaie, and Carlong

Whereas it is expedient to maintain an officer on the Liberian bank of the Mannoh River to co-operate with the English authorities in keeping order on the stream, and in suppressing tribal disturbances between the inhabitants of the two countries, and whereas the chief people of the Gollah and other districts near the Mannoh River have petitioned the Government for the appointment of such an officer to guide, advise and assist them in their relation with the Republic;

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized to appoint an officer to be styled travel-

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ing Commissioner for the Mannoh River. The Headquarters of said officer shall be at Jenny. He shall have authority under the direction of the Superintendent of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount as far as Carlong on said Mannoh River.

SEC. 2. Said Commissioner shall at least once in every quarter proceed up-River, stopping at the chief towns of all the tribes, hearing complaints, settling disturbances, stimulating trade, opening roads, overseeing the collection of internal revenue, giving advice, and in every possible and legitimate way endeavour to improve and cement the relations of the tribes to the local and general Government. He shall report disturbances and complaints at least once a month to the Superintendent of said Territory with such suggestions as he may deem necessary, and as far as possible shall be subject to the directions of said Superintendent.

SEC. 3. Said officer when necessary shall be accompanied by a small escort.

SEC. 4. The salary of said official shall be Three hundred (\$300) dollars annually in addition to which he shall be allowed travelling expenses of the amount of One hundred (\$150.) and fifty dollars. Said sum shall be paid out of the funds of said Territory.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4, 1906.

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An Act amendatory to the second article of an Act, entitled an Act establishing the boundaries of the Republic, and defining the boundaries of the several counties.

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

SEC. 1. That all of the words after the word "Montserrado" in the first section of the second article of an Act entitled "An Act establishing the boundaries of the Republic, and de-

fining the boundaries of the several counties," which reads "and the south eastern boundary of said county (Montserrado) shall be a line one mile to the south east of the southeastern bank of the main branch of Junk river, and running parallel with the said river back into the interior," be and the same are hereby changed so as to conform with the tenor of the following section.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the main branch of the Junk river, generally known as the Farmington river be and the same is hereby declared as the south eastern boundary of Montserrado County, and the north western boundary of the county of Grand Bassa.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Act granting twelve hundred square miles of land to the Americo Liberian Industrial Company of 25, Broad Street New York City, United States of America for Industrial purposes.

Whereas it is proper and expedient for the government of the Republic of Liberia to enter into an agreement with the American incorporated Company, known as the Americo Liebian Industrial Company, granting the said Company certain privileges in Liberia entitling them to invest their capital in the Republic for the benefit of the Government, the citizens of Republic and the Company and all parties concerned :—

And whereas the Americo Liberian Industrial Company is in a position financially and otherwise to develop the natural resources of the Republic of Liberia, and therefore considers it expedient and proper to enter into an agreement with the Government of the Republic of Liberia in order that they may be entititled to invest their capital in the Republic for the benefit of the Government and citizens of the Republic the Company and all parties concerned:—

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

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SEC. 1. That the President of the Republic of Liberia be and is hereby authorised and directed to enter into and execute for and on behalf of the Republic of Liberia an agreement with the Americo-Liberian Industrial Company.

SEC. 2. That the terms considerations, obligations, provisions set out in the agreement hereby authorised to be entered into and executed by the President of Liberia shall be exactly the term considerations obligationss provisions as are embodied in this enactment, except where it can be shown to be inconsistant with the constitution, laws or other contracts of this Republic.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that in the construction of this agreement authorised as aforesaid, the following words and term, (unless there is something in the context inconsistant with such interpretation) the Republic, means the Republic of Liberia, the Company, means the Americo Liberian Industrial Company person includes body of persons corporate or incoporated, words in the masculine include the feminine, and words in the singular included the plural and in the plural include the singular.

SEC. 4. The object and purposes of the Republic in entering into and executing this agreement is to grant to the Company certain privileges and rights in the Republic of Liberia whereby the Company shall be entitled to carry on in Liberia divers commercial, agricultural and other undertaking or business including the cutting, selling. manufacturing shipping timber of all kinds, and the products there from, erecting Saw Mills and other building, machinery and all necessary plants steam or otherwise and doing all thing necessary for the successful prosecution of the various industries conducted and managed by the Company for the advantage and the benefit of the parties concerned.

SEC. 5. The original share capital of the Company, shall be not less than Five hundred Thousand (\$50,000) dollars

and its working capital shall be not less than One Hundred Thousand dollars.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted that the Company under this agreement hereby authorised to be executed by the President of the Republic of Liberia shall have the following non-infringible rights, privileges and powers over certain areas of timber agricultural and other lands to be selected by the Company, and granted by the Republic to the Company for their operations in Liberia, viz :--

(a) To select take and hold real estate and land areas in accordance with the terms of this enactment, and under agreement with the Republic not exceeding in the whole 1200 square miles, all lands thus selected subject to the approval of the President, for a term of fifty years provided the Company be then in existence.

And the Company shall have the sole right to cut timber and sell same from said selected areas, erect Saw Mills, Stave making plants, and sell products, and all things, manufacturing at same, or manufactured from timber or other products of the soil, whether they be vegetable or otherwise, erect stone houses, warehouse and all other buildings, machinery and all other plants necessary and desirable for the successful prosecution of the business enterprises and interest of the Republic and the Company. To gather cocoanuts manufacture copra, cultivate and grow palm trees, manufacture palm oil, to export all such timber products, merchandise, trade goods, to colonize land with Immigrants acceptable to the Republic, provide homes and farms to such immigrants carry on the business of agriculturists, to establish, conduct and maintain banks, build and operate telegraphs, telephones cable submarine and otherwise install water works, water power, heating and lighting plants, build and operate railways, tramways, ships, steamers, lighters, boats and do all things necessary or expedient for the successful conduct of the business always provided nothing

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shall be done by the Company which shall be an infringement of the existing Charter or Concessions heretofore granted by the Republic especially the Charter or Concessions now being worked by and under the control of the Liberian Development Company Chartered and Limited of England or the laws of the Republic.

(b) To colonize or settle persons, individuals, and families eligible as citizens of the Republic and acceptable to the Republic, upon the lands granted by the Republic to the Company for its operations ;

(c) To encourage assist and promote the immigration into Liberia of person acceptable to the Republic as citizens. Government to protect the Company by refusing to grant other lands after allotment by Company.

(d) To allot lands or plots of land to settlers or colonizers for terms of years.

(e) To advance to settlers or colonizers money, seeds, tools implements and other things as may be necessary and to receive payment from settlers or colonizers for said advances in cash, produce or otherwise as may be arranged for between settlers or colonizers until said settlers or colonizers have settled their indebtedness to the Company in full, and then the Company shall advise the Secretary of the Treasury of Liberia that the debts as aforesaid have been settled, and the said Secretary shall at once have drawn up and hand to each settlers or colonizer who has thus settled his indebtedness to the Company as above described, a deed in fee simple giving such settlers absolute ownership of the land or plot, of land he has thus purchased and paid for."

(f) To ascertain the suitability of land for agricultural and other purposes, and send experts and others into the country for the purpose of examining, testing and surveying land and to collect information.

(g) To import all machinery and tools required for the construction and equipment of Saw Mills and all other plants

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buildings, structures, instalments required and necessary free of duty for a period of twenty years.

(h) To export all product grown, manufactured, gathered purchased or otherwise, paying duty provided by law.

(i) To increase or reduce the share Capital of the Company, and to borrow money on the security of the company's property, or without security.

(j) To carry on any lawful trade pursuits or commercial undertaking to promote the interest of the parties to the agreement.

(k) To establish Banks and do a banking business in accordance with the Banking laws of the United States, and to issue bank notes having value equal to two third ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the actual capital set aside for and employed as working Capital by the bank.

(l) To construct, operate and keep in good condition Bridges, Roads, Reservoirs, Canals, Harbours, Docks, Wharves to make full use of present waterways, have full water rights to build and operate Railways, Tramways, Omnibus, Motors, Lorries, Wagons, Erect Warehouses of all kinds build Steamships, and otherwise to construct systems of heating lighting steam and electric powers and do all thing necessary for the best interest of the parties to the agreement.

(m) To acquire lease hold under grant from the Republic.

(n) To improve, develop, clear, plant, irrigate and cultivate all lands included within the areas granted to the company.

(o) To make loans or contribution of money or money's worth, for promoting any of the objects as are in this enactment mentioned.

(p) To acquire lease holds at any Liberian port.

(q) To establish and maintain agencies in Liberian and foreign Countries.

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

(s) To use a common seal for the purpose of the Company.

(t) To establish such Bye-laws and regulations for the company as may be deemed expedient provided such Bye-laws and regulations do not conflict with the provisions of this enactment and the constitution and laws of the Republic, and to appoint such officers as may be deemed necessary for the government of the Company.

(u) To subscribe for and take shares in any Company or corporations whose objects are similar or may be subservient to the objects of the Company.

(v) To Cultivate and grow vegetable products of all kinds to the lands selected by the Company and do all things necessary for the purpose, and establish plantations, experimental farms, give instructions to natives and others to procure seed and supply same to natives and others.

(w) To employ expert and others upon the lands and forests and otherwise for the purposes of the Company.

(x) To do all things lawful, incidental and necessary for the successful prosecution of the rights, privileges and obligations of the company under its agreement with the Republic as authorised by this Act.

SEC. 7. It is further enacted that whenever the Company finds it necessary to hire help to fill positions under their principal officers, preference for such employment shall be given to Liberian citizens or persons eligible to be Liberian citizens.

SEC. 8. It is further enacted that the company's General Manager or officer of the company in Liberia performing the duties of general manager shall have supreme control of the affairs of the company in Liberia, subject to the superior powers of the Board of Directors of the Company.

SEC. 9. It is further enacted, that the Republic shall have two representatives on the Board of Directors of the company; said members to be nominated by the President of the Re-

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public, and that due and proper provisions for such representation be embodied in the Bye-laws and articles of the company.

SEC. 10. It is further enacted that the Republic have at least one of its members of the Board of Directors represent it upon the finance and auditing committees of the company.

SEC. 11. It is further enacted, that accounts showing the financial situation of the business managed by the company shall be prepared not more infrequently than once each year and that the accuracy of said accounts shall be examined into and certified to by a certified accountant to be appointed by the company, and an auditor to be appointed by the Republic, and that a true copy of said account so certified shall be handed to the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic to be filed in the Treasury Department of the Republic,

SEC. 12. It is further enacted, that the Government shall levy no tax upon the company other than those imposed by act of Legislature or municipal or County ordinance upon all citizens without distinction.

SEC. 13. It is further enacted, that the company shall not be required to pay any different or greater duty on their imports or exports or port and excises charges than may be equally chargeable under the laws of the Republic upon imports, exports, property, and other values and interest of all persons and corporations.

SEC. 14. It is further enacted, that in the event of the company offering any of their Bonds, Stocks or other obligations to the public for sale, the Republic or any citizens of the Republic shall have a first option to purchase ten per cent of such stocks, Bonds or other obligations at current value for a period of thirty days.

SEC. 15. It is further enacted, that the amount set aside from earnings for working capital shall not be less than the amount set aside for working capital, and shall be applied for the purpose of further developing industries in Liberia.

SEC. 16. It is further enacted that the agreement hereby authorised to be made, shall be for a term of fifty years and that at the expiration and termination of this term a new agreement for another term of fifty years on such conditions as the company and the Republic may mutually agree.

SEC. 17. It is further enacted, that the agreement may be terminated at any time by the consent of both contracting parties hereto upon terms to be agreed upon between them, but should the said parties disagree as to the terms of termination, then the matter under dispute shall be submitted to three disinterested Arbitrators, One to be chosen by the Republic, one to be chosen by the Company, and the third to be chosen by the two Arbitrators chosen by the Republic and Company. And the decision of the said three Arbitrators shall be accepted by the contracting parties hereto as final and conclusive.

SEC. 18. It is further enacted, that within six months of the date of the agreement hereby authorised to be made, the Company shall deposit Five thousand dollars (\$ 5, 000.00) in the Treasury Department of the Republic the said Five Thousand dollars to be forfeited to the Republic provided the Company fails to carry out the obligations imposed upon them under the aforesaid agreement, but should the Company carry out their obligation imposed upon them under the aforesaid agreement, then the said Five Thousand Dollars shall be deemed a payment in advance made by the Company to Liberia and a sum equal to said payment in advance shall be deducted by the Company from such monies as may from time to time be due to the Republic from the Company's earnings.

SEC. 19. It is further enacted, that should the Company fail to begin their operation within one year from the date of the agreement hereby authorised to be made, they shall pay to the Republic Five Thousand Dollars, and in consideration of this payment the Republic shall extend the time

for the Company to being their operations one more year and so on and on from year to year, always provided that the full length of time embraced in the said several extensions of time shall not in the whole exceed five years. The Company paying into the Republic the sum of Five Thousand Dollars for each and every year of the time of said extension.

And the Company shall have the the right to assign or transfer any of the rights and privileges granted to it by the Republic, or hire out or sell any of the property of the Company to Sub-Companies provided always that that the Republic shall have given its consent and approval.

And the Republic reserve to itself the right to make and build roads through any areas of land granted to the said company, and the Citizens of the Republic shall be allowed to travel on foot over the roads of the company free of tolls or other charges.

SEC. 20. It is further enacted that the Company shall pay annually to the Republic 20 o/o per cents of their nett profits available for dividends, should the Company default or fail to make said annual payments as and when due the agreements hereby authorized to be entered into, shall at once become null and void.

SEC. 21. It is further enacted that in case of natives war or interference, time lost, shall not be counted against the Company.

SEC. 22. It is further enacted that nothing in this agreement shall interfere with Natives towns, plantations or reserves, or shall be held to prevent natives from gathering fire wood or cutting thatch or poles for their own use in the forest areas conceded.

SEC. 23. It is further enacted that should the Company denude the land conceded of the forest, and shall be unable to procure Immigrants to settle thereon, they shall take immediate steps to reforest the land so denude of timber, by the planting of Eucalyptus, Rubber, Palmtress or Cocoanut on

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the denude areas which will be held to be a sufficient reformation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 9, 1906.

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Joint Resolution reliving the City of Robertstort 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 from and after the passage of this Joint resolution, whenever the prisoners in the Common jail in the City of Robertstort Territory of Grand Cape Mount are not engage in Government service, the Sheriff of said Territory shall upon request of the Mayor through the Street Commissioner of either ward of said City, place them at the disposal of the City authorities only for public service; the said City shall become responsible for their board during the time of service.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 10, 1906.

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Joint Resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the first Session of the Thirtieth 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 Thirtieth Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *sine die* Monday the Twelfth day of February 1906.

Any law to the contrary no withstanding

Approved Feb'y 12, 1906

Joint Resolution granting Two hundred dollars (\$ 200.00) towards the support of an Industrial School in Bendoo Country at the head of Lake Peso.

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 (\$ 200.00) per annum is hereby granted for the period of five (5) years to assist in the support of an Industrial School in Bendoo Country at the head of Lake Peso and that the managers be required to report the progress of the School to the General Superintendent of Education annually.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 10, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the "Watson's Brass Band" of Robertsport, 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 from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, R. J. Watson, President and Treasurer, J. T. Barker, Band Master, W. T. White, Leader, R. A. Sherman, Secretary, L. D. Lewis, Asst. Secretary, R. S. Wayne, C. H. Marshall, R. J. B. Watson, Jr., W. A. Allen, W. H. Harvéy, P. J. Lewis, R. H. Hoff, W. B. McCrumada, T. J. Hoff, L. L. Hoff, Peter Russell James F. Lewis, C. H. Bishop, Alexander Mills, R. L. Hoff, and others of the city of Robertsport and such other persons as may become members of said "Watson's Brass Band" of Robertsport, Territory of Grand Cape Mount be and is hereby declared a body corporate; and

shall be capable to receive, hold and enjoy, real and personal estate to the amount of Two thousand (\$2000.00) dollars for the use and benefit of said Band and shall have perpetual succession of officers, and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, before any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that the "Watson's Brass Band" of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, is permitted to do all other matters and things done by similar bodies corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 10, 1906.

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Joint Resolution granting Samuel P. North and Company the sole and exclusive right to run a Ferry across the Junk River near the mouth of the Junk Bar, Marshall, 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, Samuel P. North and Company and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them, their heirs or assigns be, and they are hereby declared a body politic under the name and style of Samuel P. North and Company.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that Samuel P. North and Company shall have the sole and exclusive right to run a Ferry across the above named river for the term of five (5) years with the privilege of five more years, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be capable of holding real and personal property to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).

SEC. 3. The said corporation shall have the privilege of doing all other things done by similar bodies corporate.

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SEC. 4. All transportation across said Ferry by Samuel P. North and Company for Government purposes shall be free of charge.

SEC. 5. The maximum charge for each crossing shall be eight (8) cents.

SEC. 6. Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent any person or persons from crossing in their private canoes or boats.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 10, 1906.

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Joint Resolution restoring Silas Harrison, of Montserrado County, William F. Barr of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, Nelson Wrent of Sijoe County, Richard Turner and Rebecca Chase alias Siscoe of Maryland 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 immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Silas Harrison, William F. Barr Nelson Wrent, Richard Turner, Rebecca Chase, alias Siscoe, of the Counties and Territory aforesaid, be and they are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship and are hereby authorised to do every act in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 10, 1906.

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An Act amendatory to an Act creating a Monthly and Probate Court at Cavalla in the County of Maryland.

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

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



this Act, all the Justices of the Peace, Constables, Tax Collectors and other collecting and reporting officers residing in or near the District of Cavalla, and parts adjacent from Half Cavalla to River Cavalla. and from thence as far as Webo on the Cavalla River in the County of Maryland, shall report monthly their doings to the Provisional Monthly and Probate Court of Cavalla District. The Judge of said Court is empowered to impose a fine not exceeding Twenty (\$ 20) Dollars upon all who fail to report according to law.

SEC. 2. In case any officer or officers who may be detected acting dishonestly and corruptly in respect of any business entrusted to him or them, the Judge of the aforesaid Court shall have power to grant bail for his or their appearance at the ensuing term of the Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas of Maryland County. Said bond shall be in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 3. The Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas in reviewing such matters as contained in Section 2 of this Act may order a forfeiture of bond, and impose an additional fine not to exceed Two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) Dollars.

SEC. 4. That all reports of Justices of the Peace, Constables, Tax Collectors and other collecting and reporting officers made to the aforesaid Court, shall be endorsed by the Judge, if correct, and countersigned by the Clerk of Court officially, and the same shall be forwarded quarterly to the Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas Maryland County. The Clerk shall receive a fee of fifty cents to be paid by government for each and every report, countersigned by him

SEC. 5. It is further enacted, that in all cases of debt where the amount does not exceed Three hundred (\$300.00) Dollars and is not less than Thirty (\$30.) Dollars, said Court shall have original jurisdiction to try and dispose of same according to the law and facts.

SEC. 6. It is further enacted, that said Provisional Monthly and Probate Court, shall have power to punish any person or persons for contempt in a fine of not more than Twenty

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five (\$25.00) Dollars and imprisonment during its setting. All persons so imprisoned shall be confined in the County Jail at Harper City.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 10, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the "Hope Lodge" No. 27 of the United Brothers of Friendship of the District of Marshall.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Resolution, A. M. Wheaton, P. M., A. P. Page, W. M., I. W. Marshall D. M., M. C. C. Smith, W. S., M. N. Nimmo, A. W. S., W. G. Harmon, W. T., H. H. Marshall, W. C. of Marshall in the County of Montserrado, and such others as may become members from time to time are hereby declared a body politic, and corporate under the name and style of the "Hope Lodge" No. 27, United Brothers of Friendship of Marshall, and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, hold real and personal estate to the value of Ten thousand (\$ 10.000) Dollars and do any act not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this Republic in common with similar bodies, corporate and politic for the purpose of carrying into effect the intention of this organisation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 10, 1906.

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An Act regulating the duty on common wooden boxes, known as Krcó boxes.

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 the im-

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port duty on all wooden boxes known as Kroo boxes imported into the Republic, as an article of trade, shall be as follows:— on all sizes not over 18 inches in length by 10 inches in width, and 10 inches in depth, the duty shall be fifty cents each, and all such boxes over the size herein above described, the duty shall be one dollar each, the duty as herein above assessed shall be paid in gold coin.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25th, 1906.

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Joint Resolution for the demarcation of the boundary of the Settlement of Crozierville.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President is hereby requested to order the survey of the boundary of Crozierville, and in case the boundary of one settlement should conflict with that of another, the area in dispute shall be divided equally between them. And the sum of Two hundred (\$200.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25. 1906.

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An Act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church of Buchanan 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 Randolph C. Cooper, Charles C. Bull Senior Warden, Dessaline T. Harris, Junior Warden, L. N. Scott, E. W. Liles, Joseph H. Summerville, and John W. Worrell, Vestrymen, all of the City of Buchanan in the County of Grand Bassa and Republic of Liberia, their and succes-

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sors in office, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of St. Andrews Church, with power to hold and possess property real and personal that may now or shall be hereafter acquired by purchase devise or with full power to sell and convey the same, subject to the provisions and conditions of this Act.

SEC. 2. That the said corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court having competent jurisdiction, acquire and hold real and personal estate to the amount of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.)

SEC. 3. That the said corporation is hereby vested with full power and authority, to make and establish such By-laws and regulations for their government, and to do all other acts and things usually 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 regulation be not repugnant to the laws or Constitution of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution relating to County Attorneys.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, all County Attorneys of the several Counties of this Republic be and are hereby required to perform the duties of their offices in person, and in all cases where the County Attorneys shall deem it necessary to have assistance they shall, before procuring same apply to the Court for its consent and approval of the person proposed to be so employed, which approval shall be in the discretion of

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the Court, judging from the circumstances connected with the case.

This Joint Resolution shall not be construed to interfere in any manner with the relationship existing between the County Attorneys and the Attorney General as provided by law.

SEC. 2. And it is further resolved that any County Attorney violating the provision of this Joint Resolution shall be deemed guilty of official misconduct and subject to removal from office and a fine of One hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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An Act incorporating the Presbytery of Western Africa.

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, R. A. M. Deputie, J. K. P. Green, R. A. Phillips, J. W. Cooper, Edmund Etheridge and F. W. Urey, Trustees and other officers who may be elected from time to time together with all persons who are now, or hereafter may become members of the Presbytery of Western Africa are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic bearing the said name and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of Thirty five thousand (\$35,000) Dollars for the use and benefit of the said Presbytery of West Africa, and shall have perpetual succession of officers and members as may be elected from time to time, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court of law or equity of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and do all other acts and things done by similar bodies corporate and politic.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the said Presbytery of

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Western Africa is hereby vested with full power and authority to sell, lease or exchange any estate or property by them acquired, whenever the interest of the work under their management seems to require it. And further, the said Presbytery is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such laws, rules and regulations for their government as they may deem expedient, provided such laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Sons of Temperance, Division No. 668 of Caldwell St. Paul River 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 J. T. Morris, Worthy Patriarch, J. H. Carter, Worthy Associate, Thos. A. Rose, Worthy Scribe, P. F. Fuller, Assistant Worthy Scribe, John Blackledge, Worthy Treasurer William Lawrence, Worthy Conductor, Henry Waller Assistant Worthy Conductor, John W. Early, Worthy Chaplain, J. S. Wilson, Financial Scribe, A. B. Harris, Inside Sentinel and Samuel Holcomb, Outside Sentinel, officers and members of said Order of Sons of Temperance Caldwell, and such other persons as may be hereafter connected or associated with them, be and are hereby declared a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of Love, Purity, Fidelity Sons of Temperance, Division No. 668 of th Settlement of Caldwell, St. Paul River, County of Montserrado, and Republic of Liberia and by that name be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic, having competent jurisdiction, may own real and personal property to the value of Five thousand Dollars (\$5000). Make By-Laws and other regulations to govern themselves, provided always

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such By-Laws and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this Republic. They shall have perpetual succession of officers and members as they may from time to time elect, and may do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the spirit and intentions of the said organisation

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution replying to Mr. T. J. R. Faulkner, Superintendent of the Liberian Construction and Improvement Company Limited.

Whereas Mr. T. J. R. Faulkner, Superintendent of the Liberian Construction and Improvement Co. Limited, has petitioned the Legislature for the privilege of using the amount appropriated for building a Central Station in the Government Square to assist in obtaining and installing an automatic system Telephone in Monrovia:—

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

SEC. 1. That the amount of One thousand and five hundred Dollars which was appropriated for the purpose of building a Central Station in the Government Square be paid to Mr. T. J. R. Faulkner, Superintendent of the Liberian Construction and Improvement Co. Limited, to assist in obtaining and installing an automatic system of Telephone in Monrovia.

SEC. 2. And it is further resolved that in consideration of the grant of One thousand and five hundred Dollars to the said T. J. R. Faulkner, Superintendent of the Liberian Construction and Improvement Co. Limited, for the purpose of assisting in obtaining and installing an Automatic System of Telephone in Monrovia:

The said Company shall put in the following offices and Departments a 'Phone; namely, The Executive Mansion,

Department of State, Customs House, Post Office, Superintendent's Office, Liberia College and Light House, and maintain same for two years.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution Chartering the Cavalla River Farming and Industrial Association.

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, E. M. Cummings, President, R. A. Massey, Treasurer, Allen Yancy Secretary, C. A. Lincoln and such other persons as may become members thereof, be, and are hereby constituted and declared a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the Cavalla River Farming and Industrial Association, and under such name may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any Court of competent jurisdiction in the Republic, shall have the right, and be competent to purchase or otherwise lawfully obtain and hold real and personal estate to the value of Fifty thousand Dollars (\$50,000)

SEC. 2. And it is further resolved that the said Association shall have the right to carry on any industrial, agricultural or any other lawful pursuit for the benefit of the Association, and the object of its establishment, and may accept as apprentices such persons as they may deem proper, and teach and train them in such arts as may be taught by the Association.

SEC. 3. And it is further resolved that the sum of Eight hundred Dollars (\$800.00) per annum for five years be, and is hereby granted to the said Association from the Republic of Liberia, to aid in the enterprise and objects of the Association, the same to be paid in equal quarterly installments beginning eighteen months after the Association shall have commenced work, and in consideration of the said financial assis-

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tance from the Government the said Association shall accept from the Government at least six and not more than eight native youths as apprentices, for a term of seven years whom the Association shall teach the arts of agriculture, tanning, shoemaking, blacksmithing, tin-smithing, carpentry and any other arts which may be taught in the school of said Association.

SEC. 4. And it is further resolved, that said Association shall have the right to make and establish such By-Laws and regulations for their government as they may deem best and not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the Republic, and may use a common seal and do all and singular such thing as may be lawful for their benefit and the security of the Association.

SEC. 5. And it is further resolved, that the said Association shall be required to have commenced their operation as set forth in this Resolution, within one year before the date of the receipt of the first quarterly installment and for the faithful performance of these obligations, they are hereby required to give a bond to the effect, that they will commence their operations within the time herein above stated, and will also perform their obligation in respect to the apprentices to be kept and trained on behalf of the Government and the said Association shall be allowed to import all machinery tools, implements for the special and sole use of the Association, free for a term of five years. The oath of the President, Business Manager or such other persons authorised to act for the Association shall be required as to the truthfulness of the declaration made in reference to such imports.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1906.

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Joint Resolution granting annuity to Mrs. Elizebeth Huges widow of the late J. H. Huges and his heirs.

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

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SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this joint Resolution, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and is hereby granted to Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes and her heirs as an annuity until the youngest child of the said J. H. Hughes and Elizabeth Hughes shall have attained his or her majority.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Panampay Company, the Saint George's Company and the Prince Line Company of Krootown, Monrovia, 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, Major, J. W. Savage, Grey Jarday, Martin, Dador Tobey, Monrovia, Kpangn Blarmoor, Jateah, Sayonkon, Andrews, Tetee, Gboy, Members and officers of the Panampay Company, Parwree, Mamry G'beh, Miah, Jack Dandy, Weahboh Depo, Officers of the Saint George's Company" and Lewis Bestman, Jim Mannie, Mrs. Degbah, George F. Sharp, Mrs. Whreh Ghebeh, Mrs. Nephabopo and Glasgow Officers of the Prince Line Company, all of Krootown, Monrovia, Montserrado County together with such other officers and members who now are or hereafter may become members of said Companies be severally constituted and declared bodies corporate under the name and style of the Panampay Company, The Saint George's Company, and Prince Line Company with all the right, and privileges appertaining and belonging to other Corporate bodies with, perpetual Succession of officers.

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SEC. 2. That the said Companies shall be granted the privileges to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall each be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal estate to the amount of Five thousand (\$ 5000.00) dollars.

SEC. 3. That the said Companies be vested with full power and authority to make and establish such bye-laws, rules and regulation for their Government and to do all other acts and things done by similar bodies corporate provided such Bye Laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the laws or Constitutions of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 31, 1906.

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Joint Resolution making an appropriation to repara the Jail House in the County of Sinoe.

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 Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to repair the Jail House in the County of Sinoe.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury shall under warrant of the President of the Republic of Liberia draw for the same out of any money not otherwise appropriated

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Approved January 31, 1906.

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Joint Resolution pensioning sundry Persons of this Repubiic.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legi-slature assembled:—

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SEC. 1 That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Moses Killey, of Grand Bassa County, and George Hansford Sr., of Sinoe County, shall each receive the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$ 50.00) per annum, and that the names of said persons be placed on the pension list.

SEC. 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorised 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 31, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Swett United Brethren No 1. of Lower Buchanan Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, T. H. Granes R. M. G., J. J. Morris V. S., C. W. Morris W. G., J. T. Dickinson Supt., J. S. Morris O. S., Simou Killey F. S., S. J. Johnson Treasurer., G. C. Jones G. M., J. J. Jones, C. J. A. Thomas and all other officers and members of the within Swett United Brethren No. 1. of Lower Buchanan Grand Bassa County, be and are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of the "Swett United Brethren No. 1. of Lower Buchanan Grand Bassa County," and as such may hold property to the value of one Thousand Five Dollars (\$ 1500.00) may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31, 1906.

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An Act providing for a Stamp Duty on Deeds, Agreements, receipts, and certain other documents.

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

SEC. 1. That all Deeds, Agreements, Receipts, Bills of Exchange and other Documents recording a transaction between two or more individuals, drafts and cheques issued by the County or General Government, Licenses commissions, Bills of Lading for Export, and Powers of Attorney originating abroad, and Inventories of Estates shall be subjected to a Stamp duty to be paid by holders of such documents as follows:—

For Declarations and protests.....	\$.10
" Leases, or Agreements <u>therefor</u>	" .50
" Deeds.....	" .50

TREASURY OFFICERS.

" All Drafts and Cheques issued by County or General Government.....	20/0
" Delivery orders for goods, and Customs Entries....	.02
" Bills of Lading for Export.....	.02
" Bills of Exchange.....	.02
" Marriage License.....	.10
" For Power of Attorney.....	\$ 1.00
" Every letter of administration and Testamentary..	" .50
" Wholesale and Commission Licenses.....	" 1.00
" Retail Licenses.....	" .50
" Pedlars License.....	" .10
" Passports.....	" .25
" Bonds.....	" .10
" All Receipts.....	" .02
" All commissions where the salary or fees is under \$100.00 and up to \$500.00.....	" .50
" Where the Salary is above \$500.00.....	" 1.00
" Inventories of Estates, on the value thereof.....	20/0

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that no document of the nature of those above mentioned, issued after the 30th day

of June A. D. 1906 shall be deemed valid, or be received as evidence in courts of Justice, unless it is properly stamped in accordance with the above schedule.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the Postmaster General shall supply the officers, whose duty shall be to issue any of the above named documents with a sufficient quantity of Revenue Stamps to be sold to the public, and shall pay to said officers 10 o/o of the amounts realized by them from the sale of such stamps, it being understood that ordinary postage stamps may be used as Revenue stamps until the latter can be procured.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted, that every officer who shall be supplied with revenue stamps as aforesaid shall keep account of his transaction in a book provided for that purpose and shall make quarterly reports of all sales and returns made by him, to the Postmaster General. Any deficit made by him, shall be dealt with in a summary manner by the Court of Common Pleas on information filed by the County Attorney.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted, that it shall be the duty of every officer who shall issue any of the above documents to affix a stamp of the proper value to such documents which shall be paid for by the applicant. For every omission to comply with this Section, he shall be liable to a penalty of twenty five (\$25.00) dollars on information made by the County Attorney to the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas who shall deal with the matter in a summary manner.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 1, 1906.

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Joint Resolution authorising the building of Jails in Moorovia and Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the sum of Five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to build a Jail House in Upper Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

SEC. 2. The said Jail House shall be forty (40) feet long, thirty two (32) feet wide and twenty (20) feet high; the first story of said house shall be of stone, and upper story and roof shall be covered with currogated iron, ceiled inside with one inch boards, the lower story shall be used for prisoners criminally charged and convicted of crime, the next story shall be used for debtors and the third story for prison keeper.

SEC. 3. The contractor of said building shall be required under the law regulating public work to make complete satisfaction sufficient to satisfy the Secretary of the Treasury and shall receive three instalments, the first installment one thousand and five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars to be paid on the commencement of the work, (\$1,500.00) to be paid when the house is roofed with three floors and the remaining two thousand to be paid when the work is completed.

SEC. 4. The said building shall be erected in Upper Buchanan around and over the present Jail and must be completed one year from the date of contract, which shall be under the direct control of the Secretary of the Treasury or of the Superintendent of said County if the Secretary so direct.

SEC. 5. That the sum of Five thousand, (\$5,000.00) dollars be and is hereby appropriated to build a Jail House for the County of Montserrado on the sight known as Benedict's farm, the same having been purchased by the Government for such purpose the dimension shall be such as

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the Superintendent of the County and Secretary of the Treasury shall deem proper, taking into consideration the above appropriation.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorised to draw for same out of any monies in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 1, 1906.

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Joint Resolution granting an exclusive right to manufacture gun powder.

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, F. S. Miller of Greenville Sinoe County, and others who may be associated with him be and are hereby declared a body corporate and politic, under the name and style, The Liberian Gun Powder Manufacturing Association Limited, and shall have exclusive rights in the County of Sinoe, and general rights throughout the Republic to manufacture gun and blasting powder for sixteen years, and shall hold and enjoy real and personal property, by purchase, or devise to the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that the Government shall protect the Association in the lawful pursuit of business, and in order to facilitate the promotion of such enterprise, do hereby grant to said Association, the sum of eight hundred dollars per annum for five year, and the Government be entitled to one third of all powder manufactured by said company for the space of sixteen years.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that in order to entitle the

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said Association to the benefit of the above mentioned subsidy after the first year, the said Association must have made or manufactured by the 30th day of September of the first year 200 lbs. of powder then the second years annuity shall accrue; by the 30th day of September of the second year, said Association must have made or manufactured 800 lbs. of powder; by the 30th day of September of the third year, said Association must have manufactured 1400 lbs. of powder then they shall be entitled to draw the fourth year's annuity, by the 30th day of September they must have 2000 lbs. of powder, then they shall be entitled to draw for the fifth annuity; by the 30th day of September of the fifth year, they must have made 2600 lbs. of powder, and for the next five years the said Association shall make no less than the last above mentioned number of pounds of powder per annum. The said Association shall report quarterly to the Superintendent of Sinoe, the number of pounds of powder made by them, but nothing in this provision shall be understood to prevent the said Superintendent from visiting the premises of the said Association for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of said reports.

The said Superintendent shall report annually to the Secretary of the Treasury concerning this matter.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that the Association shall take not less than three youths from each County, to teach the art of manufacturing gun powder and other enterprises that may be necessarily taught.

The aforesaid Association shall have the right to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of competent jurisdiction, and to do all things and acts done by corporate bodies.

Any law to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Approved February 2, 1906.

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Joint Resolution providing for a Special Commissioner for the Districts of Sodoke, Baraka, Watchoke, Plebo, Bolubo, Tubarke, Dodeke, Nyenawodoke, Manolu and as far as Bahwhrebo in the County of Maryland.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, that a Special Commissioner is hereby provided for the above named tribes, and all other surrounding tribes in that District and County; and it shall be the duty of the said Special Commissioner to make quarterly visits as far as Bahwhrebo, and to keep the roads free for the purpose of travel and trade.

SEC. 2. And it is further resolved that the sum of Three hundred dollars per annum shall be the salary of said Special Commissioner and fifty dollars per quarter for his traveling expenses. And the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorised to draw under warrant of the President for the aforementioned sum out of any funds not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 2, 1906.

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Joint Resolution respecting the fee to be paid or allowed Medical Doctors or persons practicing medicine, for Post Mortem examinations, in case of suspicious death.

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 fee to be allowed Medical Doctors, or persons practicing Medicine, in cases of death happening under suspicious circumstances, where the Government is interested, shall be fifty dollars for each Physician attending which shall in no case exceed two regular practicing Physician.

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SEC. 2. It is further resolved that any Auditor found guilty of Auditing any bill for a "*Post Mortem*" examination for a sum exceeding fifty dollars for each Doctor employed as aforesaid shall upon proof thereof be dismissed from office immediately, and said bill, shall be declared by the disbursing officer illegal and payment refused.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 2, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Farmers Stock raising and Fishing Association of Brewerville in the County of Montserrado.

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, H. Benedict Hayes, President, Emanuel W. Williams, Vice President, Henry R. Phelps, Corresponding Secretary, Manson Winn, Recording Secretary, Elijah L. Parker, Treasurer, Wilson Slight, March Gaston, Nelson W. Williams, George Moore, P. H. Shaw, Joseph W. Parker, James O. Hayes, D. L. Caesar, Edwin J. Barclay, A. L. Brisbane, William Lucas and such others as may be hereafter associated with them, their heirs and assigns be, and they are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the "Farmers Stock raising and Fishing Association" of Brewerville, Montserrado County and by that name may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction may own real and personal property to the value of Twenty five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars, may make bye-laws and other regulations not inconsistent with laws or Constitution of this Republic, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intentions of this organization.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that Five hundred (500) acres of public land be granted said Association to assist them in carrying into effect the intentions of this Association

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the said Farmers Stock raising and Fishing Association of Brewerville shall pay the the Government five (5 0/0) per cent of the nett profits realised on said enterprise.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that the said Association shall commence operations within one year after the grant of the tract of land or any part thereof as herein above provided for, and when said land ceases to be used by said Association, for the purposes for which granted, the said lands shall then revert to the Government.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1906.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to open experimental Farms in the four Counties of this Republic.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby authorised to open one (1) experimental farm in each of the Counties of this Republic, and conduct the same in such a manner that will bring about a system of scientific farming for the benefit of the Farmers throughout the Country.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of Three hundred (\$300.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be used in each County upon each farm; and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is hereby authorised to draw for the same out of any monies in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution Incorporating the Lone Cross Lodge No. 5954, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Edina Grand 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 H. B. Williams, P. N. F., J. L. Allen, N. F., W. A. Page, W. F., J. R. Moore, P. S., J. S. Smith, W. C., C. R. H. Johnson, W. A., John T. Taylor, E. S., J. J. Smith, W., and other officers who may be elected from time to time, together with all persons who are now or hereafter may become members, be and they are hereby declared a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the "Lone Cross Lodge, No. 5954 of Grand United Order of Odd Fellows" Edina Grand Bassa County, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may own real and personal property to the value of Ten thousand dollars. May make Bye Laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this Republic and may do other things necessary to carry into effect the intentions of this organisation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1906.

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Joint Resolution placing an Interdict on the Sanquin tribe in Sinoe County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President be and is hereby authorised to interdict the said tribe by forbidding trade between them and the citizens of this Republic; said interdict

may be raised as soon as they give satisfaction for the depredations committed on the Carbor tribe.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons carrying on or attempting to carry on trade with said tribe shall be fined in a sum not less than Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars nor more than One thousand (\$1000.00) dollars. But intercourse and commerce may be recommenced as soon as the President publicly announces that peace has been restored and satisfaction given.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the "Eureka Brass Band" of Harper, 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, Allen Yancy, R. B. Wilkins, Mansfield Yancy, R. L. Brewer, A. F. Tubman, J. A. Steward, F. B. Wilson and others of the city of Harper, Cape Palmas, Maryland County, and such other persons as may become members hereafter, are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Eureka Brass Band" of Harper, and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of One Thousand (\$1000 00) dollars, for the use and benefit of said company, and shall have perpetual succession of officers, and as such, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the "Eureka Brass Band" of Harper, Cape Palmas, Maryland County, is permitted to do all other matters and things done by similar bodies corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Methodist Episcopal Church, Crozierville, 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, J. E. Clarke, Pastor, Cato A. Sims, W. H. Weathers, W. O. Crawford, Chas. Reeves, S. A. Crawford, I. N. Holder, and M. J. Shoemaker, Trustees of the M. E. Church of Crozierville, Montserrado County, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Crozierville, Montserrado County, and as such may hold real and personal property to the value of Ten Thousand (\$ 10,000.00) dollars, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution regulating Immigrants expenses.

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, any immigrant or immigrants coming into the Republic of Liberia must first take oath of allegiance to the Republic and abjuration of the sovereign or state whence he comes, after which he may receive aid from the Government as such. The Immigrant Agent or Agents shall keep a true and correct account of all expenses incurred for the benefit of said immigrant or immigrants. He shall make a quarterly report in duplicate of all money or monies, goods, wares, and merchandise received for and on account of said immigrant or immigrants, stating specifically what he received

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and paid out. The original Report shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the duplicate to the Superintendent of the County, Territory, or District where said immigrant or immigrants reside, which report shall be entered in a book provided for that purpose.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that any immigrant or immigrants remaining in the Republic of Liberia for a period of five years from the time of his, her, or their arrival into said Republic, the benefit received from the Government by said immigrant or immigrants so remaining shall be *gratis*; but should any of them declare their intention to permanently leave the Republic before the expiration of five years after arriving into said Republic, the value of the benefits received from the Government by said immigrant or immigrants shall be estimated and considered a debt due the Government by said immigrant or immigrants which shall be recoverable before any tribunal having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution granting Gabriel W. Parker, jr. sole and exclusive right to run a Ferry across Stockton Creek, near the mouth of the St. Paul River, Montserrat 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, Gabriel W. Parker, jr., and such other persons as may be associated with him, their heirs and assigns be and are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of Gabriel W. Parker, Ltd.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that Gabriel W. Parker, Ltd. shall have the sole and exclusive right to run a Ferry across the Stockton Creek, near the mouth of the St Paul River, for the

purpose of crossing any person or persons from Caldwell side of the Creek to Bushrod Island at the place known as Charlie Williams Farm for ten years, with the privilege of ten more years, when the first ten years shall have expired; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts having competent jurisdiction, and shall be capable of holding by purchases a grant of real and personal property to the amount of Seven hundred (\$ 700.00) dollars.

SEC. 3. The said corporation shall have the privilege of doing all other things done by similar bodies corporate.

SEC. 4. All transportation across the Creek in said Ferry by G. W. Parker, Ltd. for Government purposes shall be free of charge.

SEC. 5. The maximum charge for each person crossing either way shall be two cents.

SEC. 6. Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent persons crossing in their own boats or canoes.

SEC. 7. The operation of this Joint Resolution shall go into effect six months after the passage of this Joint Resolution, otherwise the same is to remain null and void.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution granting to Mrs. May French-Sheldon a parcel of land for industrial and agricultural purposes.

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, One Thousand square acres of land from the public domain of this Republic be and is hereby granted to Mrs. May French-Sheldon, her successors or assigns, for a term of twenty

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ty-five years for the purpose of opening and operating an experimental stock-raising and industrial farm.

SEC. 2. And the President of the Republic be, and is hereby authorised and directed to execute and deliver to the grantee the proper title for the above granted parcel of land for the purpose and period herein above mentioned.

SEC. 3. And the said grantee be and is hereby allowed one year from the date of this grant within which to commence operations as aforesaid and at any time thereafter when the said tract of land ceases to be used for the purpose for which it is granted, the same shall revert to the Government.

SEC. 4. And it is further resolved that should minerals of any kind, or mines of whatever nature called, be found in or upon the grant herein set forth, the Republic of Liberia reserves to itself the right to take over such tract or tracts of land for the use of the Republic, Government supplying other lands in stead.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution authorising the President to adopt measures for the suppression of the several inter-tribal wars and other native difficulties in the County of Maryland.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President be, and is hereby authorised and directed to place into active service a detachment of the militia of sufficient force to suppress and bring to a close the several inter-tribal wars and other native difficulties existing among the several native tribes on the Cavalla River and other districts in the County of Maryland.

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SEC. 2. And the sum of Five Thousand (\$ 5,000.00) dollars be, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of said expedition. And the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby authorised to draw for the same out of any monies of the Republic not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution appointing an Auditor of Public Accounts for the District 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 from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, there shall be appointed in the District of Marshall, County of Montserrado, by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Liberia under the law by which such officers are governed, an auditor of Public Accounts.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the pay of the said Auditor shall be Two Hundred (\$ 250.00) and fifty dollars per annum.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church of Lower Buchanan 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. 1 That Randolph C. Cooper, Rector, T. J. Reffill, Senior Warden, B. R. Gibson, Junior Warden, W. A. Greenfield, Jacob Logan, and G. G. Johnson, Vestrymen, all of Lower Buchanan, in the County of Grand Bassa and Republic of Liberia, and their successors in office, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of St. John's Chapel, with power to hold and possess property, real and personal, that may now or shall

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be hereafter acquired by purchase or devise, with power to sell and convey the same, subject to the provisions and conditions of this Act.

SEC. 2. The the said corporation shall be granted the privelege 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 Ten thousand (\$10,000.00).

SEC. 3. That the said corporation is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such by-laws 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.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution pensioning Captain Francis A. Hoff of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, the heirs of Isaac Ash and George W. Walker 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, Captain Francis A. Hoff shall receive the sum of Forty eight (\$48.00) dollars, per annum, the heirs of Isaac Ash shall receive the sum of (\$60.00) dollars per annum to be equally divided among them until they become of age. And George W. Walker of Montserrado County shall receive fifty (\$50.00) dollars per annum.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised

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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 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution granting to C. A. Lincoln heir of Frank, James and Delia Harmon fifteen acres of farm land in the County of Maryland,

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, fifteen acres of farm land is hereby granted to C. A. Lincoln heir of Frank, James and Delia Harmon, who emigrated to the Republic of Liberia in the early sixties, and who had never received the lands allotted them by the Government.

SEC. 2. And the President be, and he is hereby authorised to instruct the Surveyor of Maryland County to survey for the aforesaid C. A. Lincoln heir of James, Frank and Delia Harmon, fifteen acres of farm land from the Public domain in the County of Maryland agree ble to the laws on Emigrant allotment.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the No. 1 Union Brass Band of Robertsport.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution A. R. Chenowith, President, S. Outland, Band Master, W. F. Crusoe, Secretary, Martin L.

Allen, F. G. Chenowith, J. A. Chenowith, H. N. Fletcher, Robert Outland, R. B. Blake, and such other persons as may become members of the said Brass Band, are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the No. 1 Robertsport Union Brass Band, and shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the amount of One thousand (\$1000.00) dollars, for the use and benefit of said band company and shall have perpetual succession of officers and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the M. E. Church of Lexington, 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, Chas. A. Minor, Pastor, W. F. Brown, M. C. Knowlen, Chas. Davidson, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lexington, Sinoe County, be and are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lexington, Sinoe County and as such may hold property to the value of Five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars May sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

Joint Resolution restoring Anthony T. Howard of Grand Bassa County, and Joseph Mown of Montserrado County to Citizenship.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution Anthony T. Howard of Grand Bassa County and Joseph Mown of Montserrado County, be and they are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship in common with all citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1906.

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Joint Resolution providing for a retrenchment on all salaries and allowances voted by the Legislature of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury instruct the Auditors in the several Counties and Districts of this Republic to deduct and strike off ten (100/0) per cent on the dollar of every bill presented for salaries or allowances, the bills of the President of the Republic of Liberia and Judges of the several Courts excepted. This resolution shall take effect from the 30th, day of June 1906.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1906.

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Joint Resolution granting F. Bernard Limited sole and exclusive right to run one Ferry across the Saint Paul River at the point known as Mamma Town in the County of Montserrado.

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, F. Bernard Limited and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with him their heirs and assigns be, and they are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of "F. Bernard Limited."

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that F. Bernard Limited shall have the sole and exclusive right to run one (1) Ferry across the above named river at the point known as Mamma Town for the term of ten (10) years, with the privilege of five (5) more; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be capable of holding real and personal property to the amount of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars,

SEC. 3. The said Company shall have the privilege of doing all other things done by similar bodies corporate.

SEC. 4. All transportation across said Ferry by E. Bernard Limited for Government purposes shall be free of charge.

SEC. 5. The maximum charge for each crossing shall be six (\$0.06) cents.

SEC. 6. Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent person or persons from crossing in their private canoes or boats.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the H. M. S. DAVIES. Mutual Relief Company of Kroo Town Monrovia 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 Ben Johnson President, Mrs Jubet, Lady President

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Sam Toby Vice President, Thomas Benson Treasurer, P. A. Davis Chaplin, and other officers who may be elected from time to time, together with all persons who are now or hereafter may become members be and they are hereby declared a boby corporate and politic under the name and style of the "H. M. S. Davis Mutual Relief Company" of Kroo Town Montserrado County, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction may own real and personal property to the value of Five Thousand Dollars (\$ 5000.00) may make bye laws and other regulations not repugnant to the laws and constitution of the Republic of Liberia, and do other thing necessary to carry into effect the intentions of this organisation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Feb'y 6, 1906.

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Joint Resolution making an appropriation for the printing of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of One Thousand (\$ 1000.00) Dollar be and the same is hereby appropriated for the printing of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of the Repnblc of Liberia.

SEC. 2. That one third of said sum shall be paid on the commencement of the work, one third when the manuscripts are put in the printing office for publication, and the remaining one third on the completion of the work. The number of copies to be published and furnished the Government for the above amount shall be two hundred and fifty copies well bound and printed in good clear type the copyright of the said book shall also be a reserve to the Government and

further publications shall only be by the special order of Legislature.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the work of publication of the decisions of the Supreme Court, shall be given to two practicing Attorney and one Associate of the said Court, who shall be required to complete the same within two years from the payment of the first instalment.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President shall draw for the same out of any monies in the public treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feby. 6, 1906.

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Joint Resolution respecting the Cities of Monrovia and Harper Maryland County.

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

SEC. 1. That the President of the Republic is invested with the right to consult in concert with the Mayor and Council of Monrovia upon and concerning all measures relating to the streets, sanitary conditions, Water supply and improvements of the City. That in view of the fact that it is the Capital of the Country, the Government of the Republic may expend five hundred (\$ 500.00) dollars annually for five years on improvements in said City.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved, that the sum of one thousand (\$ 1000.00) dollars be, and is hereby granted to the City of Harper to aid in completing the bridges across Hoffman river in said City, and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby authorised and directed to draw for the same under the warrant of the President out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Feby. 6, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the "African Sons" of the County of Grand Bassa.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this joint Resolution, J. T. Willis W. M., J. R. Moore D. M., T. M. Moore G. S., C. R. Preston G. T., L. H. Duncan E. S., W. H. DeShield Trustee, T. N. Duncan Chaplain, R. H. Duncan I. S., C. S. Wares O. S., Stephen Crusoe R. S., G. W. Nelson L. S., and such other persons as may become members, be and they hereby declare a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the "African Sons" of the County of Grand Bassa; shall sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; hold real and personal property to the value of Two Thousand (\$ 2000.00) Dollars and do any act not repugnant to the laws of this Republic in common with other bodies corporate and politic, for the carrying into effect the intention of this organisation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feby. 6, 1906.

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Joint Resolution declaring the duty on Fire Arms imported into the Republic.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the duty on all guns imported, shall be as follows, on all Flint lock guns muskets or dane, the duty shall be forty cents each, on all cap guns percussion musket or dane the duty shall be Two Dollars and Fifty-cents (\$ 2 50) each, on all rifles magazine or single shooters, ordered by individual citizens under act of the Legislature

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1905, the duty shall be twelve and half per cents *ad valorem* together with munitions for same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feby. 8, 1906.

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Joint Resolution incorporation the "Excelsior Lodge " No. 122 U. B. F. and S. M. T. of Monrovia County of Montserrado.

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, E. E. Finch, W. M., W. O. D. Bright D. M., A. B. Stubblefield Jr, Secretary., J. I. C. Dennis A. S., S. E. McCarey, J. B. Haynes, O. H. Massey, Trustees, J. A. Kennedy Chaplain., L. R. L. Howard Treasurer., A. D. Stevens R. S., L. L. Montgomery L. S., W. F. Dennis O. S., and others officers who may be elected from time to time together with all persons who are not and hereafter may become members, are hereby declared a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the "Excelsior Lodge " No. 122 U. B. F. and S. M. T., of Monrovia Montserrado County and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of competent jurisdiction, may own real and personal property to the value of Two Thousand (\$ 2000.00) Dollars may make Bye-Laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this Republic, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intentions of this organisation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Feby. 8, 1906.

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Joint Resolution chartering the Ferry Boat company of Harper Maryland County.

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

SEC. 1. That Allen Yancy and E. A. Tubman, of the County of Maryland, and such other persons who may become members of said Company be and are hereby constituted a body politic, under the name and style of the Harper Ferry boat Company and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be implead before any Court of competent jurisdiction, may obtain hold, possess, acquire and dispose of real and personal property to the value of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

The said company be, and is hereby granded the sole and exclusive right to run a Ferry over and across the Hoffman iver in Maryland County from Sassa-wood and Marshall points on the opposite banks of said river to Pudeke, Graveyard points and the Government wharf on the opposite banks of the river, and with the distance and space on both banks of the said river, between the points berein described, for a space of Twelve Years.

The fee for crossing each person shall not exceed six cents

The rights granted under this Charter shall extend to to the successors or assigns, of the grantees or company herein above named nothing in this resolution shall prevent persons cssosing in their own boats or canoes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Feby. 12, 1906.

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Joint Resolution amendatory and supplementary to a Joint Resolution creating the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas for the Territory of Grand Cape Mount. approved February 7, 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 o

this Joint Resolution, the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, Montserrado County and the Territory of Grand Cape Mount shall receive the sum of Ten (10) cents per mile to and from said Territory when attending said Court.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution authorising the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare and issue forms and regulations for proper systemization and control of the Customs,

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

SEC. 1 That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorised to prepare and issue from time to time, forms and regulations in reference to the importing or landing of goods and the exporting or shipping of produce at the Ports of Entry which regulations shall have the force and effect of law.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that any person or persons violating any of the regulations that may be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with the above section, shall be fined in a sum not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Resolution authorising the Executive Government to accept the Agreement for the Delimitation of the Franco Liberian boundary as negotiated 1905.

The Senate of Liberia having considered the modifications proposed to the Franco-Liberian Treaty of 1892 as negotiated by Dr. E. W. Blyden and Sir Harry Johnston on

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behalf of the Republic of Liberia during the year 1905, ratifies the same, concurs in the exchange of Territory suggested, and advises the acceptance of said agreement on the part of the Executive. It being understood that the right of navigation along the whole course of the Cavalla River shall be as in the original Treaty accorded in common to the citizens and subjects of both countries.

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