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THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATIONS WERE INCORPORATED UNDER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:—



1. Joint Resolution incorporating the Jubilee Company
No. 2 of Kroo Town Monrovia.
Approved January 15th 1907.
2. Joint Resolution incorporating the Monrovia Silk
Company of Kroo Town Monrovia.
Approved January 15th 1907.
3. Joint Resolution incorporating the Blue Molee Comp-
any No. 1 of Kroo Town Monrovia.
Approved January 15th 1907.
4. Joint Resolution incorporating the Royal Bee Comp-
any of Kroo Town Monrovia.
Approved January 15th 1907.
5. Joint Resolution incorporating the Victoria Company
of Kroo Town Monrovia.
Approved January 15th 1907.
6. Joint Resolution incorporating the Excelsior Lodge
No. 2 of the Independent Order of Good Templars in
the County of Maryland and Republic of Liberia.
Approved January 15th 1907.
7. Joint Resolution incorporating the Red Shell Asso-
ciation of the Counties of Sinoe and Maryland. Passed
by Limitation.
8. Joint Resolution incorporating the Ebenezer Baptist
Church Caldwell Montserrado County. Passed by Limita-
tion.

9. Joint Resolution incorporating the Star of Hope Lodge No. 1 of the Independent Order of Good Templars of Cape Palmas County of Maryland. Passed by Limitation.

10. Joint Resolution incorporating the Rising Star Lodge Household of Ruth No. 2386 of Maryland County. Passed by Limitation.

11. Joint Resolution incorporating the Gedebo Corporation Ltd, of Cape Palmas Maryland County. Passed by Limitation.

12. Joint Resolution incorporating Monrovia United Blowyin Company of Kroo Town Monrovia. Passed by Limitation.

13. An Act incorporating the Ladies Aid Society, Greenville M. E. Church Sinoe Church. Passed by Limitation.

14. Joint Resolution incorporating the Pyne Poor Company of Kroo Town Monrovia. Passed by Limitation.

15. Joint Resolution incorporating Sunday Company of Kroo Town Monrovia Montserrado County. Passed by Limitation.

16. Joint Resolution incorporating the Jubilee Company No. 1 of Kroo Town Monrovia. Passed by Limitation.

17. Joint Resolution incorporating the Salem Baptist Church of Brewerville Montserrado County. Approved January 21st 1907.

18. Joint Resolution incorporating the Golden Company of Kroo Town Monrovia, Montserrado County. Approved January 21st 1907.

19. Joint Resolution incorporating the High Company and the Lord Say Company Kroo Town Monrovia Montserrado County. Approved January 21 1907.

20. Joint Resolution incorporating the M. E. Church of Blutnsville Sinoe County. Approved January 23th 1907.

21. Joint Resolution incorporating the Monrovia Dramatic and Athletic Club of Montserrado County Liberia. Approved January 23rd 1907.

22. An Act incorporating the Leopardville Club No. 1 Cape Palmas, or the (Gyiklole.) Passed by Limitation.

23. An Act incorporating the Liberian National Bar Association. Approved Feb. 4th 1907.
24. Joint Resolution incorporating the Farmers Alliance Association of Montserrado County.

THE FOLLOWING JOINT RESOLUTION WERE
PASSED REIMBURSING THE PARTIES
NAMED BELOW:—

1. N. Y. Valentine, of Maryland, County.
Approved Jany. 20 1907. \$78.00
2. D. M. Johnson, of Maryland County, for losses sustained.
Approved Jany. 12 1907. \$70.00.
3. S. G. Harmon, of Grand Bassa County. \$600.00
Approved Jany 21 1907.
4. W. U. Cummings of Maryland County, for a hea-
ing Loss \$400.00.
Approved, Jany. 23 1907.
5. S. R. Dixon, of Montserrado County. \$55.00
Approved Jany. 23. 1907.
6. J. J. Woodson, of Clay-Ashland, Montserrado Coun-
ty for Sixty (60) Acrs of Land.
7. Cato A. Sims, of Croziewille, Montesrado County for
Land used as Public Road. \$50.00
Passed by Limitation.
8. D. Mason and Son *et al* of Grand Bassa, County for
losses inflicted by one Tombo and others 1904 \$500.00
Passed by Limitation.
9. John L. Allen of Grand Bassa, County for losses
inflicted by one Tombo and others 1907 \$300.00.
Passed by Limitation.
10. T. G. Raffle and Co. of Grand Bassa County for
losses inflicted by one Tombo and other 1904 \$300.00
Passed by Limitation.
11. S. W. Seton, of Hoffman Station Maryland County

for losses inflicted by Cape Palmas Tribe 1899: \$250.00
Passed by Limitation.

12. Executor and Executrix of S. S. Raynes \$300.00
Passed by Limitation.

\$2803.00

THE FOLLOWING JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE
PASSED GRANTING AID TO SUNDRY
INDIVIDUALS AND TOWNSHIPS:

1. the Citizens of Arthington and Millsburg for fixing
Roads. \$500.00

Approved Jany 23, 1907.

2. To the Citizens of Johnsonville and Gardnersville
Approved Jany. 23 1907. \$250.00

3. To the Citizens of Kingsville and New Series Grand
Bassa County. \$250.00

Approved Jany. 23 1907.

4. To the Citizens of Sinoe County to build two (2)
Bridges. \$300.00

Approved Jany. 23 1907.

5. To the Citizens of Ackersville Territory of Grand
Cape Mount to build a Bridge. \$150.00

Approved Jany. 23 1907..

6. To Mrs. Martha Bowen of Maryland County, for
mislaide unregistered Bills. \$16.00

Approved 23 1907.

7. To the Citizens of Paynesburg Grand Bassa County
to build Bridge \$150.00

Approved Jany. 23 1907.

8. To James A. Wright Thirty (30) acres of Bounty
Land.

Approved Jany. 23 1907.

9. To the Citizens of Fortsville of Grand Bassa County
for building a Bridge. \$700.00

Passed Limitation.

10. To Mrs. Delphia Plawson. of Sinoe County settle

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meat of Bluntsville for Land used as public road. \$250.00
Passed by limitation.

11. To the Citizens of Farmington River, Grand Bassa.
County to build two Bridges. \$300.00
Passed by limitation.

12. To the Citizens of Farmersville, Sinoe County to
cut, clean, and remove a Lagoon on the Poo River. \$400.00
Passed by limitation.
\$3266.00

Joint Resolution restoring W. H. Freeman, and John Benjamin Dyson, both of County of Montserrado 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 W. H. Freeman, and John Benjamin Dyson, both of the County aforesaid, be, and they are hereby restored to Citizenship, and to all the rights and privileges thereof, and are hereby authorised to do any and every act in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan. 21th, 1907.

An Act amendatory the Homestead Exemption Act.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, any person or persons who have exempted or may hereafter exemp any part or parcel of their property, under the provisions of Homestead Exemption Act for the benefit of themselves and family, may revoke or dissolve such Exemption by filing a notice to that effect in the Clerk's office of the Probate Court. Said notice shall be probated and registered.

The fee for such services shall be fifty cents to the Registra.

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

Approved Jan. 21th, 1907.

An Act repealing an Act, with respect to the local debts of the several Counties, Approved Jany. 14th, 1897

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for the Secretary of the Treasury to give general Government Drafts, in lieu of County debts.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby prohibited from drawing on the County funds for General Government purposes.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent the Secretary of the Treasury from issuing Bonds against County Checks, Treasury Drafts, Liberian Currency, or General Government audited bills, as per Joint Resolution for the relief of Government, and to prevent audited Bills from being used as a Currency, approved Jany. 31 1905.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23, 1907.

Joint Resolution respecting the Rubber concession.

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

SEC. 1. That from the first day of April 1907, the right of exporting India Rubber, Gutta Percha, Caoutchouc shall be free to all persons within the Republic

SEC. 2. The Export duty payable by exporters shall be twelve cents per pound.

SEC. 3. This Export duty shall form a special fund, one half of which shall be paid to the Liberian Rubber Corporation as an indemnity for the yielding up of their right of exportation, and the other half shall be applied to the payment of the 70/0 English Loan of 1871 as stipulated in previous Acts.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury shall issue instructions to the Customs Staff providing for the inspection of all Gutta Percha, Caoutchouc or Rubber entered for exportation. Where there is manifest proof of adulteration with foreign substances, said rubber shall be confiscated and destroyed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 30 1907.

Joint Resolution Providing for the creation and of a **Military Council** composed of Officials and Field Officers to supervise the Militia of 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 there shall be created a Military Council composed of a Major General, a Surgeon General (if any) an Adjutant General, a Judge Advocate General, two Brigadier Generals, Brigadier Majors, the Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, and Majors, of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Regiments or any that may be hereafter constituted. The Council is charged with formulating regulations for the drill, equipment, uniform, discipline and Government of the Militia of the Republic.

Said regulations shall at the next session of the Legislature of the Republic be laid before it for approval by

Legislative enactment. The President of the Republic shall be chief of the Council

The Secretary of War shall be President, he may also designate an officer to preside when unable to be present.

SEC. 2. The meeting of the council shall take place annually in the city of Monrovia, in the first week in the month of August, the day to be designated by the President of the council; and should remain in Session one week from the first day of Session. All officers must appear in full uniform. The members of the Council shall be cited by the Secretary of War. The regulations promulgated through the War and Navy Department.

All officers, privates, or persons in Military services failing to obey them, or neglecting to do so, will subject themselves to Court Martial which shall inflict such penalties as are in accord with Military law as administered in the United States of America.

SEC. 3. The pay of the officers composing the council shall be as follows, and payment shall be drawn from the Military fines.

For Major General per day	\$5.00
„ Brigadier „ „ „	„ 4.00
„ Colonels „ „ „	„ 3.50
„ all other officers „ „ „	„ 3.00

with passage money to and from home.

Officers attending council from places outside Montserado County shall have two (2) day extra pay.

SEC. 4. The President of the Republic shall have power to appoint in the Counties of Grand Bassa and Sinoe from the roll of retired field officers, two Regimental Inspectors who shall have the rank of Colonel whose duty it shall be to inspect and review the Regiment of said Counties at their quarterly drill, first giving notice to the commanding officer of the Regiment previous to the

drill-day of his intention, upon receipt of which the commanding officers will prepare his Regiment for said duty.

The Adjutant General shall be Secretary to said Council and shall receive for his services, such fees as are allowed by the army regulations of the United States or as may be designated by Act of the Legislature.

SEC. 5. The Military Council may direct the attendance and require the opinions and advice of any retired or active officer of the Militia not a member thereof. When attending in accordance with orders, the officer shall be paid his actual expenses.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 26. 1907.

An Act regulating the payment of the salaries of public employees.

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

SEC. 1. That from the first day of April A. D. 1907 all employees of the Government drawing salaries of Thirty (\$30.00) dollars per month and under, shall be paid their salaries or wages monthly on the last legal day of each and every month. And that the Superintendents of the different Counties shall upon the adjournment of the Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas. cause the bills of the Petit and Grand Jurors and Bailiffs to be made out, approved and audited for services rendered during the Session of the Court, and shall cause payment to be made the Jurors and Bailiffs in full immediately.

SEC. 2. That all collectors of revenue shall make monthly instead of quarterly reports to the officers to whom they are now required by law to make them, said reports to be made not latter than the sixth (6) day of the suc-

ceding month, the first report hereunder to be for the month of April, A.D. 1907.

Sec. 3. Should any collector of public revenue fail to make full report of all matters connected with his office at the time stated in section 2nd, and to pay over all monies coming into his hands for the month covered by his report the County Attorney shall make a complaint thereof to the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, who shall hear the matter in a summary way, and if found guilty shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty five (\$25.00) dollars, and the Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions shall issue to the Sheriff, a summary writ of Execution for the collection of such penalty upon the Judgement of the Court.

Any law or part of law conflicting with the Act is hereby repealed.

Approved Jany. 26, 1907.

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Joint Resolution granting an annuity to Ex President G. W. Gibson, of Montserrado County.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, G. W. Gibson, Ex-President of the Republic of Liberia, be, and he is hereby granted an annuity of Six (\$600.00) hundred dollars per annum; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised under warrant of the President, to draw for the same out of any money or monies in the public Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1907.

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Joint Resolution declaring in what cases shall breakage and leakage be allowed.

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 Collectors of Customs are strictly forbidden to allow any discount on goods, wares, merchandise, etc. that have been examined by the importers and the true quantity reported or declared at the Custom House for assessment. The 5% discount is to be allowed upon goods, wares and merchandise that have not been examined by any importers, and only upon the original invoice.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that in no case shall it be lawful for any importers to examine any cases, barrels, or any packages containing goods, wares and merchandise in the absence of a Custom Officer.

All importers wishing to examine any cases, barrels, bales, or packages in order to ascertain their actual contents, shall first make application to the Collector of Customs, who shall furnish a Custom Officer to attend upon such examination, and a report thereof be filed by the said Officer at the Custom House.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1907.

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Joint Resolution granting Father Kyne, Prefect Apostolic of the Catholic Mission in Liberia, one hundred and fifty acres of land on the Little Cape Mount River in Montserrado County for Educational and Missionary 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 hundred and fifty acres of land on the Little Cape Mount River in the County of Montserrado, is hereby granted to Father Kyne Prefect apostolic of the

Church or Missions in Liberia, to be used for Missionary and Educational purposes by the said Mission.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that the Land Commissioner shall grant to the representatives of said mission an order to any legal Surveyor to survey the above granted lands out of any public lands not otherwise appropriated, the mission bearing all expenses of the survey.

Sec. 3. It is further resolved that the Mission shall possess and hold said premises subject to the laws governing similar Institutions.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1907.

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An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to enter into arrangements with the firm of A. Woermann at Monrovia for settling and paying off the claims of said firm against the Government of Liberia.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Firm of A. Woermann at Monrovia, be and is hereby granted the Agency for the shipment of Deck and other labourers shipped within the Republic by the German Steamers, with the exceptions of boys shipped for services abroad by Wiechers & Helm and other parties, for the space of ten years.

Sec. 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby authorised to make agreements for paying off the legal claims of said firm existing against the Government from the shipping money collected by said firm on such conditions as may be agreed to between the said firm and the Secretary on behalf of the Government.

Sec. 3. And the said firm shall upon entering upon the

arrangements turn over all, and singular the legal claims in their hands to the Government, and shall receive the pay for said claims under the arrangements herein above mentioned in section second of this Act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1907.

An Act relating to Divorces

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

SEC. 1. That all actions of Divorce shall be filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas as other individual suits, and shall be governed by the rules and practice in said Courts not contrary to the special provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. In no case shall a divorce be granted except for the cause of adultery committed either by the husband or wife during the time of their marriage.

SEC. 3. No action of divorce shall be tried at the next term of the Court after that to which the Defendant has been summoned to appear, and ~~the~~ Defendant may appear and plead upon the record, or at the trial in person, or by a counsel, or both; but where the Defendant willfully neglects to appear and plead upon the records according to the regular rules of practice and pleading, he or she shall only rest his or her defence upon the plea of not guilty.

SEC. 4. All actions of divorces shall be tried by a Jury who shall be sworn to determine the same according to law and evidence; should the Defendant fail to appear and plead upon the record or in person the Court shall order a plea of not guilty to be entered for such Defendant, and proceed to the trial upon the said plea, and the truth of

the allegations charged in the complaint must in all cases be proven by good and sufficient evidence.

SEC. 5. Upon the trial of any action of divorce, although the charge of adultery is proven by the Plaintiff, the Court and Jury may deny the divorce sought in the following cases:—(a) where the offence shall have been committed by the procurement, collusion or with the connivance of the complainant. (b) where with a full knowledge of the facts that the offence has been committed, the injured party thereafter cohabits with the offender. (c) where it shall be proven by the Defendant that the Plaintiff has been guilty of adultery of which the Defendant has not forgiven the Plaintiff previous to the commencement of the suit, provided always the said guilty conduct of the Plaintiff can be proven to have occurred within three years before the commencement of the suit.

SEC. 6 The leading costs in all cases shall be paid by each party to the suit as incurred by them respectively previous to the trial, and all other costs up to the rendition of judgement shall be paid by the Plaintiff previous to the issuing and signing of the bill of divorcement, granted by the Court which shall be according to the form set forth in the Liberian Statute page 218 (old edition.)

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

Approved January 30, 1907.

Joint Resolution amendatory to a Joint Resolution approved February 6, 1906, making appropriation for printing the Supreme Court Decision

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 remaining amount due on the contract for the publication of the aforesaid Decisions, shall be immediately paid over to the contractors, and they are hereby required to complete the publication and binding of said Decisions in law sheets, and to have them placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury on or before the first Monday in December 1907, and the copy right reserved by the Government is hereby rescinded.

SEC. 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury shall at the next session of the Legislature report to it the condition of the work above mentioned, and keep the same in his possession until he shall have been directed in what manner they shall be disposed of.

SEC. 3. And the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President be, and is hereby authorised to draw for same from any monies in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 5, 1907.

An Act respecting the Liberian Paper Currency.

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

SEC. 1. That all holders of Liberian Paper Currency of sums of one hundred dollars and upwards, are required to present the same to the Treasury Department at Monrovia on or before the 30th day of June A. D. 1907 to receive therefor good notes redeemable by said Department as fast as possible, and all persons holding paper Currency to said amount, who shall fail to comply with this requisition are forever barred from sitting up any claim for same.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Liberian Paper Currency shall

be a legal tender to the Republic of Liberia only for land taxes and fines of all nature.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that immediately upon the receipt of the Treasury Department at Monrovia or through the several Sub-Treasurers of any paper Currency, after the passage of this Act the same shall be immediately defaced and not issued agin; and the Secretary of Treasury and Superintendents and Sub-Treasurers are hereby forbidden under a penalty of a fine of five (\$500.00) hundred dollars, to pay out, exchange or in any way, part with any portion of said paper Currency received by, or, paid to them.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 5, 1907.

Joint Resolution authorising the Post Master General to open a Post Office at River Cess, 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 from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Post Master General be, and is hereby authorised and directed to immediately establish and open a Post Office at River Cess in the County of Grand Bassa and the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the salary of the Post Master at said Port; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for the same under warrant of the President out of any monies in the public Treasury accruing from Postal revenue not otherwise appropriated. The Collector of Customs of said Port shall serve as Post Master.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 5, 1907.

Joint Resolution limiting Ferrymen 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, all Ferrymen of Montserrado County shall be limited to operate within one mile of his landing.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that each Ferryman shall make provisions for a surf Boat or a suitable Accra Canoe for the service, that crossing may be safe.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 5, 1907.

An Act authorising the Post-Master General of the Republic of Liberia to establish a Postal Saving Bank in connection with the Postal Department of the Republic.

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

SEC. 1. That the Post-Master General is hereby authorised to establish a Postal Saving Bank in connection with the Postal Department of the Republic of Liberia, which shall be conducted upon the same principal as all other banks.

SEC. 2. The following amounts may be deposited by individuals or their representatives, and shall bear interest from date of deposit.

Minimum for individuals ten dollars, maximum for individuals five hundred dollars. By societies or institutions, minimum ten dollars, maximum one thousand dollars.

Any individual person may deposit any sum below ten dollars or above five hundred dollars, or any society or institution may deposit any sum below ten dollars or above one thousand dollars for safe keeping, but such sums shall be non-interest bearing, and be withdrawn upon application without previous notice.

SEC. 3. The interest on all interest bearing amounts, shall be on all sums from ten dollars to five hundred dollars $2\frac{1}{2}$ o/o,

and on all sums above five hundred dollars 2 o/o on the dollar per annum, and shall be subject to the rules for withdrawal hereinafter prescribed.

SEC. 4. For withdrawal of sums from ten dollars and upwards not exceeding one hundred dollars, one months' notice must be given: sums exceeding one hundred dollars and not more than three hundred dollars, two months' notice: for all sums exceeding three hundred dollars and not above five hundred dollars three month's notice: for all sums exceeding five hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars six months' notice.

SEC. 5. For the purpose of meeting the needs of the smallest class of depositors, a series of Postal Saving Bank stamps of the following denominations is hereby authorised to be issued for purchase, 5. 10. 15. 20. and 25 cents, and upon presentation of these stamps to the Bank to the amount of 50 cents, a saving bank deposit book will be issued to such purchase, in which this as well as all other transactions are to be recorded, pertaining to said accountant. All depositors shall likewise receive a bank book for like purpose.

SEC. 6. Power is hereby granted the Post-Master General to issue from time to time such detailed regulations as will better enable the Department to carry into full effect the provision of this Act, not inconsistent with the rules and regulations of such like banks.

SEC. 7. And the sum of two thousand dollars from Postal Revenue be, and is hereby appropriated for the improvement of the General Post Office edifice for the accommodation of the banking enterprise.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feby. 5, 1907.

Joint Resolution extending the Charter of the Enterprise Mining Company of 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 the time allowed the Enterprising Mining Company to commence active mining operations is hereby extended to a period of ten (10) years from the passage of this Joint Resolution.

SEC. 2. That a Government royalty of 5 per cent shall be paid out of the net proceeds of any mine or mines worked by said Company.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feby. 5, 1907.

An Act to appoint a Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the President shall appoint a Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who shall be connected with Department of the Treasury, and shall be under the general supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 2. In order to secure the faithful performance of his duties, said Commissioner shall give a bond of Five Thousand Dollars, (\$ 5000 00) with two sureties owning property in such amounts free and clear from all encumbrance; said bond shall be approved by the President, and new sureties may be required from time to time in the discretion of the President. Said Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of Five hundred dollars (\$ 500.00) and Two (\$ 200.00) hundred dollars for a Clerk.

SEC. 3. Said Commissioner shall see that the Laws concerning Internal Revenue are executed and he shall have the direct supervision of all Collectors of Internal Revenue of every kind, and shall see that each Collector promptly collects

the taxes and fines according to law. He shall prepare and issue such blanks as he may deem best suited for use in the Collection of taxes and fines, and he may make from time to time such regulations as may be necessary to promote an efficient collection of the taxes and fines provided they do not conflict with the Constitution or laws of the Republic.

SEC. 4. Said Commissioner may visit any taxation-district and personally take charge thereof, or do whatsoever he may deem necessary to promote the prompt and efficient collection of the taxes and fines, subject to the Secretary of the Treasury and the approval of the President.

SEC. 5. Said Commissioner shall have a central office and such an amount to pay the expenses thereof, not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$ 300.00) per annum as the Secretary of the Treasury may approve.

SEC. 6. This Act, shall take effect immediately.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feby. 6, 1907.

Joint Resolution fixing the pay of Customs Officers commonly known as Tide Waiters serving on board of Steamers in the several Ports of 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 immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution all Tide Waiters serving on board of Steamers in the several Ports of the Republic as Customs Officers, shall receive one (\$ 1.25) dollars and twenty-five cents per diem and subject to the retrenchment as all other salaries and pay of other officers, and shall give such bonds as may be required by the Collector of Customs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Feby. 5, 1907

An Act respecting the pay of certain Government Officers.

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 mileage to be allowed the several Sheriffs, for the summoning of Jurors, Witnesses and all other persons when several names appear in the same precept, shall be estimated from the place of the issuing of the precept to the most distant point and back, and not from each place and back to the place of the issuing as has been practiced heretofore. And the mileage for the several Marshalls, Brigade Majors, Adjutants, and all other persons whose duties are to summons parties, shall be estimated and paid in like manner. This method of reckoning mileage shall apply to all cases whether Civil or Criminal.

(Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feby. 6, 1907.

An Act repealing an Act approved January 9, 1907. granting Twelve Hundred square miles of land to the Americo Liberian industrial Company of 25 Broad Street New York City U. S. A., for Industrial purposes.

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

SEC. 1. That the Concession granted the Americo Liberian Industrial Company as per Act of the Legislature approved January 9, 1906. be and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Feby. 6, 1907.

An Act amending existing Acts of the Legislature levying duties on Spirits.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act there shall be levied, collected and paid upon all spirits imported or brought into the Republic for any use or purpose whatsoever, the several customs dues, described and set forth hereunder.

SEC. 2. The strength of Spirits shall be ascertained by Tralles, Hydrometer and shall be reckoned by degrees per centum of pure alcohol.

SEC. 3. Upon Whiskey, Brandy, Old Tom Gin, and Jamaica Rum there shall be levied, collected and paid the sum of Two dollars (\$2.00) per imperial gallon.

SEC. 4. Upon other spirits and strong water the strength of which can be ascertained by Tralles, Hydrometer, such as common or trade Rum and and Gin when under the strength of 50 degrees per centum of pure alcohol the duty shall be one dollar per imperial gallon. And if of greater strength, the said sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per imperial gallon with a further sum of .25 cents per each degree or fraction of a degree of pure alcohol above 50 o/o.

SEC. 5. On spirits sweetened or so mixed that their degree of strength cannot be ascertained by Tralles, Hydrometer. There shall be paid a duty of Two dollars per imperial gallon.

SEC. 6. It being understood that on Lemonade, Ginger Ale, Kola Wine, Cherry Wine, Raspberry Vinegar, Raspberry Syrup, and all other Syrups the duty shall remain at 12½ per cent *ad valorem*.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 5, 1907.

An Act defining the duties of the Chief Inspector of Customs and the Assistant Inspector of Customs.

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

SEC. 1. That for the purpose of inspection by the Chief and Assistant Inspectors of Customs, the ports of entry of this Republic shall be divided into two (2) Districts to be known respectively as the First Customs Inspection District, and the Second Customs Inspection District. The head-quarters of the First District shall be at Monrovia, and of the Second at Harper.

SEC. 2. The first District shall be composed of the following named ports:—

Manna, Jenny, Robertsport, Monrovia, Marshall, Buchanan, River Cess, and any other ports or sub-ports, which may be opened or created within the Counties of Montserrado and Grand Bassa.

SEC. 3. The Second District shall be composed of the following named Ports:—

Greenville, Nanna Kroo, Setta Kroo, Niffoo, Fishtown, Rocktown, Harper, Half Cavalla, Webó, and any other ports or sub-ports which may be opened or created within the Counties of Sinoe and Maryland.

SEC. 4. The official titles of the two (2) Inspectors appointed under and by virtue of an Act of 1906, shall be respectively Chief Inspector of Customs and Assistant Inspector of Customs.

SEC. 5. The President of the Republic shall assign said Inspectors to either of the Districts hereby created, and may change them from one district to another as the good of the service may require.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the respective Inspectors to visit each Port of entry within his district at least once a month and shall examine the entire operation of the service, thereat. If he should desire to work any Port he shall so inform the Collector of Customs upon his arrival there; and during his stay at said Port the Inspector shall be entitled to exercise the power, and perform the duties of Collector of the Port, but he

shall not be entitled to do so for a longer period than three months in each year.

SEC. 7. Said Inspectors shall report to the Secretary of the Treasury upon the conditions of the services at each Port, together with any recommendations which they may deem necessary for the reorganization, systemization, or improvement of the service.

SEC. 8. In case the Chief or Assistant Inspector shall discover that any commissioned officer in the Customs service is guilty of official misconduct, or dereliction in the discharge of his duty, the Superintendent of the County upon request of the Inspector shall suspend the officer, and the Inspector shall report same to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall investigate the matter and dispose of it. But officers not holding commissions in the Customs service, may be suspended or dismissed for misconduct or inefficiency by either of said Inspectors at his discretion, when inspecting or working at any port.

SEC. 9. The books, records, and entire machinery of the Customs shall be opened to the Inspectors while present at any Port. All Customs officers shall be subject to them; and the Collectors shall render all aid necessary to facilitate the work of said Inspectors and shall assist them in the discharge of their duties.

SEC. 10. The Inspectors shall from time to time independent of their work of inspection recommend to the Secretary of the Treasury such reformatory regulations as may be found necessary for the general good of the services, and all regulations which the Secretary of the Treasury may issue with respect to the Customs shall be transmitted to the officers thereof through the Inspectors.

SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect immediately.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1907.

Joint Resolution reimbursing John Henry Nelson, ex-Collector of Customs for the Port of Harper, in the County of Maryland.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of One hundred dollars (\$100.00) is hereby appropriated reimbursing John Henry Nelson, ex Collector of Customs for the Port of Harper, for monies expended by him for the up-keep of light-house at Harper. 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 February 6, 1907.

An Act amending an Act approved January 19, 1892, laying down the quantity and description of goods allowed to be imported duty free by Kroo, or other native laborers on their return from foreign services.

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 foreign goods or produce imported by laborers returning from foreign service shall be liable to the lawful Customs' dues as embodied in the Tariff laws of the Republic, with exception of such goods as are enumerated in the following Schedule, viz. —Cotton Goods 4 pieces, 12 yards each

Rice not exceeding 1 cwt.

Soap " 28 lbs.

Beef " 14 "

for each individual laborer.

SEC. 2. All other goods or produce imported by laborers shall be assessed with the proper duties and the same shall be collected and brought to account by the Customs at the va-

rious Ports of entry on a bill of entry supported by the necessary baggage slip.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1907.

Joint Resolution fixing the day of Adjournment of the 30th Legislature, second session 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 30th Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *sine die*, Wednesday the 6th day of February, A. D. 1907.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1907.

Joint Resolution providing for the creation of Customs Stations on the Land Frontier of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That the Executive Government may open Customs Stations, at one or more convenient stations (or points) near the English and French Frontiers.

The Commissioner's stations in these Districts, in addition to their other duties shall under the directions of the Secretary of the Treasury act as Customs officials until otherwise ordered.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1907.

An Act Legalizing the Customs Code

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

SEC. 1. That the publication entitled, Republic of Liberia Customs Service Laws or regulations with instructions to Customs Officers, together with the addenda thereto compiled, by order of the Executive Government be and it is hereby declared the Customs Laws of the Republic of Liberia, where they do not conflict with other existing laws.

SEC. 2. The short title of said publication and addenda shall be Customs Code.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect immediately—all laws to the contrary notwithstanding; but nothing herein shall interfere with existing right of the Secretary of the Treasury to make and issue such further regulations as he may deem necessary for the improvement of the Customs service not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1907.

An Act relating to the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty Court of Common Pleas and Admiralty.

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, where any person shall commit a crime or any offences against the revenue, commercial, or navigation laws of this Republic, he may be libelled and tried for the same in the Admiralty division of any of the Courts of Common Pleas and Admiralty of the Republic of Liberia though the crime or offence may have been actually committed in another County.

SEC. 2. And said Courts shall have original jurisdiction in all cases in *rem* or *personam*, which shall grow out of a violation of the revenue and maritime Laws of Liberia though the offence may be committed in another County.

And in all cases tried by any for a cause of action, accru-

ing in another County, one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the fines or other amounts recovered shall be transmitted to the Sub-Treasurer of the County in which the cause of action occurred for County purposes; and the other half shall be paid into the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia for General Government purposes. The provisions of this Act shall not extend to such cases in which the Republic is a party.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1907.

An Act providing for a Navy Tax.

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, a special Navy Tax of sixty cents (60 cts.) payable in silver or copper coin be, and is hereby levied on all male citizens and subjects of the Republic from the age of twenty-one years and upwards. Said tax to be paid annually to the Navy Tax Collector who shall immediately pay over the same to the Sub-Treasurers of the several Counties of the Republic to be kept or sent to the Treasury Department, to be used solely and only for Naval purposes. This Act is only to be put in force after a gun-boat is procured by the Government.

SEC. 2. The several Collectors of Naval Taxes shall receive ten cents on the dollar for all sums collected and paid over by them into the Treasury. All Navy Taxes must be paid on or before September 30th of each year, and on failure, the delinquent may be recovered against suit before any Justice of the Peace for the County, with cost of suit, the name of the Republic of Liberia, and may be brought by the Collector or by himself and the County or District Attorney together.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 6, 1907.

Joint Resolution respecting the cleaning of Public Roads.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, it shall be unlawful to compell the natives residing within one mile or more from any civilized town to work the streets of said town, but for all such natives here shall be appointed from among the said natives, two overseers on each of the roads, whose duty it shall be to work the public roads leading to their respective townhsip under the same rules and regulations governing the working of public roads. Said overseers shall before the meeting of the next October meeting be appointed by the senior Justice of the Peace, afterwards they shall be appointed by the regular township meeting

Any law to the contrray notwithstanding.

Approved February 5, 1907.

Joint Resolution making the Superintendent of Public Instruction a Cabinet Minister.

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

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Superintendent of Public Instructions be and is hereby made a member of the President's Cabinet and shall have a seat in said body

He shall have a salary equal to that of any other Cabinet Officer.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

Joint Resolution granting annuities to sundry persons.

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, William J. Bryant, Andrew Snorton, Jane Howard, Tom Brown and Isiah Sheridan of Montserrado County, Adal Kennedy, Margaret Smith and Steven King of Grand Bassa County, and Alexander Howard of Maryland County, shall each receive the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) per annum.

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 money or monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

Joint Resolution declaring Garroway on the South East Bank of the Po River in the County of Maryland a Port of Entry and Delivery.

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 settlement of Garroway in the County of Maryland be, and is hereby declared a regular Port of Entry and Delivery.

SEC. 2. And the President be and he is hereby authorised and directed to appoint the necessary Customs officers of said Port.

The salary of the Collector of Customs shall be Two hundred and fifty dollars, and the Wharfinger Two hundred dollars per annum. The Collector shall also act as Post Master.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1907.

Joint Resolution granting C. R. Andrews, widow of L. B. Andrews, an Annuity.

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, C. R. Andrews be and she is hereby granted the sum of Fifty (\$50 00) dollars annually as an annuity.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President, is hereby authorised to draw for same on the Treasury out of any money or monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

Joint Resolution restoring Frederick R. James of Grand Bassa 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, Frederick R. James of Grand Bassa County be and he is hereby authorised to do every act in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan. 21th, 1907.

Joint Resolution granting annuities to Geo. W. Rose, Lavinia Coleman and Edward Skipwith, all of Montserrado County.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint

Resolution Geo. W. Rose, Lavinia Coleman and Edward Skipwith all of the County of Montserrado, shall receive an annuity, (i. e.) the said Geo. W. Rose and Edward Skipwith shall receive each the sum of Sixty (\$60.00) dollars per annum and the said Lavinia Coleman shall receive the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) dollars per annum.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 23, 1907.

Joint Resolution investing the Executive Government with power to conclude arrangements for a Cable between Liberia and Europe.

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

SEC. 1. That the President be, and is hereby empowered to enter into contract with the East African Company, or its agents or assigns, for laying a cable between Monrovia and some place in Europe or between Europe and such other places in Liberia as the said Company or its assigns may desire on the following conditions :

SEC. 2. The said Company shall have no monopoly.

SEC. 3. No part of the expenses shall be paid by the Republic of Liberia.

SEC. 4. The lands needed if part of the Public domain shall be granted without charge. If the property of private persons must be leased by the Cable Company.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jany. 19, 1907.

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Joint Resolution regulating the collection of Military Fines in the several Counties throughout the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, it shall be the duty of the Military Fine Collectors to collect vigilantly and honestly all fines imposed upon delinquents by the Regimental Court Martial, and to issue receipts in duplicate, one to be delivered to the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas, and the other to be kept by said delinquent for his voucher.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury shall furnish receipt books to the different Military Fine Collectors in duplicate and it shall be unlawful for the Military Fine Collectors to issue receipts otherwise than from the receipt book furnished them, and in all cases, the Military Fine Collector in making his report to the Regimental Court Martial shall cause to be attached to his report a list of names of the parties paying fines and the amounts opposite their names, in order that a true and correct report may be ascertained.

All Military Fine Collectors who shall not follow strictly the above regulations, and who shall fail to report to the Regimental Court Martial, shall by the Court Martial be fined in a sum of Fifty dollars, and an execution shall be immediately issued against said Military Fine Collector, and the amount recovered and placed in the Treasury account Military Fines.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 5, 1907.

An Act proposing Suitable Amendments to the Constitution of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That the following Amendments shall become part of the National Constitution and be submitted to the people at the ensuing biennial election to be held on the first Tuesday in May A. D. 1907, throughout the several Counties of Republic for their consideration and approval or non approval, and the ballot shall be written adoption or no adoption.

SEC. 2. That Article 3rd Section 1st. be made to read The Supreme Executive power shall be vested in a President who shall be elected by the people and shall hold his office for four years and be elected quadriennially.

SEC. 3. That Article 2nd, Section 2nd after the word "twenty three years" to read, The Representatives shall be elected quadriennially and shall serve for four years from the time of their election.

SEC. 4. That Article 2nd Section after the words "twenty five" to read, The Senators shall serve for six years and shall be elected quadriennially, and those elected in A. D. 1905 shall retain their seats for six years from the time of their election, and all who are otherwise elected shall serve for six years.

SEC. 5. That when a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice President, by the death resignation or otherwise, after any regular election of President and Vice President, the President shall immediately call a special election to fill said vacancy.

SEC. 6. That Article 5th, Section 13th to read, none but Negroes or persons of Negro descent shall be eligible to citizenship in this Republic.

SEC. 7. That Section 3rd. Article 4th to read, The Judge of the Supreme Court shall be the Chief and two Associate Justices.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Nathaniel Cassel Lodge No. 128 of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten 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. 1st. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution S. A. Gobbidon, D.D., G.M., W. A. Greenfield, P. M., J. G. Montgomery, P. M., W. E. Kennedy, P. M., D. W. Smith, W. S., J. A. Dougan, P. M., of Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa County and such others as may from time to time become members of said Society are hereby declared a body politic, and corporate by the name and style of the Nathaniel Cassel Lodge No. 128 U. B. F. and Sisters of Mysterious Ten of the Settlement and County aforesaid and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, hold real and personal property to the value of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) dollars. And do any act not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Dec. 21, 1907.

Joint Resolution restoring J. S. DeSheild of the County of Grand Bassa 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 J. S. DeSheild of the County of Grand Bassa be and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship and is hereby authorized to do every and all acts in common with all good citizens of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 3, 1908.

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Joint Resolution making appropriation for the Inauguration of the President and vice-President of the Republic of Liberia.

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

That the sum of Five hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Inauguration of the President and vice-President of the Republic of Liberia, to be held on the first Monday in January in the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 3, 1908.

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A Declaratory Act on the Amendments of the Constitution adopted at the Biennial Election in the month of May A. D. 1907 passed by two-thirds votes of both branches of the Legislature.

Whereas certain Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia were proposed and submitted to the people of the Republic for adoption, by virtue of an Act passed by the Legislature at its Session 1906---7 in accordance with the Constitution in such cases provided as found in the Acts

of the Legislature 1906---7 page thirty-six (36) entitled, an Act proposing sundry Amendments to the Coustitution of Liberia; And whereas the said Amendments were voted upon at the Biennial Election held on the seventh day of May 1907, and whereas from the "Returns" of the election submitted to the Legislature of Liberia at the present Session and upon due examination of said returns it doth appear that said Amendments were duly adopted by a full and complete two-third vote of all the electors who voted at said election.

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

SEC. 1. That the Constitutional Amendments as submitted in the above cited Act of the Legislature be and are hereby declared adopted by the people of the Republic of Liberia, and become a part of the fundamental laws of the Republic of Liberia.

And the President of the Republic is hereby authorized and directed to proclaim the same by public proclamation throughout the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 8, 1908.

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Joint Resolution Incorporating the Friendly Sister Lodge No. 2887, Household of Ruth Royesville, Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That J. T. Walker, P. N. G., A. D. Simpson, M. N. G., H. M. Walker, R. N. G., M. A. Hobram, N G., F. M. Simpson, W. R., S. H. Arnett, W. T., Amildrell Williams, W. P., J. W. Parker, W. C., M. A. Yancy, H. Mathis, Nancy Iron, W. T., C. A. Mathis, C., S. A. Mathis, W. S., Mary Mathis, W. U., I. E. Anderson and Lilly Mathis, Right and Left S. S., Ellen Davis and Flossy Irran Right and Left J. S.—Officers and members of the

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Friendly Sister Lodge No. 2887 Household of Ruth, Royesville, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia and such others as may become connected with them, be and they are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Friendly Sister Lodge No. 2887 Household of Ruth Royesville, County of Montserrado, and shall be capable in law of enjoying all of the rights and privileges of such other bodies corporate.

SEC. 2. That the said Lodge shall be capable in law to receive, hold, and enjoy personal and real estates to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars and may plead and be impleaded in any of Courts of the Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16, 1908.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Methodist Episcopal Church New Georgia, Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That James A. Kennedy, Pastor, Z. N. Brown, F. C. Smith, Joseph Gould, James Smith—Trustees of said Church of New Georgia in the County of Montserrado, and Republic of Liberia, and their successors in office are hereby constituted a body corporate, and politic by the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church with power to hold, and possess property real and personal that may now or shall hereafter be acquired by purchase or gift with power to sell, and convey the same subject to the provisions of this Joint Resolution.

SEC. 2. That the said Corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and sued, plead and be impleaded before

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any court having jurisdiction and shall be allowed to hold real and personal estate to the value of (\$8000.00) Eight Thousand Dollars.

SEC. 3. That the said Corporation is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such laws and regulations for their government, and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies politic consistent with the doctrines and worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 16, 1908.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay James Anderson and E. Skinner, Administrators of the Estate of John B. Watson, late deceased of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, Twenty two Dollars in lieu of certain government Checks held by them.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to take up from E. Skinner and James Anderson, Administrators of the Estate of John B. Watson late deceased of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, five government Checks amounting to Twenty two (\$22.00) Dollars which were not registered according to law.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized and instructed to pay to the said E. Skinner and James Anderson, Administration afore-said the sum of Twenty two (\$22.00) Dollars out of any monies not otherwise appropriated under warrant of the President

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1908.

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Joint Resolution proportioning the Arms and Ammunitions of war between the several Counties in the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas it is highly essential that the arms and ammunitions of war as set forth and mentioned in the Secretary of the Treasury and War's reports ought to be immediately proportioned and distributed among the several Counties in the Republic of Liberia and whereas it is essential that this resolution ought to be put into execution immediately.

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

SEC. 1. That the Arms and Ammunition of War as set forth and mentioned in the Secretary of the Treasury and War report as above referred to, be proportioned among the several Counties as follows:—

(a) One Thousand (1000) Peabody guns with Forty Thousand (40,000) Peabody Cartridges for same be set aside and given to the County of Montserrado.

(b) That Five Hundred (500) Peabody guns with Twenty Thousand (20,000) Peabody Cartridges be set aside and be given to the County of Grand Bassa.

(c) That Five Hundred (500) Peabody guns and Twenty Thousand (20,000) Cartridges for same be set aside and given to the County of Sinoe.

(d) That Five Hundred (500) Peabody guns and Twenty Thousand (20,000) Cartridges for same be set aside and given to the County of Maryland.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1908.

Joint Resolution granting the West African Gospel Missionary Society of the United States of America Two Hundred and fifty acres of land, located at Woodee, in the Golah section in the rear of Mount Coffee, where their operation have already begun in the County of Montserrado for Educational 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, Two Hundred and fifty acres of land at or near Woodee in the Golah section in the rear of Mount Coffee in the County of Montserrado is hereby granted to Eugene A. Ayers, Agent and Manager of the West African Gospel Mission, and his successors in Liberia to be used for Missionary Educational and Industrial purposes by said Mission.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the Mission shall possess and hold said premises appropriated, the Mission bearing all expenses of the survey.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the Mission shall possess and hold said premises subject to the laws governing similar Institutions to wit, that when the Mission ceases its operation, and abandons the place, the land shall revert back to the Government with all and singular the improvements thereon made.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1908.

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Joint Resolution Incorporating the Cyrinthus Gibson Lodge of U. B. F. of Rocktown, 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, Joseph K. Elliot, M. W. M., Edward A. S. Badell, W. S., W. S. David, N. Barker, W. T., Joseph

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A. S. Russell, W. C., and other persons as may hereinafter become members, are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Cyrrhinus Gibson Lodge of U. B. F. of Rocktown, Maryland County, shall sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction and shall hold real and personal estate and property to the value of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) and do any act not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the Republic in common with other bodies politic and corporated for the purpose of carrying into effect the intention of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1908.

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Joint Resolution granting to F. R. Bryant of the Settlement of Brewerville Montserrado County sole and exclusive right to run a Ferry across the river known as the Po River 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 after the passage of this Joint Resolution, F. R. Bryant 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. R. Bryant, Limited.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that F. R. Bryant, Limited shall have the sole right to run one Ferry across the above named river for the term of Ten (10) years with the privilege of five (5) 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 hold-

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ing real and personal estate 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.

SEC. 4. All transportation across said River by F. R. Bryant, 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 other persons from crossing in their private canoes or boats.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1908.

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Joint Resolution restoring Thomas B. Gordon of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount 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, Thomas B. Gordon of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount be and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship, and is authorized to do every act in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1908.

Joint Resolution respecting the Secretary of Interior, Commissioners, and Coast and Special Commissioners appointed and Commissioned by the President of the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas it has been brought to the knowledge of the Legislature that there are certain Interior, Special, and Coast Commissioners appointed and commissioned by the President, who in pursuance of their duties proceed on their Mission, settle disputes in the name of the Government, and at Government Expenses, and—

Whereas these Commissioners having from time to time imposed fines, collected the same and failed to turn them over to the Government, but applied the same to their own use contrary to the intent and meaning of the law, and—

Whereas from time to time petitions have been made to the Legislature asking to be reimbursed for losses they have sustained, notwithstanding the Commissioners collect the fines imposed for losses of the citizens, and Government derives no benefit therefrom;

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, all Interior Commissioners, Coast and special Commissioners who shall in discharge of their duties collect any fines for any purpose whatsoever shall immediately report same to the Superintendent of the County where such Commissioners resides, and the fines thus collected shall be turned over to the Sub-Treasury or Treasurer to be sold, if in kind, at Public Auction, the proceeds placed in the Public Treasury and a receipt given to said Commissioner, who shall report quarterly to the Superinten-

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dent of the County, the amount collected by them during the quarter, and from what tribe, and on what account the report to be accompanied by the Sub-Treasurer's or Treasurer's receipt.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that in the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe, and Maryland, as well as in the Territory of Cape Mount all Commissioners appointed to work among the Natives by special appointment or under Commission shall make regular quarterly reports to the Secretary of the Interior within ten days after the close of each fiscal quarter, said report shall be forwarded through the Superintendent's Office and shall be in duplicate, the Originals shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior and the Duplicate shall be recorded in the Superintendent's Office.

Sec. 3. It is further resolved that all amounts of fines collected by the Secretary of the Interior shall likewise be turned over to the Secretary of the Treasury who shall dispose of same, and place the proceeds in the Treasury, and the Secretary of the Interior shall likewise in his report to the Legislature show what amount has been received by him, and on what account and from what tribe of people, and transmit with his report a receipt from the Secretary of the Treasury for money turned over by him from time to time to the Legislature

Sec. 4. Any Commissioner or Secretary of Interior failing to comply with the provisions of this joint Resolution, shall before any Court of Competent Jurisdiction, and upon proof thereof be adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor and shall forfeit and pay the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, and be immediately dismissed from Office.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27 1908.

Joint Resolution Authorizing and directing his Excellency the President to open certain Roads in the Counties of Grand Bassa and 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 President be and is hereby authorized, and directed to open in the Counties of Grand Bassa and Sinoe the two main roads extending from the outer Settlements in the County of Grand Bassa i.e. from Harrisville on the Saint John River to the Morcray Section, and from Harlandville to the Whey Joes Section.

In Sinoe County, commencing from the head of the Sinoe River running North West forming in a direct line from Sinoe County through Joroy and Yrah Country and through the lower and upper portion of Secenh Country and on Eastern Bank of the Sinoe River to the Putue Mountain to establish on said roads sufficient Stations dividing the vast extent of country into two or more districts in keeping and preserving peace on the said Roads, and amongst the several tribes in these sections of the country, the said police to receive each a compensation of not more than Eight Dollars per Month with board and lodging free at the said Station, the said police to be governed by Military law.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that one commissioner shall be appointed to reside at each of said Station whose duty shall be the same as the native African Commissioners within his or their district, and shall receive the sum of Three Hundred (\$300 00) Dollars per Annum as his salary, and One Hundred (\$100 00) Dollars for travelling expenses.

Sec. 3. It is resolved that the President of Liberia be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish each of such of said Commissioners as shall be found necessary with, a suitable police force to act under this or his direction.

Sec. 4. And that the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars be and is hereby appropriated to open each of the above mentioned roads leading into the interior from the starting points, and that the said sum of money be applied to building of Bridges, Block Houses and the cleaning up of the roads, thereby making them passable at all times; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw for the same under warrant of the President out of any general Government funds not otherwise appropriate.

Sec. 5. It is further resolved that the sum of one (\$1.00) Dollar in Gold or Silver coin of the Republic be and is hereby levied on all male inhabitants in the Counties of Grand Bassa and Sinoé County from the age of Twenty one years to sixty which shall be collected by a collector or collectors to be appointed by the President and the amounts collected to be paid into the Sub-Treasury of our said Counties as a special fund to be used towards aiding the carrying into effect of the provisions of this Resolution, and that the Collector, or Collectors should receive each a commission of 15 per cent on all amounts collected and to give each a bond of One Thousand (\$1000.) Dollars for the faithful performance of their several duties.

Sec. 6. It is further resolved that it shall be the duty of the Commissioners on entering upon their several duties to solicit the aid of the chieftain or Chieftains of the several districts in securing a correct list of the

names of all the male inhabitants of the district or districts so as to be enable accurately to collect the taxes mentioned in Section 5th. The Collectors receiving these amounts shall be required to give a stamped receipt to each individual paying his taxes, out of a receipt book to be furnished by the Government. As the inhabitants of each district pay their taxes the Chieftain of said District shall be thereafter entitled to a seat in the National Legislature as a Referee.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1908.

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An Act legalizing the Code for Justices of the Peace.

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

SEC. 1. That the Publication entitled "Code for Justices of the Peace" compiled by order of the Executive Government of Liberia, be and is hereby declared to be the law for the control of all matters belonging to the Courts of Justices of the Peace, with the following amendments, viz:—

(a) By striking out from Section Second of said Code the words, "But the President in any emergency may waive this qualification."

(b) By striking out from Section 18 sub-section 4 the word "Judgment" and insert the word "Trial" in its stead.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

Joint Resolution granting Mrs. Mahala Harmon of Maryland County widow of Joseph Harmon a Pension.

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

That the sum of \$40. dollars be and is hereby granted as an annual pension to Mrs. Mahala Harmon of Maryland County during the term of her natural life.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1908.

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Joint Resolution restoring Jacob W. Gross of Sinoe 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 Jacob W. Gross of the County of Sinoe, be and is hereby restored to citizenship, and to all rights and privileges thereof, and is hereby authorized to do any and all acts in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 27, 1908.

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Joint Resolution relating to Tenure Officers.

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

SEC. 1. That no officer filling an office shall hold same for any time longer than that stated in the Constitution unless reappointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 2. All law conflicting with the provision of this Joint Resolution be and is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1908.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Paynesburg, 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 S. A. Liberty, Pastor, Amos Tobman, Deacon, D. B. Warner, Peter George, Morris Moore Trustees of said Church, all of Paynesburg 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 the Ebenezer Baptist Church with the power to hold and possess property real and personal that may now or shall hereafter be acquired by purchase or gift with the power to sell or convey the same subject to the provision of this Joint Resolution.

SEC. 2. That the said Corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal estate to the value of one thousand (\$1000.) dollars.

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 politic consistent with the doctrine and worship of the Baptist Church universal.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

Joint Resolution Pensioning Joseph J. Sharp of Montserrado County.

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

That Joseph J. Sharp of Montserrado County be and is hereby granted an annual Pension of Fifty \$50 00 Dollars during the term of his natural life.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feb. 6 1908.

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An Act Chartering the Bank of Liberia.

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

Sec. 1. The following article shall constitute the Charter of THE BANK OF LIBERIA, namely

Article 1:—Corporate Body,

THE BANK OF LIBERIA shall be a corporate body, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges and exercise all the power of corporate bodies organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of Liberia. Its affairs shall be subject at all times to the supervision of the Executive Government of Liberia.

Article 2.—Capital.

Bank shall have a cash Capital of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars to be taken from the loan of 1906; and it shall have the right to further augment its Capital.

tal by issuing Certificates to an amount not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) dollars, the face value of said Certificates to be twenty-five (25) dollars each. One half each issue shall be sold to the Government and the remaining half to the Public. Said Certificates shall be guaranteed by the Government, and shall bear interest at the rate of three per cent per annum, and shall share, *pro rata*, in the annual net profits of the Bank.

The Certificates issued shall bear the inscription "GOVERNMENT" and "PUBLIC." All Public Certificates shall be redeemable from and after five years from the date of issue upon three months notice. The Directors of the Bank, with the approval of the Executive Government, may fix from time to time the amount to be used as working Capital and the amount to be held as reserved Capital.

Article 3.—Officers.

The central office of the Bank shall be in Monrovia, and the Board of Directors shall establish branch offices in the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe, and Maryland and elsewhere as it may think advisable.

Article 4.—Objects.

The objects of the Bank are,

1. To make small loans to farmers, merchants, municipal corporations, and other persons.
2. To discount promissory notes, and issue bills of Exchange and other negotiable instruments.
3. To conduct the ordinary business of Banking.
4. To Act as the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia for receiving the revenue from Customs duties, internal taxes, and other sources.
5. To carry on, when advisable, the business of whole-

sale, export, and import merchants and any other enterprise.

6. To mint and circulate under the supervision of the Executive Government the coin of the Republic of Liberia.

Advances may be of two natures, namely:

(1.) Not to exceed five hundred dollars recoverable within one year.

(2) Not to exceed Two Hundred and fifty dollars recoverable within six months. Advances must be secured as following:

(1) By mortgage on real estate in towns or cities, on the basis of one half of its assessed value.

(2) By a lien on any marketable products, goods, merchandise or other property.

(3) By the transfer of Government Bonds of the Republic of Liberia.

Article 6.—Rates of Interest.

The rate of interest on loans secured by real estate shall be six per cent per annum; and the rate of interest on loans secured by personal property shall be Eight per cent per annum;

Article 7 —Loans to municipalities.

Loan to municipalities shall not exceed Two Thousand Dollars, and shall be secured by guarantee, chargeable against the general revenue of municipality at the rate of six per cent quarterly.

Article 8.—Loans to Executive Government of Liberia.

Loans to the Executive Government of Liberia, not exceeding fifty thousand (50,000) Dollars shall be made as said Government may require at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable out of the current revenue as the same shall be collected.

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Article 9.—Deposit Accounts.

All deposit accounts remaining for one year shall draw interest at the rate of three per cent per annum; and no deposit shall be withdrawn in whole or in part unless upon thirty days notice, or such other notices as may be agreed upon between the Bank and the depositor.

Article 10—Management.

The management of the Bank shall be vested in a Board of Directors to one of whom shall be a business man not connected with the Government. They shall be appointed by the President, and shall serve during his pleasure.

They shall make such bylaws, and rules and regulations for the Government of the Bank as they may deem necessary; but the same must have the approval of the Executive Government. The Board of Directors, with the approval of the President shall appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary operate the Bank and shall fix their salaries and wages.

Article 11.—Duration of Charter.

This Charter shall be in force for a period of fifty years; and may be renewed at the option of the Government.

The Directors shall make an annual report to the Legislature.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect from and after the first day of July 1908.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feb. 6, 1908

Joint Resolution Providing for the pay and formation of a Frontier Police force.

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

Sec. 1. The President of Liberia is hereby directed to establish a Military Force and is empowered to employ a sufficient number of Foreign Officers to Organize and command same assisted by such Liberian Officers as may be attached to the command not exceeding Ten. The foreign officers to be employed shall not exceed Seven (7).

Sec. 2. The head quarters of said force shall be in the City of Monrovia.

Sec. 3. The force shall be employed in garrisoning posts on the Frontier and for maintaining public order.

Sec. 4. No foreign Officer shall be stationed permanently on the English or French Frontier except he be the citizen or Subject of a Country possessing no Colonies in touch with Liberian Territory.

Sec. 5. The term of enlistment for privates shall not be less than five years with the privilege of reenlistment for further periods of five years subject to approval of the President.

Sec. 6. The pay of privates shall not exceed \$8.00 per month, including rations, uniforms arms and medical attention which shall be furnished by the Government of Liberia at its own cost.

Sec. 7. The Liberian Commissioned Officers of which there shall be at least one for every fifty men, shall receive the pay and allowances when active service of Captains in the Militia.

Sec. 8. At the completion of service each private

with a clean and honorable record shall receive a gratuity of five acres of land out of any Public lands at such places as the President may designate.

Sec. 9. The staff of foreign Officers to be employed shall be enlisted for a term of Two years to be renewed at the option of the Liberia Government.

Sec. 10. The President may formulate such further regulations as **may appear requisit which and are not inconsistent** with the provisions of this Joint Resolution.

Sec. 11. A sum not exceeding \$60,000 yearly is hereby set aside for the pay and maintainance of said force
Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feb'y 6, 1908.

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An Act to Provide for the Naturalization of Aliens.

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

SEC. 1. Any Alien Negro of the age of Twenty-one years and upward or any Alien person of Negro descent of the age of Twenty-one years and upward may become a citizen of the Republic of Liberia in the manner following, to wit:

First, If he be an immigrant and should desire to draw land under the laws allotting lands to immigrants, or if he should desire to purchase land, he shall first make the under oath before the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session of the County in which he settles declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the Republic; and shall also declare allegiance to the Republic of Liberia and renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign power of which he is at the time a citizen or subject, which said declaration shall be substantially as herein after provided, and shall be recorded and filed by the Clerk of said Court of Quarter Session He

shall then be entitled to a certificate of citizenship and to an order for his immigrant allotment, and upon its survey to a certificate for same under the laws governing allotments, Second, Any Alien Negro or any alien person of Negro descent, not being an immigrant but a resident of the Republic shall first make under oath before the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session of the County in which he resides declaration of his intention to settle permanently in the County, and his desire and intention to become a citizen of the Republic; and shall also declare allegiance to the Republic of Liberia and renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign power, and particularly the foreign power of which he is at the time a citizen or subject, as herein provided. He shall then be entitled to a certificate and order as provided for in Section one.

SEC. 2. If any alien shall fraudulently secure a certificate of citizenship or if any Alien within three years after the issuance of a certificate of citizenship to him shall return to the Country of his Nativity, or go to any other foreign country and take permanent residence therein, for seven consecutive years during which time no account can be given of his absence, the Court of Quarter Session may cancel his certificate, and the Clerk of the Court shall notify the Department of State of such cancelation, and all lands held by the person whose certificate of citizenship is cancelled shall and his lands escheat to the Government he having no widow or heir in the Republic.

SEC. 3. The Attorney General of the Republic, or any County or District Attorney may appear in all matters of Naturalization for the purpose of cancelling certificates of citizenship, or for the purpose of cross examining the person applying for certificate of citizenship and his witnesses concerning any matter touching or in any way affecting his right to admission to citizenship, and shall have the right to

witnesses produce evidence and be heard in opposition to the granting of any certificate of citizenship, or the cancellation thereof, and he may appear for all purposes whatsoever in connection with this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of State shall furnish the Clerk of of the Court of Quarter Session of each County with forms of Declaration of Intention, and the certificate of citizenship which shall be signed by the applicant in duplicate, and the duplicate shall be forward by said Clerk to the Department of State within thirty days after the date of its execution, and the same shall be filed in said Department.

SEC. 5. Upon the filing of a Declaration of Intention and upon the issuance or cancellation of a certificate of citizenship the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session shall immediately give notice thereof by posting in a public conspicuous place on the Court House building, near the main entrance, the name and residence of the party making such Declaration, or named in the Certificate of Citizenship.

SEC. 6. The Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session shall charge and collect the following fees in each proceeding and shall pay over monthly to the Sub-Treasurer, one half thereof and shall retain the remaining one half for his services.

For receiving and filing a Declaration of Intention and issuing a duplicate thereof \$2 00. Issuing a Certificate of Citizenship and filing a duplicate thereof \$4 00. Provided however that if there should be no fees then the said Clerk shall make blank monthly reports to the Sub-Treasurer.

SEC. 7. Any person falsely procuring the naturalization of any party hereunder, or any person making any false Statement, or doing any wrongful thing contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be punished with a fine not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars or

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imprisonment not exceeding six months or both; and any officer neglecting any duty imposed upon him by this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished with a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars, or dismissal from office or both.

SEC. 8. That substantially the following form shall be used in the proceeding to which they relate. Namely,

DECLARATION OF INTENTION.

Republic of Liberia

County of _____

I _____ age _____ years, do declare on oath or (affirm) that it is my intention to settle permanently in the Republic of Liberia and to become a citizen thereof; and I hereby declare my allegiance to the Republic of Liberia and renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Power and particularly to the _____ being the foreign Power of which I am now a citizen of subject so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ A. D., _____,

Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session for the
County of _____

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP.

Be it remembered that on this _____ day of _____ A. D. _____, who previous to his (or her) naturalization was a citizen or subject of _____ at present residing at _____ in the County of _____ in the Republic of Liberia, having filed his (or her) Declaration of Intention as provided for by law; and having satisfied me by his (or her) own statement

under oath that he (or she) is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, and has been in every respect a law abiding person during his (or her) residence in the Republic; and having taken oath to support and defend the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Liberia against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and to renounce abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Power particularly to the ——— being the foreign Power to which he (or she) formerly owed allegiance. Therefore it is ordered that said ——— be and he (or she) is hereby admitted as a citizen of the Republic of Liberia.

In witness whereof this Certificate is signed by the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session for ——— County upon the order of Honourable ——— Judge, presiding this ——— day of ——— A. D. ———
Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session for the
County of ———

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect immediately.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 6, 1908.

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Joint Resolution granting a Pension to the Widow and heirs of the late Charles H. Smith.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the widow and heirs of the late commander C. H. Smith, is hereby granted an annual pension of One hundred dollars.

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

out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Feb'y 8, 1908

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Joint Resolution granting annuity to C. W. Houston and W. P. Erskine respectively Ex-Collector of Custom and Ex-Sub-Treasurer of Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount.

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

That an annuity of one hundred (\$200.00) dollars each is hereby appropriated to C. W. Houston and W. P. Erskin, in consideration of their faithful services rendered the Government as Collector of Customs and Sub-Treasurer at Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount.

And Mrs. Rebecca Horace of Grand Bassa County shall receive annually a sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

And Henry Strong of Sinoe County shall receive the sum of one hundred (\$100.) dollors per annum.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 8, 1908.

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An Act forbidding the shipment of Laborers, beyond the Republic of Liberia, from certain Counties in the Republic.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act it shall be unlawful for any person whomsoever to ship any Liberian Citizens or Subjects beyond the limits of the Republic, to reside as laborers in any foreign Country or Colony from the County of Montserrado including the Territory of Grand Cape

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Mount and the County of Grand Bassa. Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be liable to a fine of fifty dollars for each person shipped.

SEC. 2. It is provided however that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent laborers from going to sea on board Steamers.

SEC. 3. And all such Deck laborers going to sea under the provision of this Section two of this Act shall be returned by the Captains of the Steamers taking them as such on the return voyage and duly accounted for, nothing in this Section shall prevent any Captain from returning any such laborers by any other steamers. When sickness or any unavoidable cause shall render it necessary to do so, provided that in no case shall any Captain of a Steamer permit any laborer going to sea with him as a deck laborer to leave the ship unless for the purpose of being immediately returned home to the port from which he was shipped, and any Captain failing to comply strictly with the provisions of this Act shall be fined with a sum of Fifty Dollars for each offence.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that one half of all monies accruing from the Shipment of laborers in the Counties of Sinoe and Maryland, shall be and is hereby granted to said Counties respectively and shall be paid into the Sub-Treasurer's of said Counties and disbursed for County purposes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feb'y 8, 1908.

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Joint Resolution making provisions for the better protection and security of the Arms and ammunition of war 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 the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars (\$ 350.00) be and is hereby appropriated to put the said room known as the Commisary Department for the aforesaid County into proper and suitable condition That is to say that a wooden or plank floor of proper material be laid in said room and the walls of said room as well as over head be cieled throughout.

SEC. 2. The Superintendent of the County shall see that the best material obtainable is secured, and the work done in a workmanlike manner.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the Superintendent shall have the entire oversight of thh Government officers immediately over the said room or commisary and shall see that the Offices are careful in the use of water or other things and under no crciumstances shall smoking or the use of fire be allowed in said Offices nor shall said rooms or Offices be let out to private individuals for any use whatever.

SEC. 4. To carry out the provission of this Joint Resolution. the Secretary of the Treasuary is hereby directed to draw for the same under warrant of the Persident out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved Feb. 10th 19c8.

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An Act to render competent the evdieneec of parties to suits.

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

SEC. 1. That all laws, Acts, or parts of Acts which declare the evidence of parties to suits incompetent and pro-

hibiting either of said parties from given testimony in a cause in which they are interested are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. That the evidence of no person shall be excluded on the ground of interest, and that immediately after the passage and publication of this act the evidence of parties to suits shall be admissible and competent, and the same may be produced in any suit, or cause in the Courts of the Republic of Liberia subject to the rules which govern the production, and admissibility of the evidence of other witnesses.

SEC. 3. That in criminal cases the defendant cannot be compelled to testify as in civil cases, but having elected to take the stand said defendant testifies under the rules which govern witnesses except that the said defendant can not be compelled to answer questions which may tend to incriminate himself.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feb. 10th 1908.

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An Act reviving and amending the Charter of the City of Greenville in the County of Sinoe.

Whereas the inhabitants of the City of Greenville have petitioned the present Legislature to revive the Charter of said City:

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Act incorporating and chartering the City of Greenville in the County of Sinoe passed during the Session of 1856 be and the same is hereby revived subject to the following amendments, viz:—

That Section four relative to the pay of City Officials and to

the number of Common Councilmen be so altered and amended as to prohibit any city official, the Mayor and Chairman of the Common Council excepted, receiving any higher pay than one dollar per diem for their services in the City. The Common Council shall meet monthly, but not more than two days in the month.

SEC. 2. And it is further enacted that the second section of the aforesaid Act be so altered as to read:— "The Common Council shall consist of five members" instead of nine, and that the sixth section of the said Act be so altered and amended as to read:-- "The elective officers shall be one Mayor, four Aldermen, and five Common Councilmen." The City election of city officers shall take place on the third Monday in February A. D., 1908, and all other elections shall be held on the third Monday in February in each following year and be conducted in accordance with the laws governing the election of state officers, under such modifications and restrictions as the Common Council may ordain.

SEC. 3. And it is further enacted that all claims against the aforesaid City of Greenville that were registered previous to the canceling of the former charter be reregistered within six calendar months from the passage of this act; and out of all revenue collected and paid into the City Treasury, one-fourth shall be set aside for outstanding registered claims, and the remaining three fourths shall be applied to the ordinary expenditure of the City.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 10, 1908.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the President of Liberia to employ three foreigners to be attached to the Customs Staff of Liberia.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives

of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:—

SEC. 1. That the President of Liberia be and is hereby authorized and directed to employ three foreigners to be attached to the Customs Staff of Liberia, exclusive of those now employed under the Act of the Legislature approved January 9th 1906. Their salaries shall not exceed one thousand dollars per annum each.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Feb. 12th 1908.

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Joint Resolution providing for the construction and equipment of a Public road from the Big Bridge in the Settlement of Philadelphia to Bolodo on the Cavalla in the County of Maryland.

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

SEC. 1. That the President is hereby authorized to cause to be surveyed and constructed under the immediate supervision of the Instructor of Public works, a public road forty feet in width commencing at the Big Bridge next the Settlement of Philadelphia passing through the County of the Twoars to the town of Bolobo on the Cavalla. Insp

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SEC. 2. That the Superintendent of Maryland County is hereby authorized to pay a subsidy to the Chief through whose District the road shall pass in order to assist in keeping the peace upon said road.

SEC. 3. The survey shall be commenced in March next and shall be carried out with all possible dispatch.

The Inspector of Public works shall supervise the survey, conclude contracts for the services of the survey party, and authenticate by his signature all bills for said services,

which shall be duly audited and paid out of the appropriation hereinafter provided.

He shall after the survey has been completed, traverse the whole route and note the number and size of creeks and swamps necessary to be bridged, and the natural configuration of the Country through which the road passes, which information he shall supply to persons offering bids for the construction of said road as provided in the following section.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that when the survey has been completed the Inspector of Public works shall by public notification offer to the Public the contract for the construction of said road and bridges supplying at the following specification.

- (a) The nature and extent of the road to be built.
- (b) The required width.
- (c) Number of bridges to be built and the class of material to be employed.
- (d) The physical feature of the Country through which the road passes, and the time for its completion.

SEC. 5. Any person citizen or foreigner may offer bids for said contract. The Inspector shall be competent to decide without reference to any other local official upon the taking up of any such bid, having respect both to price charged and the financial standing of the applicant.

SEC. 6. The contract shall be drawn up by the County Attorney in due form and the contractor shall give bond in double the amount laid in the contract, the condition of which shall provide that the work shall be done in good workmanlike manner according to the specification, and, shall be completed and handed over to the Government within eighteen months thereafter.

SEC. 7. The road shall be built to accomodate ordinary vehicular traffic that is to say, it is not intended in the this first instance, to be equipped with rail tracks, persons desiring, to run oxcarts or any other similar means of conveyance on said road must obtain a license for this right, by paying into the Treasury and annual sum of Twelve (\$12.00) dollars in lawful money of this Republic.

All license for this right must be issued by the Clerk of the Courts of Quarter Session and Common Pleas upon the Sub-Treasurer's receipt, and must be registered: the monies thus arising shall be applied to the upkeep of said road. This section shall not be so construed as to require any tax whatsoever from pedestrians.

SEC. 8. It is resolved that the sum of Five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars to be expended over a period of two years at the rate of two thousand five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars annually, be and the same is hereby appropriated of the survey and construction of the said road, and the sum of Three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars for the purchase of a Steam trolley traction engine or sum other suitable locomotive, but this equipment shall not prevent the use of oxcarts or other similar means of transport by private individuals who may wish to exercise this privilege agreeable with the provisions in section six, and the President is hereby authorized to cause to be paid under warrant the said appropriation out of any monies of the Republic not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved Feb. 12th 1908.

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Joint Resolution granting Marget A. R. Simpson, Wisner of Maryland Thirty (30) Acres of Bounty Land.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives

of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:—

SEC. 4. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Thirty (30) Acres of Bound land is hereby granted to Margaret A. R. Simpson Wister of Maryland County, to be surveyed from any Public lands in said County—not specially reserved.

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Joint Resolution defining the duties of the Law Officers of the Republic of Liberia and fixing their respective Salaries.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution it shall be unlawful for the Attorney General, County Attornies, and District Attornies of the Republic to act, or plead or implead for any person or persons in any suit or suits either civil or criminal in any Court of this Republic except for the Republic of Liberia or to Act as Counsel, Attorney or Legal adviser for any person or persons, company, or firm either directly or indirectly, publicly or privately except for and on behalf of the Republic of Liberia: and any such Officer violating the provisions of this Joint Resolution shall be deemed guilty of Official Misconduct and shall upon conviction be find the sum of not less than five hundred dollras and be dismissed from office.

SEC. 2. And it is further resolved that the Attorney General shall receive an annual salary of Twelve hundred \$1200 00 dollars and the County Attornies for the County of Grand Bassa and Montserrado shall each receive an annual salary of Seven hundred \$700 00 dollars. The County Attornies for the Counties of Sinoe and Mary-

land each shall receive a salary of six hundred \$600.00 dollars per annum.

SEC. And it is further resolved, that the several District Attornies of this Republic each shall receive an annual salary of Three hundred \$300.00 dollars and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to draw for same under warrant of the President out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding
Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution Expressing the appreciation of the people of Maryland County and of the Republic of Liberia, for the valuable services of Mrs. Sarah Jane Dennis, of Maryland County tendered to the Public as a teacher and religious instructor of the Youths of the County, and making her a grant of \$50 00

Joint Resolution expressing thanks of the people and Government of Liberia, to J. Vieweg, Esq. of Holland for his assistance in procuring certain Arms and ammunitions for the Government of Liberia.

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