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Joint Resolution Reorganizing the Liberian Frontier Force and repealing the Joint Resolution approved Feb. 6th, 1908, providing for the pay and formation of said Force.

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

SEC. 1. The President is hereby authorised to cause to be reorganised under the direction and supervision of the War Department the Liberian Frontier Force provided for in the Joint Resolution approved Feb. 6th, 1908, and to appoint to its command as Commandant and Inspector an officer of the rank of Colonel from the Liberian Army. The European officer now holding command of said Force and all other aliens now embodied in or in anywise attached to said Force except the Adjutant and Quarter-master and Instructor of Musketry shall immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution be retired from service. At the expiration of the term of two years for which the said foreign officers are employed as Adjutant and Quarter-master and Instructor of Musketry the President shall procure the services of two competent French officers to fill said positions for the term of two years.

SEC. 2. Said Force shall be stationed on the Anglo-Liberian and Franco-Liberian Frontiers and shall be employed in maintaining peace and order in preventing incursions and raids by natives of Liberia in the territories of neighboring states; in suppressing intertribal feuds and keeping roads open to trade and travel; and in enforcing such laws and regu-

lations as are now or that may hereafter be passed, relative to the aboriginal population.

In addition to the said duties said Force shall also be utilized in such scientific service as the mapping of the Interior; the exploring of rivers and their watersheds and laying out of roads from the interior to the coast and such other duties of a scientific and economic character as the President may require to be done.

SEC. 3. No person shall be eligible to serve in said Force, nor shall be employed therein or in any wise attached thereto, who is not a citizen or native of Liberia, excepting such aliens provided for in this Joint Resolution and such as may hereafter be provided for by the Legislature. Said Force shall be recruited from the several Counties and territories of this Republic in the following manner; to wit:—The President shall cause the Secretary of War to open in each of the several Counties and territory a recruiting office and shall appoint a discreet person to each office who shall be the recruiting officers for the districts. The Secretary of War shall notify recruiting officers of the number of men required for their district and shall supply printed Notices calling for the enlistment of men to serve in said Force. Said Notices must state the nature and term of service; the pay and allowance which each man will receive, the name of the local recruiting officer and the space of time allowed for recruiting men. The recruiting officer upon receipt of said Notices shall post same throughout their respective districts and shall immediately designate a convenient place where persons desiring to enlist may appear and register. He shall give diligent attention to the physical as well as moral fitness of all persons applying for enlistment and shall reject all applicants who in his judgement are unsuited to serve in said Force. He may require the service of a physician to pass upon the physical fitness of applicants whenever he deems it necessary who shall receive a fee of \$1.00 for every examination made

under the provisions of this section. The recruiting officer shall receive fifty cents for each person recruited.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that all persons enlisting for service in said Force shall at the time of enrollment before the local recruiting officer solemnly swear to support the Constitution and laws of Liberia and to serve obediently and faithfully for the full term unless incapacitated from sickness or other disability.

SEC. 5. Citizens and natives of Liberia shall enlist for a term of five consecutive years; foreign officers provided for in this Resolution shall enlist for a term of two consecutive years. The Secretary of War under direction of the President shall formulate rules and regulations for the governance of said Force.

SEC. 6. The several recruiting officers shall recruit the number of men required from their district and shall transmit to the Secretary of War a register of same within ninety days from the publication of the notice mentioned in Section 2, but the Secretary of War may extend the time should he deem it necessary upon notification to the Secretary of War that the number of men (or a fourth thereof) required from any of the Counties or territory have been recruited he shall without delay cause them to be transported to the Barracks in Monrovia and placed under the Commandant of the Force to receive such training and discipline as shall better qualify them for service.

SEC. 7. It is further resolved that the President shall cause the whole Force to be recruited, organised and equipped and shall despatch same to the frontiers on which it is to be posted before the 30th of July of the current year, or, in case the whole force cannot be raised within the time specified, he shall despatch as many as may have been organised. The posts on the Franco-Liberian frontiers shall be established first and shall conform as far as possible to the stipu-

lations of the treaty concluded between the two Governments in 1907, referable to the position of said posts. The President may should the necessity arise, detach a part of the regular Militia for temporary service on said frontiers so as to prevent delay in establishing the posts on the frontiers between Liberia and France.

SEC. 8. Said Force shall consist of 300 men and shall be organised into six companies each consisting of fifty men of all arms. The President is hereby authorised to employ two qualified foreigners who shall be stationed, one on the Anglo-Liberian and one on the Franco-Liberian frontiers in command of said Force they shall have the rank of Major. The foreign officers provided for in this section shall not be citizens or subjects of any state holding territory contiguous to Liberia. Each Company shall have a Lieutenant and four non commissioned officers who shall be citizens of Liberia. Four of said Companies shall be stationed on the Franco-Liberian and two on the Anglo-Liberian frontiers. The force shall act in concert when necessary.

SEC. 9. The Liberian Commandant and Inspector provided for in Section 1st shall be the Senior Officer of the entire force. All orders from the President or Secretary of War shall be issued to him and he shall issue same to the Commanders posted on the frontiers.

Reports from said officers shall be made to the Commandant monthly and he shall report quarterly to the Secretary of War or oftener if required to do so.

He shall inspect the establishments on the frontiers semi-annually and at such other times as the President may require. He shall reside permanently at the Barracks in Monrovia.

The officers and men of said force shall receive the following pay and allowances; to wit: The Commandant and Inspector shall receive a salary of £300 and an additional £20 for the first year for uniform. The two European officers serving in the Barracks at Monrovia shall receive each £250 annually and £15 for the first year for outfit,

The two foreign officers to be stationed on the frontiers shall each receive a yearly salary of £275 and £20 each the first year for outfit. All European officers serving in the force shall after serving twelve months be entitled to a leave for three months on full pay and be given free first class passage to and from Europe or America. Other Liberian Officers and privates provided for in this Joint Resolution shall receive pay and allowance as follows; Commissioned officers \$350 per annum and \$40 for the first year for outfit; Non Commissioned officers \$200 per annum and \$20 allowance for the first year; privates \$120.00 per annum and \$15 the first and third years for outfit.

Rations, quarters and medical attendance shall be supplied the entire force free.

SEC. 10. In the selection and appointment of the two foreign officers to serve on the frontiers, preference shall be given to American citizens white or coloured, and the President shall immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution take steps to procure if possible through the United States War Department from the regular Army of the United States or from its reserves two competent and qualified officers for said service. In case said officers cannot be procured in the United States the President is authorized to procure them from any European States, excepting such States as hold territory in touch with Liberia. The Secretary of War under the direction of the President shall execute contracts with all aliens embodied in or attached to said Liberian Frontier Force. Said contracts must contain a clause reserving to the Government of Liberia the right to terminate same at any time for disobedience of orders, unofficer-like conduct; unfitness; or for any other cause which, in the judgment of the Government renders said officer unfit for service. Said contract shall also contain a clause by which the government reserves the right to terminate them without cause by giving three months notice or three months pay in lieu thereof.

SEC. 11. Immediately after the passage of this Joint Reso-

ution the President shall retire from service the said Commandant and Inspector of said force and all other aliens embodied in or attached to said force excepting those provided for in this Joint Resolution. The President shall cause said Commandant to turn over to the Department of War all arms, and munitions of war, accoutrement Camp out-fit and supplies and all monies, materials, vouchers, documents and papers relating to the organisation and expenditure of said force, as well as the camp and all property procured therefor.

The Commandant shall make a full report to the President which shall be laid before the Legislature during its present session. The sum of Fifty Five thousand four hundred dollars (\$55,400) is hereby appropriated to meet the pay and expenditure of said Force.

This Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution authorizing punitive action against Grand Cess in the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas the Grand Cess tribe has assumed a rebellious attitude against the Republic,

And whereas pacific means employed by government to induce said tribe to yield obedience to the Majesty of our laws have failed,

And whereas the attitude of said tribe, if unchecked must tend to set a pernicious example to other Native tribes,

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

Sec. 1. That immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President be and he is hereby authorized to dispatch the gun boat "Lark" to Cape Palmas with instructions to the Superintendent to take off the

Commissioner for the Kroo Coast, and to proceed at once to Grand Cess to demand a fine of Five Thousand Dollars as punishment for the disloyalty of said tribe towards Government, and to remain on board and superintend the collection of said fine. All fines collected shall be used for Naval purposes, and shall be paid in coin.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that upon failure of said tribe to pay the said fine, within ten days after receiving notice of same, the Commander of said Gunboat is hereby authorized and commanded to chastise the tribe by means of bombardment and demolishing their towns, and cutting off all Communications, egress and ingress with said town.

SEC. 3. The said fine when collected shall be paid into the sub Treasury of Maryland and a special report on same made to the Secretary of the Navy.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that immediately after the Commander of the Gunboat "Lark" shall have performed the duties prescribed in Sec. 1. and 2. of this Resolution he shall proceed to Sinoe with instructions to the Superintendent of said County, take on board the Commissioner for the Kroo Coast in that County, and proceed to Sasstown, to investigate Complaint of Maltreatments of said tribe towards Liberian Traders and Missionaries and to adopt such measures as in the opinion of the Commissioner may seem proper for the protection and security of citizens and the enforcement of law. And upon failure of the people of Sasstown to yield obedience to any measure adopted by the said Coast Commissioner for the protection, and security of citizens and Traders, the Commander of the gun boat "Lark" shall proceed against them as is provided in Section 2nd, of this Resolution. All fines collected from Sasstown in pursuance of this Resolution shall be paid in Coin into the Sub Treasury of Sinoe County and a special report of same be made to the Secretary of the Navy.

SEC. 5. It is further resolved that after the Commissioner of the Kroo Coast at Sinoe and the Commander of the gun boat "Lark" shall have performed the duties assigned them in Section 4 of this Resolution relative to Sasstown the commander of the gun boat "Lark" shall proceed to Garraway with the aforesaid Commissioner from Cape Palmas and demand the duty on one hundred and twenty (120) gallons of rum at one dollar per gallon imported into Garraway illegally by the tribe and upon which the lawful duty has not been paid and a fine of Three hundred and sixty dollars for a refusal to comply with the Customs laws, which amounts shall be paid in Coin into the Sub Treasury of Maryland County and a report of same made to the proper Department.

SEC. 6. The Coast Commissioners of the several Counties shall inform the tribes within their respective spheres of the Navy tax law and shall appointed from among each tribe a responsible chief to collect and receive same. After 30 days notification to the tribes the Commissioner shall begin collection using pacific means to enforce same, unless where payment is refused. in such cases he shall require the aid of the Commander of said Gunboat. Commissioners shall act in concert with the Navy tax collector for the Coast tribes, and shall issue receipts in triplicate in favor of towns or tribes who shall pay said taxes, one copy shall be given to the chief of the town or tribe; one copy to be filed with the Sub Treasurer at the time of the paying over taxes collected and received, and the other copy filed in the Superintendent's Office, he shall receive the fee allowed by law for the collection of said taxes

SEC. 7. It is further resolved that this resolution be published in hand bills and enforced immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution respecting the Joint Resolution approved February 6th., 1906 respecting the salaries of all Government officers and other persons having claims against the Republic.

Whereas the Joint Resolution of February 6th 1906 respecting the retrenchment of the salaries of Government Officers and other persons having claims against this Republic, (The President and Judges of the several Courts excepted) as passed by the Legislature at its session of 1905-6, has not met the wishes of the people whom we represent, and observing that the desire of the masses is that the above conditions be hereby repealed. 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, the Joint Resolution for a retrenchment on all salaries and allowances as passed and approved February 6th 1906 be and the same is hereby repealed and declared null and void as though no such Joint resolution ever existed.

SEC. 2. This Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately and be published in handbills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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An Act amendatory to an Act fixing the salary of the members of the Legislature passed and approved January 22, 1902.

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

SEC. 1st That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the salary of each Member of the Legislature shall be eight hundred (\$ 800.00) dollars per annum for every annual session, excluding lay days and mileage which shall be as under the Act passed and approved A. D. 1874, and the salary of the Vice President shall be One Thousand and Two Hundred (\$ 1200.00) dollars.]

SEC. 2ND. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the bills of the Members of the Legislature to be audited in accordance with this Act at the close of this present session this Act shall be published in hand bills and take effect immediately.

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

Passed by limitati n.

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Joint Resolution authorising the President to appoint and empower M. Dinklage, Liberian Charge d'Affaires for Germany to negotiate with foreign Capitalists, Bankers or Firms for Capital to establish the Bank of Liberia chartered by special Act of the Legislature at its session 1907—8.

Whereas the National Legislature at its session of 1907-8 incorporated and chartered a Government Bank and whereas the Capital to establish and work said Bank is not available to Government,

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

SEC. 1. That the President be and he is hereby authorised to appoint and empower M. Dinklage to approach foreign Bankers, Capitalists or Firms and ascertain the conditions on which capital in the sum of at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars can be secured to establish and run said Liberian Bank

SEC. 2. Said negotiations shall be made upon the basis of the Charter aforesaid, passed at the last session of the Legislature. The negotiations shall be based upon the charter granted the said Bank last session (1907-8) and the Bank when established shall receive a commission of 3 0/0 on all public monies collected as a reward to cover its expenses including the Treasury staff of the Republic.

SEC. 3. A report on the negotiations shall be laid be-

fore the Legislature at its next session and if approved by it the said Bank of Liberia will go into operations but not otherwise. The Chargé d'Affaires shall make his report to the Executive Government as soon as possible, but not later than the next session of the Legislature.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that in order to facilitate and promote the negotiations, the President is hereby authorised to appoint G. Lange to compile full and comprehensive statistics covering a period of five years, showing comparatively the income and expenditure of the Country for said period; its commercial resources and prospects and the estimated increase of revenue under certain conditions. It shall further contain a financial statement dealing with external loans and how same are met and such other statistical and Financial statements as will enable Bankers or other Financiers to invest capital with security. For the specific work which must be completed within six months from appointment the Government shall pay G. Lange £ 200.

SEC. 5. It is further resolved that when said statements are completed they shall be inspected and certified by the Secretary of the Treasury and a copy given to M. Dinklage for use as aforesaid.

This resolution shall take effect immediately and the President is hereby authorised to carry out its provisions with all possible dispatch.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15th, 1909.

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[An Act Permitting Foreign Individuals or Firms irrespective of Nationality established at any of the Regular Ports of Entry of this Republic, to trade interiorward or Coast wise beyond Ports of Entry.

Whereas the laws restricting foreign trade to Ports of

Entry is obstructive to the development and expansion of our trade, and whereas such a restricted policy does not tend to promote and strengthen the friendly relations with Foreign States with whom we hold Treaties of Commerce; and whereas it is the ardent desire of the Government of Liberia to give every assurance to the world of its purpose to adopt and follow those policies which will tend to effect harmonious and closer relations with treaty States; and Whereas it is believed that a more liberal and enlightened Commercial policy will not only achieve this end but will also enhance the increase of revenue now so urgently needed to meet the increase expenditure arising out of the advanced policy now being pursued.

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

SEC. 1. All firms or persons irrespective of Nationality residing at Ports of Entry and maintaining factories there at shall have the right to trade and to lease lands for trading purposes anywhere within the Republic under such regulations as may be formulated and published by the Executive Government from time to time and approved by the Legislature; provided, however, that all arrangements for land on which to erect factories, or houses, shall be submitted to and approved by the Executive Government, and no such lease shall be valid without such approval, the quantity of land, to be leased for one factory established at any one place shall not be more than one acre, the same to be held by the lessee as long as it is used for trading purposes, all lands so leased and not used for the purposes named in this Act, shall revert to the Government.

SEC. 2. All firms or persons irrespective of Nationality having business establishments at regular Ports shall have the right to operate boats or vessels for the convenience of trade or travel on any of the waters of this Republic,

subject to the laws regulating license as are now or may hereafter be enacted.

SEC. 3. The license for trading at any point outside a Port of Entry shall be the same as is required at such Ports of Entry, excepting license to sell liquor which shall be half of what is charged at Ports all regulated incorporate Cities or Townships for every town or place where liquor is sold. All license to trade shall be paid into the Sub-Treasury of the County within which the trading posts shall be established, except in the County of Montserrado, where the same may be paid to the General Treasurer or the Sub-Treasurer. All licenses excepting licenses in the corporations and townships shall be issued by the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas. All monies arising from trading licenses excepting liquor licenses shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury upon the order of the President and in such proportions as he shall deem best to the Chiefs and Headmen of the Districts within which trading stations are opened and maintained and upon the promise of such Chiefs and Headmen that they will endeavour to the best of their ability to keep the Roads opened, to secure unobstructed trade within their respective districts, to aid in the arrest of robbers and to protect, and defend the persons and property of all persons engaged in promoting trade within their Districts. If any Chief or Headman should fail to comply with this promise, he shall be denied for such time as the President shall deem best any share in the monies arising from trading license, within his district.

SEC. 4. Any person trading or operating boats or vessels within the Republic, who shall incite the natives to rebel against the Government, shall be liable to have their licenses revoked upon due proof made before any Court of Competent Jurisdiction of this Republic and shall further be liable to prosecution for Treason. In the event of any

hostile attitude on the part of the natives of any district towards trading, or toward the Government, the Government shall have the right to interdict trade and intercourse with the natives at such points, or within such districts until such time as the natives shall recognise the authority of the Government. No indemnity nor reclamation shall be claimed for any losses or injuries which may attend the interdiction of trade under the condition mentioned in this Section.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of all persons trading outside of the Port of Entry, to fly during business hours the National Flag of Liberia, and they may also fly their own house flag; but the flag of foreign States shall not be flown. Any person failing to comply with the provision of this Section shall be fined a sum not less than \$ 50.00 (Fifty Dollars) for each day he omits to comply herewith. Any person trading outside of the Port of Entry, who shall create any disturbance among the natives, shall be expelled from the district by the Executive Government.

SEC. 6. All goods imported into the Republic and all produce exported therefrom shall be landed at or shipped from the regular Port of Entry under the Customs Laws of the Republic.

SEC. 7. Where Europeans or whites are not employed at any of the trading ports outside of the regular Ports, as provided for, in this Act, in the capacity of Factors, Clerks, traders or otherwise, only citizens of Liberia shall be eligible to, and be engaged for such employment; the object of this Section being to provide increased opportunities for employment of Liberians, as well as to keep out of non-Ports of Entry foreigners whose residence at said place is undesirable. Any firm or individual who shall violate the provisions of this Section by employing at any non-Ports of Entry foreigners other than those mentioned in this Section, on proof of same before the Court of Admiralty for the County where the offense was com-

mitted shall forfeit and pay a fine of \$ 100.00 (One hundred dollars) for each offence and may have his license for the particular district or place cancelled.

SEC. 8. It is further resolved that before any foreign individual or firm shall be allowed to establish any factory or factories or to do any trade whatsoever directly, at any place or point not a regular Port he or they must first enter into contract with the Government of Liberia to the following effect, to wit:-

(a) That he or they will abstain at all times from any conduct or action that tend to incite the natives to revolt against the laws and authority of the Government and that where any such intention has come to their knowledge that they will promptly report same to the Government.

(b) That he or they will abstain from all interference with the domestic relation of the Natives and with their customary laws.

(c) That all lawful claims for losses or injuries shall be settled finally by the Courts of Liberia, and that waiver is hereby made of the right to make any claim for losses or injuries or for any other cause whatsoever arising from the exercise of the privileges herein intended to be conferred on foreign traders, the subject of Diplomatic or international reclamation.

(d) That upon notification by the Government that any place or point out side of the regular port where trade may have been established has been interdicted that he or they will immediately withdraw themselves and trade from any such place, and that the Government of Liberia will not be held responsible for any losses or damages whatsoever which may arise out of such interdict and withdrawal.

(e) That he or they will confine employment to Europeans and Whites and Liberian citizens and,

(f) That they will observe and carry into effect all and singular the provisions of this Act. Said agreements after being duly *vised* by the resident Consul for the State of

which the individual or firm is a subject or citizen shall be filed in the Department of State.

SEC. 9. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons firm or firms taking out license for trading purposes to engage in Mining or any other pursuit not named in said license. All person or persons firm or firms taking out license for trading as set forth in this Act, violating any of the provisions of this Section shall forfeit and pay to the Republic of Liberia not more than Five hundred dollars nor less than Fifty dollars recoverable before any Court having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect immediately.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution restoring Samuel T. Prout Jr., of Montserrado County to citizenship.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Samuel T. Prout, Jr. of Montserrado County, be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship, and is hereby authorised to do any and all acts in common with all good citizens of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Providence Baptist Association 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 Reso-

lution, Z. T. Walker, Moderator, H. B. Hayes, Clerk, R. F. White, Treasurer, J. W. Madison, Corresponding Secretary, A. C. Harris, W. H. Johnson, E. L. Parker, R. B. Wicker, W. L. Shaw, all of 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 Providence Baptist Association of Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia; and their successors in office are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of Providence Baptist Association of Montserrado County with the power to hold and possess property real and personal that may now or hereafter be acquired by purchase or gift with the power to sell or 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 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 Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars,

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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An Act re-imbursing W. H. Strong of Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the said W. H. Strong of the County aforesaid is

hereby reimbursed to the amount of One Hundred and fifty (\$150) Dollars for losses he sustained growing out of the fact that a chieftain by the name of Gedehegie held the said amount in lieu of a penalty which he maintained that the Liberian Government should pay for his deceased subject killed by one Jacob Potter.

SEC. 2. And it is further enacted that whereas Jas. W. Yates and E. M. Cummings both of the County of Maryland have shown satisfactory proof of their having sustained losses by intertribal wars on the Kroo Coast of Maryland County as traders, that Jas. W. Yates be reimbursed in the sum of One hundred and sixty one Dollars and twenty five cents and E. M. Cummings be reimbursed in the sum of One hundred and seventy five Dollars said amount being respectively one half of the losses sustained by them.

SEC. 3. It is further enacted that the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is hereby authorised to draw for same out of any monies in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Act Act granting certain Timber rights to the Liberian Timber and Trading Company.

Whereas Ulric Duverny and J. Harold Fredricks, Copartners of the Liberian Timber and Trading Company, both of the British West Indies, have petitioned the Legislature to grant them certain timber rights within the County of Maryland, and whereas it is the desire of the Government to develop the said industry.

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

SEC. 1. That the said Liberian Timber and Trading Com-

pany be and is hereby granted the non-exclusive right to exploit, search and prospect for timber of marketable value in the foreign markets of Europe and America for the space of two years in any of the public forests within the Cavalla River district of the County of Maryland, above the town of Weska, and at any other points in said County outside of said Cavalla River district.

SEC. 2. That the said Company shall pay into the Sub Treasury of the said County the sum of Twenty-five dollars in gold or silver coin per annum for the privilege granted in section one of this Act and take receipt therefor in duplicate, and forward the original to the Secretary of the Treasury with a written application for a License under the provisions of this Act. The Secretary of the Treasury upon the receipt of the said Treasurer's original receipt for the payment of the amount as above required in section one of this Act, shall immediately issue a License granting to the said Company the rights as herein above granted for the space of three calendar years from the date of the issuance of said License.

SEC. 3. And it is further enacted that should the said Company find by exploiting, searching and prospecting for timber that a profitable business can be made in the timber industry and shall become desirous of regularly cutting, felling and exporting timber to the foreign markets, the said Liberian Timber and Trading Company may then cause to be leased an area of Public lands within the said Cavalla River district or at other places within said County not exceeding in all ten square miles upon such conditions as may be allowed by the Legislature of Liberia, and all monies arising from Licenses granted by and under the provisions of this Act shall be used in equal dividends for general Government and County purposes.

This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in handbills.

Any laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15th, 1909.

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Joint Resolution granting a pension to A. Redd of 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 A. Redd of the County of Grand Bassa is hereby granted an annual pension of Three hundred dollars during his natural life.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15, 1909.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Flourishing Palm Society of Kroo Town, Monrovia, County of Montserrado.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution Kofa Togbeh, Grand Master, Woonah, Deputy Grand Master, Je Neele Wayar, Grand Secretary and Karpano, Grand Treasurer, officers of the Flourishing Palm Society, and other officers who may be elected from time to time, together with all persons who may hereafter become members are hereby declared a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the Flourishing Palm Society

Monrovia Montserrado County and by that name may sue and be sue, plead and be Impleaded in any court of competent jurisdiction, in Liberia; may own real and personal property to the value of Three thousand (\$3000) dollars and to make bye laws and other regulations not incompatible with the general laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15, 1909.

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An Act granting to the New York Liberian Company of New York City the use of Five Hundred Square Miles of Public Lands.

Whereas the New York Liberian Improvement Company of New York City is a corporation formed and organized under the laws of the State of New York, United States of America, having offices at 119 Nassau Street, City of New-York, United States of America, and desires to utilize and make profitable the resources of portions of the public lands of the Republic of Liberia as the same are now constituted and it is considered desirable to the Republic of Liberia to affordsaid Company proper opportunity to utilize portions of the public lands of the Republic and to invest capital in the Republic for the benefit of the Republic, its citizens, the Company and all parties concerned, now

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

SEC. 1. The Government of the Republic of Liberia hereby grants and concedes to the New York Liberian Improvement Company, of New York City, of the State of New York, United State of America, the right to select at random from any unreserved public lands in the Counties of Montserrado and Grand Bassa or as near the Frontier as may be found suitable for th purposes of the Company, areas or tracts of lands for the uses and purposes of said Company as herein provided aggregating not more than Five handred Square

miles provided that at least one hundred square miles thereof be selected by said Company within five years, and the remainder or the desired portion thereof within ten years from the date of this Act.

A written description of the areas or tracts so selected, filed from time to time by said Company with the Secretary of State of the Republic, shall be conclusive as determining the areas or tracts so selected.

All such descriptions shall be based upon surveys made by the Government at said Companies reasonable expense, but in case the Government shall for any reason be unable to furnish a survey then said descriptions may be based upon surveys made by said Company.

Upon the filing of said description or descriptions the Company shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury for each square mile of public land selectected, the sum of Three hundred dollars as rental for the term hereinafter granted in funds current within the Republic; so that if the full five hundred square miles shall have been selected, the Company shall have paid to the Republic the sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of making such selections of said areas or tracts from the public lands of the Republic the said Company shall have the right, privilege and franchise, during the said period of five years, to enter upon all the public lands and explore, survey, examine, test and experiment upon the same, but shall not reserve or carry away any mineral or vegetable products therefrom, except from such lands the rental of which shall be duly paid.

SEC. 3. The Government of the Republic of Liberia hereby grants and conceeds to the said Company the exclusive rights, powers, privileges and franchises for the term of thirty years from the date of this Act with respect to the said five hundred square miles of public lands, or any part thereof, which may be selected hereunder as follows:—

(a) To have the exclusive right to occupy all the lands to be selected here under and the absolute right to, and ownership of, all the resources thereof, both vegetable and mineral (except in so far as the rights to the mineral resources have already been otherwise granted) whether such resources are now known or be hereafter discovered, and to use such lands for any and all lawful purposes. And in further-ance of said rights and not in limitation thereof, to cut timber, quarry stones, mine minerals, including precious metals and stones, gather coconuts and all other fruit and vegetable products, including rubber, caoutchouc and other rubber like substances, gums oils and fibers and to sell the same, to cultivate and raise all vegetable products, carry on agriculture, to manufacture all vegetable and mineral products; to erect, operate and use factories, machinery and other structures, and to carry on all kinds of trade.

(b) To build and operate roads, tramways, railroads, bridges, telegraphs and telephone lines, water powers, dams, cisterns for water supplies, irrigation, drainage, lighting, heating, refrigerating and for all other power and transmission purposes.

(c) To establish banks and carry on a general banking business subject to the laws of the Republic.

(d) To import foreign laborers and their families for the purposes of the Company and acceptable to the Government of the Republic.

(e) To import all machinery and tools required for the construction and equipment of saw mills and all other plants, buildings, structures and installments required by the Company free of duty for a period of twenty years.

(f) To export all products grown, manufactured, gathered, purchased, or otherwise acquired, paying export duties at the present rate, and also such duties as may be hereafter taxed upon articles not now subject to duties.

(g) To carry on any lawful trade, pursuits, or commercial undertakings to promote the interest of the Company.

Always provided however, that nothing shall be done by the Company which shall be an infringement of the existing Charters or Concessions heretofore granted by the Republic or of the laws of the Republic.

SEC. 4. For every tree having a circumference of six feet or more which shall be cut down within the Republic by said Company, it shall immediately plant in place thereof three seeding plants of the same kind to reforest the areas from which such timber is taken.

SEC. 5. The said Company shall have the free use of the highways and waterways of the Republic.

SEC. 6. The Republic shall have right to build wagons or other roads in addition to those which may be built by said Company, through any of the areas or tracts selected by the company pursuant to this Act, and the citizens of the Republic shall be allowed to travel on foot over the roads of the Company, free of tolls or other charges. In case the Government shall appropriate any portions of the selected areas or tracts of the Company for the roads, the Company shall have the right to select equal areas from the public lands, filing descriptions thereof in the same manner as herein provided for the original selection of lands by said Company, but without making payment or payments therefor.

SEC. 7. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to interfere with native towns, plantations or reserve, or to prevent natives and citizens from gathering firewood, thatch or poles in the forest areas conceded for their own use.

SEC. 8. Whenever the Company finds it necessary to employ labor within the Republic it shall give preference for such employment to Liberian citizens or to persons eligible as such.

SEC. 6. The Company shall not be required to pay any different or greater duty on its imports or exports, or for port or excise charges, or for taxes of any nature than lawfu-

ly required by the Republic to be paid by all persons or corporations alike.

SEC. 10. The said Company shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia within six months from the date of the passage of this Act the sum of Five thousand dollars in gold coin current within the Republic and in case such payment be not made then the rights hereby granted may be terminated by the Republic, but not otherwise, said payment shall constitute a partial advance of the payment required to be made upon the filing of descriptions of the lands to be selected hereunder.

SEC. 11. The Republic shall have the right to have two representatives on the Board of Directors of the Company, said members to be designated by the President of the Republic when required by the Republic and due and proper provisions for such representatives shall be embodied in the bye-laws of the Company.

SEC. 12. A statement of account showing the financial condition of the business of the Company shall be prepared by it each year for the current year ending December 31st and a copy shall be filed with the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic as soon hereafter as practicable not exceeding three months, the statements to be filed as aforesaid shall be certified to by chartered public accountants whose certificate shall be final and conclusive as to all matters relating to the profits and finances of the Company.

SEC. 13. Citizens of the Republic of Liberia have the right within four months from the date of this Act, to purchase at par value in preference to others, ten per cent, of the Treasury stock of the Company, upon tendering payment therefor at the Company's office in New York City. In the event of the Company offering any of its bond or stock for sale to the public. The Republic or the citizens thereof shall have the preference to purchase in the aggregate ten per cent, of such bonds or stock on the terms offered to others

within a period of ninety days after such offering is made and any purchase of such bonds or stock made by the Republic or the citizens thereof shall be allotted by the Company. Any notice given to the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic shall constitute notice to the Republic, and any notice published in any Liberian Newspaper (issued weekly or bi-weekly or otherwise) for a period of one month shall constitute notice to all citizens of the Republic for the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 14. The Company shall pay annually to the Republic twenty per cents of its nett profits available for dividends, and shall not distribute any of its nett profits without making said payment of twenty per cent, of the nett earnings to the Republic. This is applicable to the general earning business of the Company. But in so far as the development and operation of mines and the products therefrom are concerned and also of the products of Mahogany and other hard wood of like commercial value the Company shall pay to the Republic twenty per cents of the nett profits so derived before applying any of such profits to the general use of the Company, and the Company shall keep separate and distinct accounts of the expenses and output of the mines and separate and distinct accounts of the products of Mahogany and like hard woods.

SEC. 15. The rights, powers, privileges and franchises hereby granted shall continue for a term of thirty years from the date of this Act, and shall continue for the further term of twenty years, but shall be subject to such amended terms and conditions as the Republic and the Company may agree upon. The Company shall have the right to assign, transfer, lease, pledge and mortgage any or all of the property, rights, powers, privileges, and franchises hereby granted but any transfer shall be restricted to Companies composed of American or Liberian citizens and incorporated within the United States of America or Liberia and require notice to the Government of Liberia thereof.

SEC. 16. And all disputes or contentions which may arise hereunder shall be conclusively determined between the Republic and the Company by the majority of three disinterested arbitrators, one of whom shall be chosen by the Republic, one by the Company and the third by the Arbitrators chosen by the Republic and the Company.

SEC. 17. This Act to take effect immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 11th, 1909.

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An Act amending that portion of the Charter of the City of Greenville in the County of Sinoe referring to the term of the Mayor.

Whereas for the better administration of the financial and other executive conditions, and interest of the City of Greenville, it is expedient for the term of the Mayor, the executive head, and financial Controller of said City to be extended, and

Whereas Section 6th of the aforesaid charter of the City of Greenville limits the term of the Mayor to one year from the time of his election.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Section 6th of the Charter of the City of Greenville, on the eight line after the word for the term of one year be amended to read excepting the Mayor, who shall hold his office for the term of two years and to be elected biennially.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that this Act be published in hand bills and take effect immediately, and that the term of the present Mayor of the City of Greenville is hereby extended to two years from the time of his last election.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan. 15. 1909.

Joint Resolution granting to the board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church with head quarters at 150 Fifth Avenue New York City, United States of America, One hundred and fifty Acres of land from the tract of land known as Kock's Farm, situate, lying and being in the County of Maryland, Republic of Liberia.

Whereas I. B. Scott, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Liberia, operating under the auspices and supervision of the Board of Foreign Missions of the above named Church with head quarters at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, United State of America has petitioned the National Legislature for the grant of a portion of that tract of land known as Kock's Farm, situate, lying, and being in the County above mentioned for the purpose of establishing an Agricultural and Industrial School to be operated under the auspices and supervision of the above named Mission and Whereas such an operation would prove beneficial to the aforesaid Republic, 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 the said Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church with head quarters at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, United States of America is hereby granted One hundred and fifty acres of land from the tract of land known as Kock's Farm, situate, lying and being in the County of Maryland to be used for Mission purposes as herein above set forth and to hold and retain possession of the same subject to the laws governing all similar grants made to Missions.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the President of the aforesaid Republic shall grant to the representatives of said Mission an order to any legal surveyor to survey the above

granted land and said President shall execute a deed for same the Mission bearing all expenses for the survey of same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved Feby. 13, 1909.

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Joint Resolutions Relating to Injunctions.

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

SEC. 1. That actions of Injunction may be commenced and defendants summoned to appear in Court in such cases at any time whenever the cause of action occurs or becomes known to the plaintiff without respect to the number of days preceeding the first day of the session of the term of Court at which the action is filed.

SEC. 2. That actions of Injunctions may be commenced and defendant summoned in such actions during the regular sessions of the Court at any term when the cause of action occurs during the sessions or becomes known to the plaintiff at such time.

SEC. 3. That whenever an action of Injunction is commenced and a defendant or defendants summoned during the regular sessions of any term of the Court, or less than fifteen days previous to the first day of any sessions of the Court; in all cases the Court shall not enter upon a final trial of such action so commenced, before the next term of the Court after that at which the action is filed with a view that all pleading may be duly filed and substantial justice done to all parties concerned, provided however that if the pleadings in any action of Injunction shall have been completed during the sitting of any term of the Court for which said action was entered, the Court at the instance of the parties

concerned shall enter upon the trial of said case as other ordinary matters docketed for that specific term.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved February 13, 1909.

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Joint Resolution authorising the Secretary of the Treasury to permit any European Firm to ship from Monrovia any number of purely Kroomen for service abroad from the Port of Monrovia.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby empowered to permit any firm or line of Steamers to take from Monrovia any number of purely Kroomen for service abroad for one year or more as may be agreed by the said Kroomen, charging therefor the fee of Five dollars per head; it being distinctly understood that no Bassa, Vays, Pesseys, Golahs or anyother native tribes shall be included in this arrangement, and Secretary is to issue strict orders to this effect and to see that this resolution is carried out to the letter and that the said Kroomen are well informed as to the time of their service and that they agree to same before leaving.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved February 17, 1909

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Joint Resolution Regulating the Disbursement of Public Moneys.

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

SEC. 1. That from immediately after the passage of this joint resolution, it shall be unlawful for any official of Government other than the Secretary of the Treasury (or the

Superintendents of the several Counties, districts or Territorys by order of the Secretary of the Treasury) to issue or draw orders upon any merchantile firm or firms, banks or banks doing business within or beyond the territorial limits of the Republic for the payment of any sum of money in behalf of the Government of the Republic. And any such official of Government found violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of High misdeameanor, and be subjected to impeachment and criminal prosecution in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. All such orders for the payment of money issued on drawn by any official of government other than provided for in section one of thir joint resolution shall not be considered by the Secretary of the Treasury, nor Superintendents aforesaid as legal and valid claims against the Government, and the same shall not be received or paid by them under any circumstances whatever under the penalty of impeachment.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that all Treasurers, Sub-Treasurers and other custodians of public funds of the Republic are forbidden to pay out of the Treasury any sum or sums of money upon the order of any official of Government other than the Secretary of the Treasury and the Superintendents aforesaid under warrant of the President.

Any Treasurer, Sub-Treasurer or other custodian of public funds paying out any sums of money other than upon written order or check under seal from the Secretary of the Treasury or Superintendents as aforesaid shall be deemed guilty of high misdeameanor, and upon conviction by a Court of competent jurisdiction, shall be required to pay a fine of not less than One hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars in gold, and the refunding of the amount so paid out, and imprisonment in the common jail of the County with hard labor in chains, for a period of not less than one year nor more than three years.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury and Superintendent

of the Counties, Territory and Districts are hereby strictly forbidden to draw upon the Several Treasurers and Sub-Treasurers of the Republic for any sum of moneys not appropriated by the Legislature or in excess of the appropriation made by the Legislature for any one fiscal year.

Should the Secretary of the Treasury or any of the Superintendents as aforesaid be found violating the provisions of this section of this Resolution he or they shall besides impeachment by the Legislature, be criminally prosecuted by the Attorney General before a Court of competent jurisdiction and upon conviction, be fined in a sum not less than five hundred dollars, the refunding of the amount so illegally drawn for, and imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than three years.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the Secretary of the Treasury or the several Superintendents under warrant of the President from drawing on the Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer in excess of appropriation in case of Rebellion, Insurrection, or Invasion, when the peculiar circumstances in such cases shall render it necessary.

SEC. 6. Any laws or parts of laws conflicting with any of the provisions of this resolution, the same be and are hereby repealed.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution authorising the Secretary of the Treasury to pay certain claims to one J. B. Horace, being legally due him.

Whereas, one J. B. Horace sheweth that he was acting as Marshall for the County of Grand Bassa, in the Republic of Liberia, and that while he was in the execution of the function of said office wherein the Government was a party in a certain particular case, that the cost in said case was Sixty Two Dollars and fifty cents and that the Superintendent of the County aforesaid refused to check the

bills for the said County and it is the intention of the Government to pay all legal claims due citizens by her.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of the Joint Resolution the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised to pay the claim of J. B. Horace in the sum of Sixty two dollars and fifty cents out of any monies not otherwise appropriated said amount of money being due him.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Ball Company of Kroo Town Monrovia in the County of Montserrado.

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

That Grippa, President, Charlie, Vice President, Doby Gedy, Lady, Gophar, Vice Lady, Peter, Captain, Tom Peter, Doctor, Nynatoo, Collector, all of Kroo Town Monrovia be and are hereby incorporated and declared a body politic under the name and style of the Ball Company of Kroo Town Monrovia, Montrerrado County and by that name may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent Jurisdiction over the subject matter which may be in dispute. And to hold personal and real property to the value of Five Thousand Dollars and have perpetual succession and do all such lawful business within the Republic not interfering with the rights specially granted to other companies under the laws of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Passed by limitation.

An Act Granting to Edgar Allen Forbes the use of Alternate Blocks of Public Land Along the Franco-Liberia Frontier

Whereas Aldar Allen Forbes, a citizen of New York City, United States of American, has expressed a desire to cooperate with the Republic of Liberia in the effort to develop its natural resources and otherwise to assist it in rising in the scale of nations; and whereas it is desirable that Liberia should have the assistance of citizens of the Unites of America in the development of this Republic.

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

SEC. 1. The Government of the Republic of Liberia hereby grants and concedes to the said Edgar Allen Forbes (who is hereinafter referred to as the concessionaire) and to his heirs and assigns, all forest, mineral, agricultural, and other lawful rights to the following described blocks of land lying along the eastern, or Franco-Liberian boundary, to wit:

In that part of the County of Mary beginning at the present outer limits of the port town Nianke, near Nitie or at or near the 5 10 parallel of the north latitude, and following the eastern boundary of the Republic north-ward to the eighth parallel, of north latitude, and extending inland, or westward, for a distance of fifteen miles from said boundary, the allotment to the said concessioaire shall consist of alternate blocks having a boundary frontage of five miles and an inland extent of fifteen miles the other alternate blocks of said boundary strip remaining a part of the public domain. That is to say, the first block extending along the boundary of five miles from the point of beginning shall be allotted to the concessionire, the second block shall remain part of the public domain; and so on, in alternate succession to the eighth parallel of north latitude.

The said concessionaire shall have also the right to select one acre of public land located on the Cavalla River, in the port of Nianke, and another acre of public land in or near the town of Kablika for the establishment of docks, Warehouses and other facilities that may be required in the development of this concession.

SEC. 2. The term of this concession shall be for a period of thirty years from the date of the passage of this act, option being given to the said concessionaire for a renewal of the concession upon the same term for an additional period of twenty years. If, however, the said concessionaire shall not have begun operation within the limits of this concession prior to the first day of August, 1910, the term of this concession shall become null and void.

SEC. 3. All surveys within the bounds of this concession shall be made by Government surveyors at the concessionaire's expense; and such surveys shall be completed within three years from the date of the passage of this act:

SEC. 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with native towns or plantations, or to prevent the natives and citizens from gathering firewood, thatch, or poles for their own use, or from fishing and hunting.

SEC. 5. The concessionaire shall pay into the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia on or before the first day of January next ensuing the sum of Five Thousand Dollars; and this sum shall be considered as a part of the payments hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 6. In consideration of the rights and privilege granted by this concession the said concessionaire shall pay into the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia, on the first day of January of every year, an annual rental of One Hundred and Sixty Dollars for every square mile that may be in use for agricultural purposes; and a sum

equal to one cent per board foot for every log (or its equivalent in lumber) that may be exported; and a further sum equal to Ten per cent of market value (at the port of exit) of all other forest, mineral and agricultural products that shall be exported. In view of these payments specified, the said concessionaire shall be exempt from all taxes, export duties, and charges of similar nature.

SEC. 7. It is also enacted that the said concessionaire shall be allowed, during the term of this concession, the free entry of all machinery, implements, materials of construction, required in the development of this concession, but not for such as may be intended for sale.

SEC. 8. The said concessionaire shall have the free use of the highways and waterways of the Republic, together with the right to improve the same or to construct others.

SEC. 9. Only trees of six feet girth and upward are to be felled, except when needed for local purposes, and for every tree of six feet girth and upward that may be felled, the concessionaire shall plant two trees of the same kind, to prevent deforestation, nothing in this section, however, shall be construed to apply to the clearing of land suitable for agriculture.

SEC. 10. The colonists who may be imported by said concessionaire and settled upon agricultural lands included in the concession shall be restricted to Negroes from the United States of America and from the west Indies, and to such of those as may be eligible to become citizens of Liberia. But these concessionaire may bring in white experts and employees from the United States for the conducting and management of plantations and other activities, provided that their residence within the Republic shall terminate with the expiration of this charter.

SEC. 11. Colonists may acquire deeds in fee from the

Liberian Government under its land laws for lands obtained from the concessionaire and cultivated by them, provided that they shall have first discharged their obligation to said concessionaire.

SEC. 12. The said concessionaire shall have the right to assign, transfer, pledge, and mortgage any or all of the property, rights, powers, and privileges hereby granted, provided due notice thereof shall be promptly communicated to the Liberian Secretary of State; but any such transfer shall be restricted to American or Liberian citizens, or to co-operations, or companies, controlled by American or Liberian citizens.

SEC. 13. Any and all disputes or contentions which may arise hereunder shall be conclusively determined between the Government and the concessionaire by the majority of three disinterested arbitrators, of whom one shall be chosen by the President of the Republic, one by the concessionaire, and the third by the two arbitrators chosen as aforesaid.

SEC. 14. Whenever the term "concessionaire" is used in this Act, it shall be construed to apply to and include the said concessionaire's heirs, or to any individual, company, or co-operation to which this concession may be assigned as aforesaid.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed over the President's veto.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Sons of Truth and Honor Lodge No. 1 of Paynesville County of Montserralo.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, James W. Gibson, P. V. G. Alexander B. Mais.

P. M., D. W. Worrell, P. W. M., James H. Clarke, President, T. H. Pritchard, Vice President, A. M. Street, J. A. and I. A. Rose, D. S., Officers and members of the Sons of Truth and Honor Lodge No. 1. of Paynesville, County of Montserrado Republic of Liberia and any other person that may hereafter become members are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Sons of Truth and Honor Lodge No. 1. of Paynesville; 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 to the value of five thousand dollars (\$5000) and do any act not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the Republic in common with other bodies politic and corporate for the purpose of carrying into effect the intention of this organization

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution for the Relief of Government,

Whereas during the incumbency of the late J. J. Ross, Superintendent of the Couty of Sinoe, there were thousands of dollars in audited bills in his possession which were redeemed by checks against the Government, but kept as waste paper in his office undefaced and whereas the said bill were not destroyed by him the said J. J. Ross, nor forwarded to the Treasury Department of the Republic, but were left in his possession up to his death, and whereas the said bills are being reissued being presented to the officials of Government for paymentt,

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

SEC. 1. That, from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution all Audited bills in the County of Sinoe bearing date between the year A. D. 1879, and 1889.

audited by J. J. Robertson, Jas. P. Harris or his Deputy D. J. Harris and J. T. Jenkins, ex Auditors of the County of Sinoe, registered or non registered be and the same are hereby declared not genuine and of no value.

SEC. 2. That any Government official or citizen who may be guilty of violating the provisions of this Joint Resolution by receiving or paying out any bills bearing the date as aforesaid, or making any material use of the said described bills, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall pay the sum of Five Hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not less than twelve months.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution reimbursing Cordelia C. Montgomery, widow of the late R. H. Montgomery, Senator of the County of Sinoe.

Whereas it has been made to appear by the petition of Cordelia C. Montgomery widow of the late R. H. Montgomery, Senator of the County of Sinoe, that there is an amount still due R. H. Montgomery on his salary of and during the year 1898,

And whereas it is the intetion of all governments to pay her just claims due any of her citerzen:—

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

SEC. 1. That Cordelia C. Montgomery widow of R. H. Montgomery, Senator deceased of the County of Sinoe, be and she is hereby reimbursed to the amount of Two hundred and sixty two dollars and sixty six cents.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution taking over the private lands in the City of Monrovia on which the Frontier Barracks is built.

Whereas the Barracks constituting the head quarters of the Liberian Frontier Force, in the City of Monrovia, is found to be the private real property of His Excellency Arthur Barclay and his heirs, it is expedient that of Liberia should take over said property for public use, and give in exchange for same compensation to the owners of said property.

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 Joint Resolution, the Fourteen Acres of private lands in the City of Monrovia, County of Montserrano, upon which the head quarters of the Liberian Frontier Force is located, built and erected, be and are hereby taken over by the Republic of Liberia and declared Government property.

SEC. 2. And as just compensation to His Excellency Arthur Barclay and heirs for said Fourteen acres of land, the sum of Two hundred dollars be and is hereby granted to them.

SEC. 3. And the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby directed to draw for same under warrant of the President out of any public monies not otherwise appropriated, and to take over all deeds for said property.

SEC. 4. This Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution fixing the salaries of the Chief and Assistant Inspectors of Customs and Financial Advisor of the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas it is apparant that the increase expenses of the growing out of the estab lishment of a Frontier Police Force, and its maintenance renders it necessary that the Govern-

ment should limit its expenses on the Customs Department until the said Department shall have been improved to such extent as will warrant the payment of higher salaries than are herein provided for :

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

SEC. 1. That the salaries of said officers respectively shall be, for the Chief Inspector of Customs and Financial Advisor, Six hundred (£600) pounds sterling, and for the Assistant Inspector and Financial Advisor, the sum of Three hundred (£300) pounds sterling per annum and shall be allowed each the sum Three hundred (\$300) dollars per annum for house rent in Liberia. and no other allowances whatsoever They may be allowed three months leave of absence after a residence in Liberia for a space of twenty one consecutive calendar months.

This Resolution shall take effect from the Twentieth day of April 1909.

Any laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution restoring C. H. Nichols, Grand Bassa County to Citizenship.

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, C. H. Nichols of the County of Grand Bassa be, and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship, and are hereby authorized to do every act in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution Incorporating the Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 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 William H. Heard, Bishop, A. L. Brisbane, P. E., C. J. Bynum, P. E., of the Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Liberia, together with others and their successors in office, are hereby politic, with perpetual succession by the name of the Annual Liberian Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, with power to hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the value of Fifteen Thousand dollars, that may be acquired by purchase, gift, bequest or otherwise.

SEC. 2. The said corporation shall have power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, before any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction and shall have the privilege to do all other things done in similar bodies corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution granting a Deed in Fee Simple right to the First Presbyterian Church at Brewerville in the County of Montserrado.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the President be and is hereby authorized to grant a Deed in Fee Simple right to the officers and members of the First Presbyterian Church of Brewerville in the County of Montserrado, for said Church and to be by them held for its legitimate purposes only.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that all expenses in the erection and the full settlement of said Deed shall be borne by the parties legally applying and entitled to the same.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution forbidding the use of dynamite for the purpose of killing fish.

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

SEC. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to fire, explode or shoot any dynamite in any body, branch or stream of water within this Republic for the purpose of killing fish. Any person violating the provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of committing a misdemeanor and upon indictment and conviction before any court having competent jurisdiction shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Fifty dollars nor less than Twenty Five dollars, according to the gravity of the offence committed for each dynamite so fired, shot, or exploded.

SEC. 2. That all persons importing dynamite shall file a declaration in the office of the Collector of Customs after the arrival of said dynamite in bond, that the said dynamite is ordered for some special purpose stating the purpose with a promise not to use any dynamite so ordered for any other purpose except those mentioned in the declaration; and any person violating the provisions of the second section of this Joint Resolution, shall forfeit all such dynamite so imported and pay all cost of prosecution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution granting to the Protestant Episeopal Mission a parcel of land at Hoffman Station in the County of Maryland for Mission purposes.

Whereas Bishop S. D. Ferguson of the Protestant Episcopal Mission has petitioned the Legislature for a grant of land at Hoffman Station' City of Harper, County of Maryland on which several buildings have been erected by the said Mission;

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, a parcel of land situated at Hoffman Station in East Harper, County of Maryland, that is 20 54^c/800 town lots according to the Surveyor's certificate is hereby granted to the Protestant Episcopal Mission under the same condition that other grants of land have been made for Mission purposes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 13, 1909

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Joint Resolution requiring the President to settle a disturbance in the Interior of 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 immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the President is hereby authorized to put on foot a force of (150) One hundred and fifty Liberian Soldiers and (100) One hundred Natives to quell the hostility of Jisi and other natives Chiefs who are now disregarding the dignity of this Republic.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the sum of Four thousand (4000.00) dollars, is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Joint Resolution.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution pensioning Edward D. Knight of Maryland County

Whereas Edward D. Knight has sustained serious injury whilst serving the Government, thereby disabling him from doing manual labor to support himself and family,

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

SEC. I. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution Edward D. Knight, of Maryland County is hereby allowed a pension of Fifty dollars per annum, and the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same under warrant of the President out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Sons of Truth, and Honor Lodge No. 2. of Caldwell County of Montserrado.

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

SEC. I. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Henry Robinson, P. M., James Lawrence, P. W. M. Thomas Lloyd President Thomas Findly, Vice President and E. V. Lewis, Judge Advocate and any other persons that may hereafter become members are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Sons of Truth and Honor Lodge No. 2. of Caldwell, County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, 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 to the value of (\$ 5000.00) Five Thousand dollars and do any act not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the Republic in common with other bodies politic and corporate for the purpose of carrying into effect the intention of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution reducing the head Tax on laborers shipped beyond the Republic

Whereas the natives of Maryland Connty who forms the majority of laborers usually shipped from the Country have made known to the Government that the taxation of Five dollars per head on each laborer shipped together with the increased duty on their various articles brought home with them as a part of their earnings from abroad is a grievance and a burden to them and ask to be to some extent relieved from part of these taxations and duties, and whereas the Legislature is willing to favorably consider the appeals of the citizens when made to them.

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

SEC. 1. That the head tax of Five Dollars on each laborer shipped beyond the Republic be, and the same is hereby reduced to Four Dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution relating to the Judiciary of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That hereafter all Judges appointed to preside over the several Courts of the Republic, shall be men of good moral character and versed in the laws of the Republic, they shall take no part nor interests in any political parties or factions, but shall be at perfect liberty to enjoy and exercise their free elective franchise at the ballot box at all public elections. They shall have and maintain a sound financial status in their relations both at home and abroad, and shall not incur nor contract any debts which upon demand they cannot settle within three calendar months from date of such demand. They shall be required to faithfully administer the laws of the Republic in all cases tried

or otherwise disposed of by them without favour or partiality, and shall perform the duties of their office in such a manner as will secure substantial justice to all parties interested in suits pending before them according to the spirit of the Constitution of the Republic.

And any Judge failing to comply with the provisions of this Joint Resolution so far as it relates to him shall be deemed guilty of official misconduct and upon proof thereof made before the President of Liberia shall be suspended, and in such case the actions of the President together with the evidence upon which he acted shall be by him the President laid before the Legislature at its next Session who if satisfied with the evidence and cause of suspension shall by a Joint Resolution constituting an address of both Houses made to the President stating their causes remove such suspended Judge from office or in their discretion impeach such Judge and may also require judicial prosecution to be instituted against him for such official misconduct

SEC. 2. And all Juryman both Grand and Petit be and are hereby required to perform the duties for which they may be sworn, charged or empaneled strictly according to the oath administered to them, they are forbidden to receive any bribe, present or promise of reward either pecuniary or otherwise by which their presentment or verdicts may be influenced.

And any juryman who shall be found guilty of violating the provision of this Joint Resolution by willfully and corruptly making a malicious presentment, or leaving any person unrepresented for favor or affection or returning a verdict under the influence of a bribe, present or promise of any reward shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon indictment and conviction shall be imprisoned for a period of not less than three nor more than six months.

SEC. 3. And all Sheriffs, Marshals, Coroners, Elizors, or other Ministerial officers of the several Courts of records

shall willfully and corruptly fail or neglect to faithfully perform the duties of their offices shall be deemed guilty of official misconduct and upon indictment and conviction shall be fined in a sum not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars or be imprisoned for a period not less than three nor more than twelve months in the discretion of the Court and be also removed from office.

SEC. 4. That in all cases where any persons is indicted for heinous crime and the venue is changed to any other County Court, the defendant shall be required to give a bond with good sureties for his or their appearance in the Court to which the venue is changed to there abide his trial, and the County Attorney of any County to which such venue is changed shall prosecute for and on behalf of the Republic, in such cases.

SEC. 5. And all defendants arrested or summoned in any case in Justice of the Peace Court, and provided that no case shall be removed beyond the City or settlement in which the Justice of the Peace issuing the original writ in the case resides, due notice of the desire to remove any case shall be made known to the Justice of the Peace issuing the writ commencing the action before joining issue by the the defendant either upon law or fact; verbal or written notice to such Justice of the Peace shall be sufficient notice of such removal,

All laws or parts of law conflicting with the provisions of this Joint Resolution be and are hereby repealed.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution amending the Resolution or Act creating Parades in the District of Marshall Montserrado County.

Whereas the citizens of the Settlement of Schiefflin, District of Marshall has petitioned the Honorable Legislature to grant the right to drill on days of Parade alternately

in the City of Marshall and the settlement of Schieffelin, has shown in the said petition that their drilling number has increased sufficiently to warrant them in making the aforesaid request.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Resolution or Act creating the several Quarterly Parades in the District, of Marshall, Montserrano County be so amended as to read that the Quarterly Parade shall take place in the City of Marshall in the months of February and August of each year, and that said Parade shall be held in the settlement of Schieffelin in the month of May and November of each year on their respective days as designated by the said Resolution or Act regulating the Parades in said District.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that Officers Drill shall take place in their respective places as designated by the first section of this Joint Resolution.

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

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution Chartering the Schaffer Industrial and Literary Institute of Arthington in Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. H. G. Knight, Principal, C. J. Bynum, A. L. Brisbane, T. E. Ward, S. A. Bailey, T. W. Haynes, and J. D. Miller, Trustees of the Schaffer Industrial and Literary Institute of Arthington, Montserrado County with their successors in office be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Schaffer

Industrial and Literary Institute of Arthington, and by such name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction and do all other acts done by similar bodies corporate and politic.

SEC. 2. The said Corporation shall have full power and authority to make and fulfil contracts, take, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the value of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution granting the Christian Women Board of Missions of the U. S. A. Two Hundred Acres of land located in or near the settlement of Schieffelin when 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 acres of land in or near the settlement of Schieffelin in the County of Montserrado, is hereby granted to the Christian Women Board of Missions of the U. S. A. and their successors in Liberia, to be used for Missionary, Educational and Industrial purposes by said Mission, care shall be taken that no especial Government reserves nor lands held and occupied permanently by the natives for an indefinite number of years shall be surveyd for said Mission under this grant except by special consent of the natives obtained through the Government, or from the Government direct in case of special reserves.

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 cease its operation and abandon the place, the land shall revert to the Government with all and singular the improvement thereon made.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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An Act prescribing the way by which parcels are to be transmitted to the Customs House by the Post Office for assessment and collection of duties thereon and distribution.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled, That Sections (38) of Customs code and regulations edition 1906, relating to Parcels Post be and is hereby amended and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

SEC. 1. Parcels Post. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act every consignment of parcels of goods or merchandise arriving by mail shall be sent direct from the Post Office to the Custom House. The Post Master shall prepare on a form provided by the Post Office Department a specification of each consignment of parcels and transmit the same to the Custom House together with the dispatch notes and Custom declaration thereto appertaining.

SEC. 2. The Collector of Customs shall receive the parcels, check the specifications by the accompanying vouchers, and assess and collect the duty upon such parcels as in the case of goods arriving as cargo. If upon checking the Collector finds the parcels correct as specified, he shall receipt therefor by signing the Parcels Post book of the Post Office which shall contain the identical entries of the specification

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution Pensioning William Watson of Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1. That William Watson of Grand Bassa County is hereby granted an annual sum or pension of Fifty (\$50.—) dollars during the term of his natural life, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for the same under warrant of the President out of any monies in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution amending the several Charters of the Lib-
erian Mining Companies.

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

SEC. 1. That the Charters of the following Mining Companies namely:— The Enterprise Mining Comprny of Grand Bassa, the Mounting Mining Company of of Sinoe and the Excelsior Mining Company of Maryland be and they are hereby amended to read, that the said companies shall have non-exclusive right to cut, fell, and export timber from any of the unreserved public lands of the Republic, and may establish and run saw mills or other machines for the manufacture and preparation of any and all kinds of woods for domestic or foreign markets.

SEC. 2. The said Company or any of them which shall exercise the rights conferred in Section 1. of this Joint Resolution, shall pay the Government of Liberia as consideration for said rights 10 o/o of the net profits of any timber operation they may carry on and shall further pay

annually \$25.— as a tax for License to carry on said operation. License shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury on payment of said tax, and shall be recorded in the Registry of the County where the said Companies are registered.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that said Companies shall have the right and option to associate with any foreign Capitalist or firm for the working or development of its mineral and timber rights, provided however, that they nor any of them shall make any absolute transfer or assignment of their respective charter rights.

SEC. 4. Any law or parts of laws conflicting with this Joint Resolution are hereby repealed.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint resolution requesting the U. S. Government to furnish an Educational expert.

Whereas the Republic of Liberia is the outgrowth of the only colony planted in Africa by the United States of America, and is one of the countries on the dark continent where the negro has the opportunity to work out his own salvation; and

Whereas the progress of the race has been retarded by a lack of sufficient revenue to enable the Republic to properly supplement the excellent work of the schools and colleges established by American Missionaries; and

Whereas the wide extension of the system of public instruction among colonists and natives can be accomplished only by the training of Liberian young men and women as teachers;

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

SEC. 1. That the Government respectfully request the Minister of the United States at this capital that he use his kind offices to induce some American benefactor to send to this Republic an educational expert to co-operate with the Liberian Superintendent of Education in extending the work of his office, and especially in the training of a supply of teachers.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the American Minister be requested to acquaint the said benefactor with the universal affection of the Liberian people for the country to which they owe the existence of the Republic, and with which they wish to reestablish the close relations which existed during the early period of the colony's history.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution relating to the publication of the Acts of the Legislature, and the Decisions of the Supreme Court.

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

SEC. 1. That all statutes passed by the Legislature; private as well as public statutes, shall be published strictly in the form and sense in which they were originally passed, without any material alteration, amendment, or abridgment whatsoever, and it is hereby made and declared the duty of the Secretary of State for the Republic of Liberia to publish all such Statutes, Acts, Resolutions and other matters the subject of Legislation.

SEC. 2. After a Bill has been duly passed into law, it shall be the duty of the enrolling Committee to deposit same with the Secretary of State who shall safely keep same in the archives of the Department.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the Secretary of State shall be personally responsible for any alteration, amendments, or abridgement which may be made to Acts deposited

in his Department, and shall be liable to impeachment or criminal prosecution for malversation of office on failure to strictly observe the provisions of the first three sections of this Join Resolution, and if found guilty upon criminal prosecution, he shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than two hundred (\$200) dollars, or more than five hundred (\$500) dollars, and be imprisoned for not less than six nor more than twelve calendar months in the County jail of Montserrado County.

SEC. 4. The rulings and decisions made by the Supreme Court annually, shall also be published under the supervision of the Secretary of State, and the Clerk of said Court shall within ten days after the adjournment of any session transmit to the Department of State authentic copies of the rulings and decisions made at the last sitting of Said Court.

SEC. 5. It is further resolved that all treaties concluded (excepting secret treaties) shall be published immediately after ratification of same has been exchanged.

All concessions, loans, and agreements relating thereto, and all other agreements or contracts upon which there has been direct or indirect legislation, shall be published by the Department of State immediately after they are concluded.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution requesting the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America to lend to the Liberian Government an expert in Agriculture and forestry etc.

Whereas the Republic of Liberia is the outgrowth of the only colony in Africa planted by the United States of America, and is one of the countries on the dark continent where American institutions exist and the American name is honored and loved; and

Whereas the Government of Liberia has hitherto been unable to utilize its vast forest resources and to develop the almost unlimited possibilities of its fertile soil; and

Whereas its forests and its plantations are its main dependence for a revenue sufficient to carry out an adequate system of public works and to steadily rise in the scale of nations:

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

SEC. 1. That the Government of Liberia hereby respectfully and earnestly request the Department of Agriculture of the United States to lend to the Liberian Government for such a period as the Department of Agriculture may think proper, an expert in agriculture and forestry who shall cooperate with the Liberian Commissioners of Agriculture in the development of forest resources and in assisting the struggling colonists to a higher state of prosperity.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the American Minister accredited to this capital be requested to transmit this request to his Government, together with the assurances of Liberia's affectionate regards.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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A C T S .

A Joint Resolution Repudiating and annulling an alleged Agreement made with the Liberian Development Company Chartered and Limited in the name of the Government of Liberia.

WHEREAS it has come to the knowledge of the Legislature at its present Session that the President of Liberia claiming to act under section 3, of the Act approved December 19, 1909, entitled "An Act transferring the rights of the UNION MINING COMPANY to the Government of Liberia," did on the 25, day of February 1909, execute a paper writing purporting to be a contract with the Liberian Development Company Chartered and Limited in which paper-writing he attempts to construe the Act, approved January 14th. 1901, which said Act constitutes the Charter of said Development Company Chartered and Limited, and attempts to declare what rights said Development Company Chartered and Limited is entitled to under the Act aforesaid and certain various agreements and letters between the Government and the said Development Company Chartered and Limited which are not set forth in said paper-writing; and attempts to amend and enlarge the Charter of said Development Company Chartered and Limited in manner following, to wit: by (1) giving the said Development Company the right to lease One Thousand acres of land on each individual mineral deposit or reef in blocks of such area as the said Development Company Chartered

and Limited shall decide, such provisions not being any where contained in said Act of 1901, which constitutes the Charter of said Company, or in any Act amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto; (2) providing that said Development Company Chartered and Limited shall have the right to lease for forty years areas not exceeding twenty square miles to cover any alluvial deposits of gold and deposits of bitumen or kindred matter discovered by said Company, and the further right to lease for forty years areas not exceeding one square mile to cover every spring (not exceeding ten springs) of oil or kindred matter discovered by said Company such provisions not being any where contained in said Act of 1901, which constitutes the Charter of said Company, or in any Act amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto; (3) providing that the Government reserve for said Development Company Chartered and Limited for a period of five years any lands containing a deposit of alluvial gold or oil springs discovered by said Company, such provisions not being any where contained in said Act of 1901, which constitutes the Charter of said Company, or in any Act amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto; (4) fixing the time of the commencement of leases, contrary to the provision of said Act of 1901, which constitutes the Charter of said Development Company Chartered and Limited; (5) giving the said Development Company Chartered and Limited the right to search for and appropriate minerals including alluvial gold and precious stones, and to prospect outside of the Counties of Montserrat and Maryland, contrary to said Act of 1901, which constitutes the Charter of said Development Company Chartered and Limited; (6) giving the said Development Company Chartered and Limited certain trading rights not granted in said Act of 1901, which constitutes the Charter of said Development Company Chartered and Limited, or in any Act amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto;

(7) granting the said Development Company Chartered and Limited the right to dredge all or any rivers for their whole length course and width thereof in the Counties of Montserrado and Maryland, contrary to said Act of 1901, which constitutes the Charter of said Development Company Chartered and Limited, and attempting to do divers other matters as more fully appear from a comparison of said alledged contract with the Acts aforesaid, all of which read as follows, to wit:

An Act Incorporating the Union Mining Company of Liberia

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the Charter heretofore granted to the UNION MINING COMPANY of LIBERIA, and the Liberian Mining Association Limited are hereby cancelled and annulled.

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

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

a. To search for all minerals, precious stones, earthy products, oil springs, etc., on public lands, and the Government will provide against any native or other interfer-

ence during such search, provided always that whenever it shall be necessary for the Government of Liberia to furnish a military escort for the protection of the employees or operations of the Company the expense thereof shall be borne by the Concessionaires. On such deposits being discovered, the Company shall be entitled to a lease of the land containing any such deposits for a term of forty years with the right to renew the lease at the expiration of forty years of another forty years at the then current lawful price or rent of land per acre such price to be decided by arbitration, one arbitrator to be appointed by the Government of Liberia, one by the Company and the two shall have the power to choose a third provided always that the Company at any time by notice in writing terminate any such lease or leases.

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

a. To import all mining machinery, tools and requisites as also all machinery plant tools, and such material prima required for the constructions and equipment of public and other works, railways, tramway etc., and the construction and equipment of manufacturies, telegraphs and telephone-stations, free of duty.

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

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

d. To establish or authorise banking companies and other companies and undertakings or associations of every discription for the purpose consistant with the provisions of this Charter

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

f. To make and maintain bridges, roads, resevoirs and canals, to make use of existing water- ways, and have full water rights, to make and maintain railways, telegraphs, telephones, harbours, ports, docks, piers, wharves, moles, and to erect bonded and other ware-houses, to build ships, steamers, lights etc., and to own same, to have full harbours, and navigation rights, to lay submarine or other cables to construct and work gas works, electric works, and all system of lighting, heating power, and transport and generally to engage in any other works which may tend to the development of the territories of the republic and to the benifit of the Company.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

o. To establish and maintain agencies.

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

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

r. To establish and maintain Police for the protection of the property of the Company.

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

Sec. 5. The consideration to be payable to the Government of Liberia for the granting of this Charter shall be 5 per cent of the net profit arising from the working thereof; and 33 and one third per cent of any bonus that may be obtained by the Company for the transfer or sale of any of the rights granted by this Charter, one moiety in cash

and one moiety in shares, and accounts shall be prepared once at least in each year, and the accuracy thereof shall be ascertained and certified by a chartered accountant of England to be appointed by the Company and one Auditor to be appointed by the Government of Liberia.

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

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

Sec. 8. The Government shall give every indulgence and encouragement to the Company and to all whomsoever they may be who may engage in the enterprises of the Company and be employed therein and to protect the natural industries established by the Company, the Government will when called upon, by the Company place protective duties on the imports of all goods similar to those which are then being manufactured or produced in Liberia.

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

Approved January 14, 1901.

AN Act transferring the rights of the UNION MINING COMPANY to the GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA.

WHEREAS the Legislature of Liberia, by an Act passed and approved January 14, 1901, granted to the UNION

MINING COMPANY of LIBERIA, certain mining rights and other privileges over public domain in the Counties of Montserrado and Maryland; and

WHEREAS after said grant had gone into force, the UNION MINING COMPANY offered to surrender its franchises as they now stand to the Government of Liberia for a consideration; and

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

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

SEC. 1. That the offer of the UNION MINING COMPANY be accepted subject to such contracts and agreements as it may have entered into with other parties.

SEC. 2. The Government of Liberia shall pay to the UNION MINING COMPANY of LIBERIA, out of the bonus it may receive, one-fourth of the amount as compensation for the surrender of its said franchise.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved December 19, 1901.

Alleged agreement with the Liberian Development Company Chartered and Limited, and the Government of the Republic of Liberia, dated February 25, 1909.

AN AGREEMENT made and entered into this 25, day of February 1909, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA of the one part and the Liberian Development Company Chartered and Limited who and whose successors and assigns are hereinafter called the COMPANY of the other part WHEREAS in the year 1901 an Act (hereinafter called the said Charter) a copy of which is set forth in the schedule hereto was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia and duly approved by the President of Liberia on the 14, January 1901 whereby the UNION MINING COMPANY of LIBERIA was incorporated and granted various exclusive and non-exclusive right within the territories of the said Republic AND WHEREAS by divers assignments and other Acts of the law the benefit and right to work under the said Charter is now vested in the Company for a certain period AND WHEREAS from time to time there have been various agreements and letters between the said Government and the Company and its predecessors in title supplementary modifying and defining the rights of the Company under the said Charter which for the purpose of these presents it is not material to set forth. AND WHEREAS doubts still exist as to the exact rights which the Company possesses under and by virtue of the said Charter and as to the length of time during which the Company holds the said Charter and the rights thereunder and the Company hath accordingly requested the said Government to enter into these presents which are intended to be supplemental to all previous agreement heretofore entered into between the parties or their predecessors in title defining the rights of the Company under the said Charter and are intended to set forth the exact term at the present time upon which the Company holds the said Charter and the right to work there-under and otherwise in the territories of the Republic of Liberia.

NOW THEREFORE these presents witness and it is hereby mutually agreed and declared by and between the parties hereto as follow:—

1. The Government of Liberia hereby confirms to the Company and acknowledges that the Company is entitled to the benefits and rights conferred by the said Charter subject to the provisions of this agreement.

2. The Liberian Government shall have the right if it so desires to appoint three advisory directors on the board of the Company and such advisory directors shall be the Consul-General for the time being in London of the said Republic and the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General for the time being of the said Republic such advisory directors shall not be entitled to remuneration for their services.

3. With regard to deposits of minerals (other than alluvial deposits of gold) gold, precious stones or other earthy products discovered by the Company in the Counties of Montserrado and Maryland the Company shall be entitled on notification to the Government is hereinafter provided and subject to the provisions of clause 18 hereof to a lease of forty years with the right to renew such lease for another term of forty years as mentioned in the said Charter of a total area of One thousand acres on each individual mineral deposit or reef in blocks of such area as the Company shall decide provided that the minimum area of such blocks shall not be less than twenty acres (20) After the Company shall have exercised its right as aforesaid to a lease or leases of 1000 acres on each individual mineral deposit or reef it shall be opened to Liberian citizens to take up leases for the remainder of such mineral deposits or reef under the existing laws (mining) of the said Republic.

4. With regard to alluvial deposit of gold and deposits

of bitumen or other kindred matter discovered by the Company the Company shall be entitled on notification as hereinafter provided and subject to the provisions of clause 18, hereof to a lease or leases of sufficient ground to cover such alluvial deposits of gold and deposits of bitumen or kindred matter not exceeding however twenty (20) square miles in the case of such alternate deposit for forty (40) years renewable for another (40) forty years as mentioned in said Charter. With regard to the possible discovery of oil springs by the Company as distinct from bitumen or other kindred matter the Company shall be entitled on notification as hereinafter provided and subject to the provisions of clause 18 hereof to a lease or leases of sufficient ground to cover such springs not exceeding one square mile in the case of each spring (but such springs shall not exceed ten in number) for forty years under the terms of the said Charter and in accordance with this agreement.

5. In the event of the Company discovering a deposit of alluvial gold or finding oil springs as mentioned in the two preceeding clauses which it may hereafter desire to take a lease or leases of but for want of time or other reasons it is not desirable to proceed with the matter at once the Government shall reserve the land upon which such deposits or alluvial gold or oil springs are discovered for the Company for a period of five years from date of notice requiring such reservation given by the Company paying a deposit of six cents per acre in the case of a deposit of minerals (other than alluvial gold) gold, precious stones or other earthy products as specified in clause three, hereof and a deposit of a lump sum of £10. sterling in the case of a deposit of bitumen or oil springs and the Company shall also within a period of two years from the date of any such discovery cause a survey of the property in question to be made and a copy thereof to be handed to the

Government. It being understood that should the Company not work or proceed to develop the said deposits or oil springs herein mentioned within a period of five years from the date of such reservation the Government shall have the right to withdraw and cancel such reservation.

6. The yearly rental of any block of land leased by the Company under clause 3 hereof fixed at one shilling per acre such rent to commence from the date of the first extraction of mineral or precious stones as aforesaid by the aid of steam crushing or other machinery. The clause in said Charter fixing the price of land leased by arbitration hereby abrogated.

7. The yearly rental of any block of land containing deposits of alluvial gold or bitumen or oil springs which Company may seek to acquire a lease or leases of under clause 4 hereof or any block of lands the Company may seek to acquire under articles f, h, i, j, l, m, n, of section 3 of the said Charter is hereby agreed as follows; viz: For the first ten years of a lease thereof at the rate of one cent per acre per annum for the second ten years of such lease at the rate of four cents per annum and for the remainder of the said lease or any renewal thereof at the rate of twelve cents per acre per annum provided always that with regard to works of practical utility which the Company may undertake under the provisions of the said Charter the Company is not to be called upon to pay any rental whatever.

8. The Company subject to the provisions hereof is to bear the whole costs of surveying such lands as are acquired on lease as aforesaid and shall be at liberty for the purpose to employ surveyors who are not natives of Liberia but who shall be temporally chartered by the Executive Government of Liberia as surveyors to all intent and purposes of the Republic of Liberia which chartering of such surveyors is to be rendered by the Executive Government

free of costs to the Company. Any lease which the Company may desire to take up under the provisions of the Charter or these presents shall be dated and commenced to run as from the date when the Company shall have notified the Government of its intention to work any mineral deposit or any other of the rights and privileges under the said Charter of this agreement in respect of the working of which the said lease is required.

9. The Police Force referred to in section 4, clause 1, of the said Charter if formed by the Company shall be composed of Liberian citizens officered by Europeans but the Company binds itself to remove any European Officer whose conduct is disapproved of by the Government of Liberia the Company reserving the right to appoint another in his stead.

10. The Company shall have the right to make agreements with the Chiefs and people of native towns and reserves subject to the approval of the Government of Liberia it being understood between the parties that such native towns and reserves are not part of the "public domain" of the Government of Liberia and the approval of the Government being first had and obtained

11. The word requisites in section 4, clause (a) of the said Charter shall not be construed to include consumable articles or articles of luxury but does include tents tools and machinery to enable the Company to carry on its work under the Charter.

12. The Company disclaims any right under the said Charter to the occupancy and use of private property it being understood between the parties that should the Company desire to work private property agreements must be made with the owners thereof by the Company.

13. In addition to the rights hereinbefore mentioned the

Company has the right within the Counties of Montserrado and Maryland to dredge all or any rivers for their whole length course and width within the said Counties for minerals (including alluvial gold) and precious stones without further payment to the Liberian Government than the five per cents and the further five per cent mentioned in clause 17, hercof so long as such dredging does not interfere with the nagavibility of the said rivers or interfere with private waters.

14. The Company shall as soon as conveniently may be, transmit to the government of Liberia copies of the reports of any prospecting or survey parties they may send out to prospect or survey under the terms of the said Charter and this agreement.

15. For the purpose of defining the Company's position under the said Charter the Government of Liberia hereby declares that subject as in the said Charter and herein provided the Company is entitled to hold lands throughout the Republic by lease but not entitle to acquire the free-hold of any lands in the said Republic nor entitled to hold any such lands in fee simple.

16. The Government of Liberia hereby declares that the Company has up to the present time complied with the conditions under which it acquire and holds the said Charter and has duly paid to the said Government all sums payable by it for the said Charter save and except the sum of aproximately twelve thousand pounds sterling which by an agreement dated 18th. of November 1907, between the said Government of the first part, Messrs. Emile Erlanger of the second part and the Company of the third part is to be paid by the Company at the expiration of twelve and one half years from the second of October 1907 with interest at five per cent per annum and which said sum and interest constitutes with actual payment the first charge upon the said Charter.

the whole benefit of and right to work which is not to be transferred without the consent in writing of the Liberian Government whilst any part of the said sum or interest shall remain unpaid. When the said sum and interest shall have been paid it will operate as a complete compliance with that provision in the said charter which provides that the Union Mining Company of Liberia were to pay to the said Government thirty-three and one-third per cent of any bonus or sum that may be obtained by the said Union Mining Company of Liberia for the transfer or sale of the rights granted by this Charter.

17. The Government of Liberia further declares that apart from the said sum approximately twelve thousand pounds sterling and interest referred to in the preceeding clause the only payment which the Company is liable to make to the Government of Liberia is five per cent of the annual net profits arising from the actual workings of the rights and privileges under the said Charter by the Company and also a further five per cent on the net profits on mining or the sale on minerals, metals or precious stones carried on in and obtained from the Counties of Montserrado and Maryland and further declares that the Company may transfer any of its rights or interests under the charter (upon due notification being made to the Liberian Government) and provided that the Company shall pay to the Government of Liberia a sum equal to twenty per cent of any bonus that it may receive from the transference of such rights. The said twenty per cent to be on account of and in part payment of the said sum approximately twelve thousand pounds sterling and interest aforesaid. The said twenty per cent to be calculated upon the actual net bonus received by the Company after deducting all expenses, commissions and other charges arising out of the said transfer.

18. The Government of Liberia finally declares that the Company hold the said Charter and the rights and privileges

thereunder for the term of forty years from the 26th. day of September 1904 renewable for a further forty years on terms to be hereafter mutually agreed and all leases held under the charter shall be deemed to commence as from September 26, 1904.

19. The Company has the right to trade in all products of Liberia with the exception of rubber within any port of entry or within a zone of three miles along the North Western and South Western boundaries of the Republic and may take and export samples of Liberian products purchased beyond the trading limits in order to obtain expert opinion on products likely to be of value in the future development of Liberia reports of such products may be filed with the Secretary of the Treasury. In the event of any extension of this privilege being granted to other Companies, firms, or individuals not of Liberian nationality the same extension of privilege shall be accorded to the Company.

20. Though the Company has no exclusive rights for mining outside the limits of Montserrado and Maryland Counties the Company may however prospect in all other Counties of the Republic provided that prospecting license are taken out. In the event of any discoveries being made which the Company may desire to work the same shall be the subject of a further and special agreement under the general mining laws of the Republic or special Act of the Legislature.

21. If and so far as there shall be any inconsistency or deviation between these presents and the provisions of any letters or agreements with respect to the said charter to which these presents are expressed to be supplemented and explanatory the provision of the presents shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused their respective seals to be affixed this 25th. day of February Nineteen Hundred and Nine.

Witness For the Government of Liberia
sgd. F. E. R. JOHNSON, sgd. ARTHUR BARCLAY.
President.

Witness pp. Liberian Development Company,
Chartered and Limited
sgd. B. SAUDE-MANUIE,^e sgd. J. BRAHM,
General Manager.

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

SEC. 1. That the execution of said alleged contract by the President of Liberia in the name and on behalf of the Government of Liberia be and is hereby repudiated, and said alleged contract be and is hereby declared to be null and void and of no effect whatever, in that its execution was contrary to the meaning, purpose and intent of said section 3 of said Act of 1901, approved as aforesaid December 18 1901, and in contravention of the constitution of Liberia, in that by said execution the Executive exercised Judicial functions by interpreting the Acts aforesaid and assumed Legislative functions by attempting to amend and enlarge the Charter of said Company.

SEC. 2. That said Act approved December 19, 1901, was to complete a transfer of the rights of the Union Mining Company to the Government of Liberia, subject to such contracts and agreements as said Company may have entered into with other parties up to that date, and said section 3, of said Act was intended to authorize the Executive Government to make an agreement incidental to said transfer and necessary to perfect the same and to secure to parties holding contracts with said Mining Company the rights and powers of said Company, to which it was entitled up to that date under its Charter, and was never intended to give the Executive Government the right or power to make any contract effecting the rights and powers of the said Development Company by a-

mending and enlarging its Charter, or declaring the nature and extent of its rights thereunder.

SEC. 3. That other agreements whatsoever entered into by the President of Liberia with said Development Company Chartered and Limited relating to the rights and powers of the said Company under the Acts aforesaid, which alter in any respect the terms of said Act, or which purport to do anything whatsoever except to complete the said transfer or the rights and powers of said Union Mining Company to said Development Company Chartered and Limited, as the same existed on the date of said transfer, be and are hereby repudiated and declared to be null and void and of no effect whatever, except as such contracts may have been ratified by the Legislature.

SEC. 4. That said Liberian Development Company Chartered and Limited, its manager, agents, employees, and servants be and are hereby prohibited from acting in any respect under any of said alleged contracts, which are hereby repudiated and nullified.

SEC. 5. That if any violation of the foregoing section shall come to the knowledge of any citizen, he may lay sworn information before the Attorney General of Liberia, or any County Attorney and it shall be the duty of said Attorney General or County Attorney to forthwith institute proceedings for the annulment of the Charter of the said Liberian Development Company Chartered and Limited on the ground of misuser.

SEC. 6. That this Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately and be published in handbills.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed into law by unanimous vote of the Legislature over the President's veto.

February 19, 1910.

Joint Resolution making an appropriation to build a Post Office in the Territory of Grand Cape Mount.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to build a Post Office in the Territory of Grand Cape Mount.

SEC. 2. Said Post Office shall be 30 x 24 feet, height 16 feet: said house must be built out of good durable materials, and said contractor shall receive payment in three instalments. He shall receive \$500 at the commencement of said building Five hundred when the House be entirely shut in and the remaining five hundred to be paid when the remaining be satisfactorily completed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 20 1910.

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Joint Resolution incorporating the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sasstown, Louisiana, St. Paul's River, Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, R. V. Richards, Pastor; George C. Dennis, Augustus Johnson, R. J. Sharp, John Brown, William Dennis and James Johnson, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church Sasstown in the County of Montserrado and Republic of Liberia, and their successors in office be, and are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name and style of the Methodist Episcopal Church Sasstown, with the power to hold and possess in their name personal and real property that they may now have, or shall hereafter acquire by

purchase, grant, gift, or bequest to the amount of eight thousand dollars, with the power to sell and convey the same subject to the provisions of this Joint Resolution.

SEC. 2. The said corporation is hereby granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28th, 1910.

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Joint Resolution granting an annuity to Mrs. Arabella Roberts, widow of the late Chief Justice of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That an annuity of seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum for her natural life is hereby conferred upon Mrs. Arabella Roberts, relic of the late Honorable Z. B. Roberts, Chief Justice of Liberia as a mark of appreciation for his long, eminent, and valuable services to the State.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any money in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28th, 1910.

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Joint Resolution granting Mary B. E. Lewis of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount 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 after the passage of this Joint Resolution Mary R. E. Lewis of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, be and she is hereby granted an annual sum of (\$25.00) Twenty five dollars during the term of her natural life, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any monies in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved 11 February 1910.

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Joint Resolution forbidling the sale of Guns, gun-caps, gun-powder, cartridges, gun-flints, lead, leaden-balls, and all description of fire-arms and munitions of war by whatsoever name called.

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 sale of all fire-arms, and munitions of war by whatever name called is forbidden to any person or persons throughout the Republic except to the Government of Liberia in the several Counties and territories wherein the purchase is desired to be made, unless by virtue of a written permit from the Superintendent, or Officer then in command of the forces in actual service.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that any person or persons found selling or anywise disposing of any of the above named fire-arms or munitions of war until otherwise proclaimed by the President of the Republic by public notice, shall for each and every offence be fined in the sum of not less than Three Huudred Dollars nor more than One Thousand Dollars payable in gold, silver, or copper-coin, and on failure to pay said fine with costs for prosecution, to be imprisoned in the Common Jail for a term of not less than three, nor more than six calendar months for each violation.

SEC. 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and be published in hand-bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: February 12th, 1910.

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Joint Resolution Pensioning Richard F. White of Montserardo County.

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

That Richard F. White of Montserrado County be, and is hereby granted an annual sum or Pension of Fifty dollars during the term of his natural life, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for the same under Warrant of the President out of any monies in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution Reimbursing John D. Johnson, for losses sustained by him growing out of the destruction of his crops by the Frontier soldiers at Camp Johnson in the City of Monrovia.

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

That John D. Johnson, of Montseriardo County be and is hereby granted the sum of Fifty Dollars as reimbursement for the losses sustained by him in the destruction of his farm crops, and groves by the Police Frontier soldiers at "Camp Johnson" in the City of Monrovia.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution incorporating the Ever Green Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars of Maryland.

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

SEC. 1. That the Rev. Joseph Cephas Sherrill, P. C. T., G. T. Brewer, C. T. E. N. Thomas, L. D.; J. O. Davis, V. T.; R. N. Ellis, Secretary; R. Knight, Asst. Secty.; R. Leacock, Chaplain; J. N. Pearson; N. P. Milton, D. M. Jas. M. Wells, Grand R. Foster, Sentinel; F. J. Harris, S. J. W.; J. H. Dent, R.; Chas. H. Cambell, Q; J. Y. Wilson; A. L. Wilson; E. A. Aukra; Officers and members upon their petition to the National Legislature, be and are hereby constituted and declared a body politic under the named style of Ever Green Lodge number Four of the Independent Order of Good Templars in the County of Maryland with the right of perpetual succession, and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of Justice within the Republic, may obtain, possess and hold real and personal property to the value of Ten Thousand Dollars, and may dispose of same according to law, and may do such other things and enjoy such other privileges which are in common enjoyed by similar bodies under the laws of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution Restoring S. E. S. Payne of Montserrado County to Citizenship.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this joint resolution, S. E. S. Payne of Montserrado County, be, and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship, and is hereby authorised to

do all acts in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution restoring John J. Scott of Montserrado County to citizenship

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this joint Resolution, John J. Scott, of Montserrado County be, and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship in common with all citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution Pensioning James Shorter of Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That James Shorter of Montserrado County, be and he is hereby granted a pension in the sum of Fifty Dollars per annum during his natural life in keeping with the pension laws of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution cancelling a Letter purporting to be an agreement made and entered into between the Executive Government, of Liberia and Sir Harry H. Johnston, K. C. B., G. C. M. G., Chairman and Managing Director, Monrovia Rubber Company Limited, dated 6th August 1904.

Whereas the Government of the Republic of Liberia by an Act of the Legislature approved January 21st 1890 granted and conceded to Messrs Ellis Parr, Lathan Augustus Withall and Richard Pearson of London, England, certain sole right, liberty and privilege of gathering, collecting, preparing and exporting the substance known as Caoutchouc, Rubber or Gum elastic and Gutta Percha in or on all public lands in this Republic for a term of twenty one years from the date of the concession; which grant or concession was subsequently taken over by the Liberian Rubber Syndicate; and whereas by a Joint Resolution of the Legislature with respect to the Rubber Concession, approved January 8th 1901, the Executive Government was authorized and directed to grant to the Rubber Syndicate an extension of the said Concession, for ten years from the passage of said Resolution upon such further consideration and agreements as may seem fair and equitable, which said extended term of ten years granted under and by virtue of said Resolution of the Legislature, together with the first term of twenty one years above referred to will terminate on the 11th day of January 1921; and whereas the above recited Letter purporting to be an agreement made and entered into between the Executive Government of Liberia and Sir Harry H. Johnston, K. C. B., G. C. M. G. Chairman and Managing Director, Monrovia Rubber Company, Limited, dated 6th August 1904, extending a further term of said Concession to another eleven years, namely to March 11th 1932, was not authorized by law, nor has been ratified by the National Legislature; and whereas said Letter, purporting to be an agreement is inoperative un-

der the Constitution and laws of this Republic, which requires Legislative approval; and whereas the Legislature of this Republic upon careful and mature consideration of the said Letter, purporting to be an agreement above referred to, is of the opinion that the Letter aforesaid is in violation of the Constitution and laws of this Republic in that the execution of same was not authorized by the law and is therefore in contravention of the fundamental principle underlying all Constitutional Government; therefore,

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the said Letter purporting to be an agreement made between the Executive Government of Liberia and Sir Harry H. Johnston K. C. B. G. C. M. G., Chairman and Managing Director, Monrovia Rubber Company Limited, dated August 6th 1904, be and the same is hereby declared cancelled and null and void, and of no effect either at law or equity; and the Executive Government is hereby enjoined to abstain from the observance of any and all of its provisions as though it had never been made.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that in consideration of the amount being paid to the Liberian Rubber Corporation as set forth in a Joint Resolution of the Legislature passed and approved January 30th 1907 as an indemnity for yielding up the sole right of exporting India rubber, Gutta Percha and Caoutchouc, the said right to buy and export India rubber, Gutta Percha and Caoutchouc shall be free to all persons trading within the trading points and ports of this Republic whether Foreigner, or Liberian, in common with all products bought in and exported from the said trading points and ports of this Republic Interior and coastwise in keeping with the spirit of section

first of the above recited Joint Resolution, and the said right to purchase and export the said India rubber, Gutta Percha and Caoutchouc by the aforesaid persons shall not be restricted by the said Company nor any other person or persons, excepting as under the laws and regulations of this Republic governing the purchasing and exporting of produce generally from this Republic.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately and be published in handbills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Vetoed by the President and passed thereafter into law by $\frac{2}{3}$ votes of the Legislature.

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Joint Resolution granting William Rogers of the settlement of Arthington and Adam Barker of White Plains, both of Montserrado County the right to run a Ferry across the Saint Paul's river at White Plains.

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 Rogers and Adam Barker and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them their heirs and assigns be, and they are hereby declared a body Politic and corporate under the name and style of Rogers and Barker, Limited.

SEC. 2. That Rogers and Barker, Limited, shall have the right to run one ferry across the above named river for the term of ten years with the privilege of five more years, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent Jurisdiction and shall be capable of holding real and per-

sonal estate to the amount of (\$1000.00) one thousand dollars.

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

SEC. 4. All transportation across said river by Rogers and Barker, Limited, for Government purposes shall be free of charge.

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

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 11, 1910.

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An Act Chartering the City of Marshall.

Whereas the citizens of Marshall, within the County of Montserrado, have petitioned the Legislature to constitute them a "Body Politic" and corporate, by ratifying and granting a charter by them drawn up, and herein presented.

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

Sec. 1. That the inhabitants of the City of Marshall, in the County of Montserrado, be and they are hereby constituted a "Body Politic" and corporate, under the name and style of Mayor Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Freemen of Marshall; and by such name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and do all other acts that are usually done by such corporate bodies.

Sec. 2. The Common Council shall consist of five members residents of the city of Marshall of whom one shall be chairman.

Sec. 3. The City of Marshall shall have jurisdiction within the corporate bounds of said city -the corporate bounds shall be eight miles square. And in case it should be necessary to execute lawful process without the bounds of said Corporation, then and in that case any magistrate residing within said County may issue judicial process, on representation of any City officer being made to him; and the same may be executed by any constable of the County.

Sec. 4. The Corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to make and fulfil contracts, take and hold real and personal estate to the value of one hundred Thousand Dollars, and levy all such taxes as may be necessary for City purposes; shall pass all necessary municipal laws and ordinances: said "Body Politic" shall have full power to settle its own fees and all other necessary acts not incompatible with the general laws of this Republic.

Sec. 5. All ordinances and municipal laws established by the Common Council shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Mayor; if disapproved, his objection shall be made to the Common Council within three days, such delay shall be equal to approval; provided, however, such delay be not occasioned by the adjournment of the Common Council. The Common Council may, nevertheless by a vote of two thirds of its members pass any law independent of the Mayor's approval.

Sec. 6. The first election of the City Officers shall take place on the first Tuesday in August 1910; all other elections shall take place the first Tuesday in February in each year (except the Mayor who shall be elected biennially) and shall be conducted according to the laws governing elections for officers, under such modifications and restrictions as the Comm-

on Council may ordain. The elective officers shall be one Mayor, Four Aldermen and Five Common Councilmen, all of whom shall hold their office for the term of one year except the Mayor who shall hold his office for the term of two years, unless vacated by resignation, removal or death; vacancies may be supplied by special elections. No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor, who is not a resident of the City of Marshall and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of three hundred dollars. No person shall be a Common Councilman who is not a resident of said City, and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of one hundred dollars; no person who does not possess real estate in the City of Marshall shall be allowed to vote.

SEC. 7. There shall be a City Court, which shall be composed of three Aldermen; one of whom shall be chairman whose duty it shall be to try and determine all causes coming into the same, except such as may be taken therefrom by appeals as is hereinafter provided for. The Aldermen shall, within the precincts of the City, exercise the functions of a Justice of the Peace in all petty offences falling under the Jurisdiction of the City and not otherwise.

Appeals may be had from their decision to the City Court, and from which appeals may also be had to the County Court. The said City Court shall, by its own clerk, keep detailed records of all matters and things which shall come before it, in a book or books provided for that purpose; which, when full, shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State for preservation among the Archives of this Republic.

SEC. 8. The Common Council shall hold its first session on the first Monday in October, 1910. All impeachments of Officers shall be made to the Mayor who may, if said impeachments be grounded, sufficiently, suspend such officer

or officers until the next ensuing session of the Council which shall try all such impeachments.

SEC. 9. The Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen shall have power to lay out new streets, highways and public walks or parks, and shall have power to appoint inspectors of all kinds of produce brought into or exported from the City together with inspectors of weights and measures.

SEC. 10. The Mayor of said City shall be chief Executive Magistrate thereof, and it shall be his duty to be vigilant and active in causing the laws thereof to be executed and enforced; and he shall be conservator of the peace within said City; he shall recommend to the City Council, at regular sessions all such measures as in his opinion would enhance the conditions of the streets, avenues, highways and public walks of the same, as well as to point out all nuisances of whatever kind, and recommend measures for their removal. He may, when actually necessary for the preservation of the public peace, or for the suppression of mobs, riots, quarelling or insurrections of whatever nature, order out the Police Force, which by force of arms, shall compel such insurgents to obedience; the Mayor alone, being responsible for the abuse of his power.

SEC. 11. If this Charter, or any of its provisions shall be found inconvenient, or inadequate in any respects, the same may be revoked, altered or supplemented on representation properly made by said City authority, by petition to the Legislature of Liberia.

SEC. 12. This Charter and all its provisions shall go into effect on the first Tuesday in August, 1910.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

An Act making Provisions for Camp Johnson and the force connected therewith, also for the Supply of Arms and Ammunitions of War, to be placed in the different Arsenals of the Republic of Liberia.

Whereas from the report of the Secretary of War, it is essential that steps should be taken immediately to make certain provisions for Camp Johnson and the force connected therewith, And Whereas the arms now used by the forces throughout the Republic of Liberia, have proven not to be the class of Guns for the service of the aforesaid Republic.

And Whereas the Honorable Secretary of War having investigated the subject above referred to, recommends the necessity for the Change.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the sum of six thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to Complete the Long Officers quarters now in progress, and to build a long house 200 feet long 24 feet wide, 12 feet high, for soldiers quarters at Camp Johnson, the house to be built as follows; foundation rock: 2 feet out the ground, frame on top, weather boarded and covered with zinc, the house to have rooms 11x10 front and back, to contain at least eight men a room.

SEC. 2. That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be and is hereby appropriated to supply clothing and accutremments for the Frontier Force as well as to supply modern tools and appliances for the Armory established at Camp Johnson, and the Secretary of War is authorized to select eight youths (two Americo Liberians) from the County as apprentices to the "Armorer" employed in the Frontier Service.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to negotiate and procure for and on behalf of the Republic, the following arms and ammunitions of war, during this present year, and the invoice of cost submitted to the Legislature at their next Session for appropriation to be made for same.

"For MONTSERRADO COUNTY" One Thousand Martini Enfield Carbines.

One Maxim Automatic Machine Gun.

"For FRONTIER FORCE" One Thousand Martini Enfield Carbines.

"For GRAND BASSA COUNTY" Five Hundred Martini Enfield Carbines.

"For Grand Bassa County" One Maxim Automatic Machine Gun.

"For SINOE COUNTY" Five Hundred Martini Enfield Carbines

One Maxim Automatic Machine Gun.

"For MARYLAND COUNTY" Five Hundred Martini Enfield Carbines.

One Automatic Machine Gun.

With sufficient ammunition for same in order to ensure the safety and protection of the Republic.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that in order to avoid high charges, and cost for provisions, for the upkeep of the Frontier Force, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to arrange with some firm now doing business in Liberia to execute monthly orders for provisions for the Frontier Force, instead of purchasing same at exorbitant prices here in the City of Monrovia.

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

Joint Resolution regulating the opening of Election Polls within the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, no Election Polls for the election of President, Vice President, or members of the National Legislature shall be opened or voted at in the Republic except at the following places:

In the County of Montserrado; Caldwell, Royesville, Monrovia, Barnersville, New-Georgia, Virginia, Dixville, Arthington, Louisiana, Johnsonville, Millsburg, Harrisburg, Schiefflin, Bensonville, Brewerville, Paynesville, Clay-Ashland, Marshall, Careysburg, and Crozierville. In the County of Grand Bassa; Upper Buchanan, Lower Buchanan, Edina, Owensgrove, Newseries, Hartford and Harlandsville. In the County of Sinoe; Louisiana, Greenville, Lexington and Farmersville. In the County of Maryland; Harper and Half Cavalla. In the Territory of Grand Cape Mount; Robertsport.

SEC. 2. That the Judges of the several Monthly and Probate Courts within the Republic who are by law authorized to appoint Judges, Clerks, and Registrars for the several Election Polls be and are hereby forbidden to grant commissions for, or to appoint Judges, Clerks or Registrars, for any other Election Polls except such as are herein named in section one of this joint resolution; and any Judge who shall violate the provisions of this joint resolution shall be deemed guilty of official misconduct, and upon conviction of same shall be liable to impeachment, and may also be punished by imprisonment for a period of not less than three, nor more than six months, and be fined not less than One Hundred, nor more than Three Hundred Dollars for each offence, by any Court of competent jurisdiction over such offence.

SEC. 3. The right of suffrage to to be enjoyed by the aboriginees under Government Grants shall only be exercised by compliance with the provisions of the Joint Resolution passed and approved January 20, 1905. Section 2, of the Act providing for the Government of Districts in the Republic uninhabited by aboriginees passed and approved January 25, 1905, be and is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. And any Judge, Clerk, or Registrar of any Election Polls who, shall register any name or receive in the Election Polls any name as a voter not qualified as such under the provisions of said joint resolution passed and approved January 20, 1905, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined in a sum of fifty dollars and imprisoned for a period of five months for every name so registered or received in the Polls, and all such votes shall be illegal and shall not be counted in the register nor in making up the election returns.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution restoring Wear—Polo of the Settlement of Bensonville, Mo. Co.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution Wear—Polo of the settlement of Bensonville, County of Montserrado, 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 the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution fixing the day of adjournment of the third session of the 31st Legislature of the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That the third session of the 31st Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *sine die*, Tuesday the 15th day of March 1910.

SEC. 2. And the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested in case the American Government forward any document or proposition; or should any proposition from American citizens which has been sanctioned or recommended by the U. S. Government, be presented to this Government, which the Liberian Government may be required to act immediately upon, to issue a Proclamation for a call session at any day after this adjournment as may be possible.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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An Act amendatory to an act, entitled an act, providing for a Stamp duty on deeds, agreements, receipts, and certain other documents, passed and approved February 1, 1910.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the Stamp duty on inventories of estates is hereby affixed at Twenty Five Cents (\$0.25 cts) per inventory; and no stamp duty shall be required to be paid, on any document, except those specifically enumerated in the Schedule of the above recited Act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution amending the Cable Concession of the German South—American Telegraph Company assignee of the O. A. Compagnie.

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

SEC. 1. That the President of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized to grant to the said Company the lands needed for the purpose of erecting the Cable hut, Offices, staff quarters and business management of the Company. Said land to be granted to said Company their assigns and successors for the purpose above mentioned as long as the operations of the Company are kept up.

And in case the Company should cease its operations the lands granted as aforesaid, with all improvements which may have been made thereupon shall revert to the Government of Liberia free of any charge or cost whatever.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Joint Resolution Incorporating the Rising Star Lodge No. 132 of U. B. F. Montserrado County.

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

SEC. 1. That John A. Port, W. M., A. W. Kennedy, D. M., John A. Sims, Secretary, U. N. D. Goodridge, Asst. Secretary, Samuel E. Garnett, Treasurer, together with such other Officers and Members who now are, or hereafter may become connected with said Lodge, are hereby constituted and declared a Body Politic and Corporate under the name and style of the Rising Star Lodge No. 132 U. B. F. of Crozierville, with all the rights, privileges and immunities appertaining and belonging to other Lodges of the Order, th perpetual succession of officers.

SEC. 2. That the said Lodge shall be capable in law to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the value of Two thousand dollars; plead and be impleaded, sue and be sued, in any of the courts of competent jurisdiction of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution Incorporating St. Luke Parish Edina, Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1. That James S. Smith, Rector H; B. Williams, Senior Warden, J. F. Horvey, Junior Warden, W. A. Greengeld, J. F. Johnson, H. A. Page, C. S. Well, J. J. Smith, O. S. Potter, Vestrymen of the St. Luke Parish of Edina, Grand Bassa County together with others and their successors in office are hereby declared a body politic with perpetual succession by the name of the St. Luke Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with power to hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the value of (\$10000.00) Ten Thousand Dollars, that may be acquired by purchase, gift or otherwise.

SEC. 2. And the said Corporation shall have the power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction and shall have the privilege to do all other things done by similar bodies corporate.

SEC. 3. That the said Corporation is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such By-Laws and regulations for their government and to do all other acts

and things usual to be done by similar bodies corporate and politic consistent with the discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Liberia, provided such By-Laws Rules and Regulations be not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution granting J. D. Tayloe representative of the A. M; E. Zion Mission, a certain parcel of land in the County of Montserrado, for a Mission Training School.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to grant J. D. Tayloe, Representative of the A. M, E. Zion Mission, One hundred acres of land at Feh Peter's place, in Montserrado County, for a Mission Training School, to be by him used for Mission purposes only. And in case said Mission shall cease to operate, the land so granted shall revert to the Government of Liberia.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the cost of surveying said land shall be paid by the said J. D. Tayloe or his immediate representatives.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution declaring Grand Cess 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 Grand Cess in the County of Maryland be and is hereby declared a regular Port of Entry and delivery.

SEC. 2. The President is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the necessary Customs officers of said Port.

SEC. 3. The salary of the Collector of Customs shall be three hundred dollars per annum.

The Collector of Customs shall also act as Postmaster, and the Wharfinger shall also act as Boarding Master.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution Incorporating the Union Club No. 1. of Cape Palmas, 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, R. A. Brewer, Chairman, J. W. Miner, Vice-Chairman, C. B. Cooper, Secretary, R. S. T. Brewer, Asst. Secretary, D. M. Johnson, Treasurer, S. B. Nelson, Advocate, W. A. Harmon, Chaplain, J. T. Bell, Marshall, J. B. Greene, W. F. Delany, Jno. S. Dunham, Managers, and other officers who may be elected from time to time, together with all persons who are or hereafter may become members, be and they are hereby declared a body Corporate and Politic under the name and style of the Union Club No. 1. of Cape Palmas, Maryland County, and by

that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of this Republic, having competent jurisdiction: may own real and personal property to the value of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.00); may make By-Laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the Republic of Liberia and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intentions of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution Incorporating the Glasgow Company No. 2, of Sinoe County.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, G. M. J. Morris, General Manager, Jack Savage, Assistant Manager, Jack Smart, Chief Magistrate, Jack Andrews, Advocate General, Jack Srieih Smart, Speaker, Jim Moore, Assistant Magistrate and Treasurer, John Tols Roberts, Financial Secretary, Sea Breeze, General Purser, and such other persons as may hereafter become members, are hereby declared a body politic and Corporate under the name and style of the Glasgow Company No. 2 of Sinoe 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 to the value of \$5000.00 Five Thousand Dollars and do any act not repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of this Republic, in common with other bodies politic and corporate, for the purpose of carrying into effect the intentions of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

An Act for the protection of Home Industry as well as for the various home crafts, such as Cooks, Laundrymen, Fishermen, Coopers, Carpenters, Rock and Brick Masons and Photographers.

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

SEC. 1. That after the passage of this Act there shall be assessed and levied, and each and every person or persons residing or who may hereafter reside within the Republic of Liberia from any foreign Port, Colony, Kingdom etc., other than citizens of this Republic shall pay, an annual License styled an Alien Artisan License, that is to say, all Cooks, Laundrymen, Carpenters, Masons, Coopers, shall pay an annual License of twenty five dollars each, payable in gold, silver or copper coin, and all Fishermen, Photographers, Pages; and Valets shall pay an annual License of twelve dollars and fifty cents; said amount shall be paid in the Sub-Treasury for Government purposes.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the County or District Attorney of each District or County shall immediately on the arrival in the Republic of any of the parties referred to in section first of this Act, cause the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session and Common Pleas to have their name or names registered in said office, the day and date of their arrival, and inquire of their occupation and purposes of residing. Having obtained same, said artisan or artisans shall be allowed the space of ten days to procure the necessary license; for which the Clerk shall receive ten cents for each name recorded, and fifty cents for the licenses, and such persons as are now residing in the Republic shall be required to obtain said license ten days from the publication of this Act.

SEC. 3. And any person violating the provisions of this Act shall upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace

be fined in the sum required for the license and shall pay said fine and all costs in the action forthwith.

SEC. 4. The above Act shall be understood to refer only to persons already engaged or who may hereafter become employed to work in any of the trades or professions stated above.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution governing foreign Companies and corporations, their goods and effects going to and returning from the Interior of Liberia.

Whereas the manner of carrying to the Interior, and returning from the same, merchandise, produce, and other effects of foreign corporations and companies have been the cause of much complaint and thereby caused much trouble and expense to the Government; and

Whereas upon the investigation of complaints arising from said Companies and corporations, said complaints have proven to be unfounded;

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution it shall be the duty of all persons trading for or in the interest of foreign corporations or companies operating in Liberia before going to the Interior with goods or returning from same, to first give notice to the Government of their intention so to do; said notice shall be filed in the office of the Superintendent of the various Counties and Territories of this Republic. It shall also be accompanied with a correct account of every article of goods, wares, merchandise and other effects constituting a luggage or lug-

gages and requiring a carrier, including gold and silver coin, or other monies; upon the filing of this notice in the office of the Superintendent he shall proceed within twenty-four hours (Sundays excepted) to have said luggage about to be carried to the Interior, examined. He shall also compare the account filed as aforesaid with the copy of the Company or corporation's original then being forwarded to the factory-keeper in the Interior.

If after so comparing, they are found correct, he shall record same in a book kept for that purpose. But if the account so examined, compared and searched be found incorrect, he shall retain same and immediately turn over the accounts as examined, searched and found incorrect to the County Attorney for confiscation for fraud.

SEC. 2. That on returning from the Interior, luggages of every description shall be first deposited in the bonded warehouse of the County, (trunks and individual personal effects not excepted); and upon notice being filed in the Superintendent's office of the arrival and storage of luggages from the Interior in the bonded warehouse by the Company or corporation, or any person in their interest; the Superintendent shall proceed as in section first and examine same that in case any luggage from the Interior contain produce or substance other than said company or corporation is allowed to traffic in or purchase under their respective charters be found the same shall be immediately seized, as in section first, detained and the same handed over to the County Attorney for confiscation for fraud.

SEC. 3. The confiscation of goods contained in section first shall refer to the entire accounts; and in section second it shall refer to the luggage in which such substance or produce other than is allowed said Companies or corporations to traffic or trade in is found, and any luggage proven to have been tampered with by owners or carriers after ex-

amination had by the Superintendent by lessening or increasing the accounts so filed, such tampering shall in all cases vitiate the right of protection by Government.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the factory-keeper in the Interior to transmit to the Superintendent a correct copy of the account of the goods received in the Interior, immediately upon the return of the carriers, which shall also be filed in the Superintendent's office. Any person failing to comply with the requirements of this section shall in all cases of complaint pay the cost of investigation.

SEC. 5. It is further resolved that upon complaint made to the Superintendent by any Company or corporation against the natives of the Interior and the complainant fail to successfully prove the charge as alleged, said complainant shall pay the cost incurred in the investigation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution Restoring J. A. D. Howard, to the Rights of 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. A. D. Howard of Grand Bassa County be and he is hereby Restored to all the rights and privileges of other citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution amendatory and supplemental to a Joint Resolution entitled a Joint Resolution reorganizing the Liberian Frontier Force.

Whereas the efficient policing of the Country is essential to the maintainance of peace and order, and the development of our trade; and

Whereas it is necessary to this end to keep a police force in all of the Counties to be utilized for the objects above mentioned; and

Whereas the present strength of said force will not allow such a distribution as would be addequate and effectual to accomplish this end;

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

SEC. 1. That the number of the Liberian Frontier Police Force is hereby increased to seven Hundred and fifty men of all arms, and the President is hereby authorized to cause the Department of War to proceed immediately to recruit the number of men out of different Liberian tribes necessary to raise said force to such a footing. The additional number of men provided for in this joint resolution shall form a part of, and be attached to the force reorganized under the above cited resolution, and they shall receive the same pay, outfit and allowance, and shall in every respect be subject to and governed by the same regulations as are mentioned in the above cited joint Resolution, and such other regulations as the Secretary of War by approval of the President pursuant to said joint resolution may have or shall hereafter make for the government of said force. Said additional force shall, after being recruited, be stationed at Camp Johnson and shall be distributed and stationed in the several Counties and territories as follows:

In the territory of Grand-Cape Mount 50 men of all arms; in the County of Montserrado, 300 men of all arms; in the County of Bassa 75 men of all arms, in the County of Sinoe 75 men of all arms; and in the County of Maryland 150 men of all arms (75 of whom shall be stationed on the Cavalla river frontier.) There shall also be kept at Camp Johnson a reserve of 100 men for emergency, which shall complete the complement of men constituting and composing the Liberian Frontier Police Force.

SEC. 2. The force stationed in the Territory of Cape Mount and the Counties of Bassa, Sinoe, and Maryland shall be under the civil authority of the Superintendents of those districts, orders from the Department of War shall be issued through the Superintendents and reports to that department from the officer in charge of the force stationed in any of the said Counties and territories shall be made in duplicate and forwarded to the Superintendent who shall retain the duplicate on the file of his office and transmit the original to the Department of War.

SEC. 3. No person shall serve in said force whether as officer or private who is not a citizen of this Republic, except foreign officers provided for in the Joint resolution reorganizing said force. Officers who may now be serving in said force and who though Liberians are nevertheless disqualified from holding office on account of legal disability, shall immediately be dismissed from the service; and the Secretary of War is hereby enjoined not to recommend for appointment any person or officer for said force who would be regarded unfit for civil appointment.

SEC. 4. The practice of Commissioners and officers of the force receiving dashes from native Chieftains among whom they reside, or whose Country they patrol is hereby strictly forbidden, and any Commissioner or Frontier officer who shall receive dashes, or presents from any such Chieftains, or any other native living in the section where

they are stationed, or which they patrol, or through which they may pass shall upon information furnished the President be immediately dismissed from the service and prosecuted for official misconduct; provided, however, voluntary dashes or presents of food stuff intended for consumption of the men in any district may be received and applied strictly to the purpose for which made, all such dashes or presents intended for Government shall be turned over to the Department of War and the monies realized therefrom paid into the the Treasury and Sub-Treasury who shall account for same in a special report. In the Counties where there are no agents of the War Department, the dashes or presents shall be turned over to the Superintendent who shall turn over same to the Sub-Treasurer. The Superintendent shall report such dashes to the War Department.

SEC. 5. The object of the force being to preserve peace and give better protection to life and property, especially amongst the Natives of this Republic, all acts of tyranny and oppression towards the native populations or other unfair conducts likely to provoke the dislike of the natives, and all interference or improper relations with their wives, or other domestic relations whether on the part of the Commissioner or the officers and men of the Force are strictly forbidden under pain of discharge without pay; and if he be a Commissioner or Officer, prosecution for official misconduct. The officer shall see that the morals of the men are maintained at as high a standard as possible, and rigidly punish any act calculated to make the Force to be regarded as oppressive and all other acts demoralizing and pernicious in effect.

SEC. 6. The sum of Seventy four Thousand Dollars is hereby appropriated to meet the pay, uniform, upkeep, etc, etc, of said force.

Passed by limitation.

Joint Resolution Incorporating the Blazing Star Lodge No, 123-
U. B. F. Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1. That J. B. Horrace, W. M., A. W. Brumskine, D. M., W. A. Bryant, W. S., E. A. Morgan, Asst. Secretary, J. A. Davis, W. T., J. T. Innis, W. C., J. H. Ellis, and A. J. Bull, Supporters, W. A. Wayne and L. N. Scott, Marshalls, E. J. S. Worrell, Pilot, J. F. Summerville and J. H. Bryant, Sentinels, C. H. Horrace, H. L. White, W. A. Wayne, D. F. Jenkins, C. C. Lee, Trustees. All, of the County of Grand Bassa, together with others and their successors in office are hereby declared a Body Politic with perpetual succession by the name of Blazing Star Lodge No. 123, U. B. F. of the Upperward of the City of Buchanan of the County of Grand Bassa, with power to hold real and personal property to the value of two Thousand Dollars that may be acquired by purchase, gift or otherwise.

SEC. 2. And the said Corporation shall have power to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded before any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction and shall have the privilege to do all other things done by similar Bodies corporate.

SEC. 3. That said Corporation is hereby vested with the full power and authority to make and establish such By-laws and Regulations for their government and to do other acts and things usual to be done by similar Bodies Corporate in Liberia provided such By-laws, Rules and Regulations be not repugnant to the Laws and Constitution of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 11, 1910.

Joint Resolution incorporating the Oriental Lodge Number 123, United Brothers of Friendship of Edina Grand Bassa County Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, J. M. Allen, W. M., J. R. Moore, D. M., J. W. Earley, W. S., J. T. Duncan, Asst. Secretary, H. D. Benson, Treasurer, Thos. N. Moore, W. C., H. L. Harmon, H. F. Willis, C. R. Liberty, Trustees, T. H. Duncan, R. S., C. H. Wells, L. S., R. H. Duncan, J. L., W. H. DeShield, O. S., W. H. Brown, pilot, Officers and members, and others of Edina Grand Bassa County and such other persons as are now or who may become members, are hereby declared a body politic, and Corporate under the name, and style of the Oriental Lodge number 123, United Brothers of Friendship.

SEC. 2. That the said Corporation may sue and be sued, implead, and be impleaded before any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire, and hold real and personal property to the value of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10000.00) and shall do all other acts and things done in and by similar Bodies Corporate.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution authorizing the President to transfer, and convey unto the Honorable Chas. Hall Adams, of Boston U. S. A. late Consul General of this Republic, so much of the property recovered by Government from Geyer, situated in North Carolina U. S. A. as shall be necessary to settle the claim held against the Government by the Honorable Chas. Hall Adams.

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 transfer and convey unto Chas. Hall Adams, of Boston, late Consul General of this Republic, so much of the property now held in trust by him in favor of this Republic, situated in the State of North Carolina, U. S. A. which was recovered from Geyer of New York in partial settlement of a claim held against him by this Government, as shall be adequate to liquidate the sum of (\$4000.00) Four Thousand and Ninety Dollars, now due the said Chas. Hall Adams, by this Government, on various accounts, including allowances for office rent, and travelling expenses appropriated at the session of 1908—9.

SEC. 2. That said assignment shall be made in full satisfaction of the said claim, and the President shall without delay cause the necessary documents to be issued so as to perfect the said transfer. The residue of the said property if any there should be, shall be held in trust for the benefit of this Republic by the Liberian Consul in New York. And the President is hereby authorised to empower said Consul to dispose of any such residue, as may come under his charge for any reasonable bids which he may be able to obtain.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution Declaring the Nymowe tribe and their Allies in the County of Maryland to be in open rebellion against the Government of the Republic, and authorizing the President to suppress same and restore order in said County.

Whereas from written evidence contained in the reports of the local authorities of Maryland County, and in the report of the special Executive Commissioners now in said county who were dispatched there by the President to settle the troubles recently happening there at Gbolobo on the Cavalla river by the killing of several men of the Frontier Force, sent there to prevent a war then threatening between said tribe and the Klewe tribe that the Nymowe tribe and their allies have set themselves up in rebellion against the Government by breaking off all negotiations with the Government's representatives in said county both local and special, and have built and erected barricades and entrenched their towns and assumed an open hostile and warlike attitude against the Government and are forming a combination of other tribes in said county to fight against the Government whom they can influence so to do.

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

SEC. 1. That the Nymowe tribe at Cape Palmas and their allies in the county of Maryland, that is to say the Twasebo tribe including Berike and Bolobo be and are hereby declared to be in open rebellion against the Government of the Republic of Liberia and traitors thereto.

SEC. 2. That the President of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized and directed to immediately order into active service, not less than Five Hundred Men, or as many more of the Militia forces of the Republic together with the Navy and Frontier Forces as will be necessary to quell and suppress said rebellion and to restore peace and public order in said County, and to do all and singular such acts as will be necessary to the execution of the provisions of this Joint Resolution.

SEC. 3. That all intercourse with said tribe and their allies with the Government or any tribe or tribes, or per-

sen or persons whomsoever within the Republic of Liberia be, and is hereby forbidden.

SEC. 4. And the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the carrying into effect of the provisions of this Joint Resolution, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to draw for the same under warrant of the President out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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An Act Incorporating the Liberian-American Produce Company, Limited.

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

SEC. 1. That the following persons, namely, JOHN J. D. ROBERTSON, a citizen of Liberia, and BOOKER T. WASHINGTON and FRANK A. FLOWER, citizens of the United States of America, and such other persons as said John J. D. Robertson may name to be associated with him as members of the within mentioned Company, provided they be Liberian or American citizens, or both, be and are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of the LIBERIAN-AMERICAN PRODUCE COMPANY, LIMITED, with offices in the City of Monrovia, in the Republic of Liberia, and in the City of New York in the State of New York, in the United States of America, and such other branch offices as may be established under the by-laws of said Company.

SEC. 2. Within three months from the passage of this Act the said John J. D. Robertson shall file in the office of the Secretary of State at Monrovia, in said Republic of Liberia a certificate containing a list of the names of the

persons to be associated with him as members of said Company, and shall furnish, if required by said Secretary of State, proof of the nationality of any of said persons.

Said John J. D. Robertson, Booker T. Washington, Frank Abial Flower and the persons named in the certificate aforesaid shall constitute the first board of directors of said Company, and they shall have power to increase their number by filing a supplemental certificate containing the names of other persons to be associated as members of said Company. In the event of the death of the said John J. D. Robertson before filing the certificate first aforesaid, either the said Booker T. Washington, or Frank Abial Flower may file said certificate. Said directors shall serve until their successors are elected under the provisions of the by-laws of said Company.

Sec. 3. Said Company shall have the following objects rights and powers, namely:

1. To cultivate, buy and sell and otherwise deal in coffee, cocoa, sugar, tobacco, cotton, and other fibres, and other cultivated as well as natural products of the forests and soil; to raise cattle and poultry; to encourage the aborigines of the Republic to cultivate, gather and raise said products, cattle and poultry for trade; to engage in shell fishing in any waters embraced in the maritime jurisdiction of the Republic; to develop the mineral resources of the Country; to establish banks and to do a banking business in accordance with the banking laws of the United States of America, provided they are not in conflict with the laws of Liberia; and for itself, and for any other corporation, or for any individual, municipality or government, to construct and build roads and bridges of every kind whatever, telephone and telegraph lines, tramways, railways, canals, ditches, breakwaters, docks, wharves, reservoirs and all like containers of water; to create water and electric and other

power; to supply water and power of every kind to other corporations or individuals, municipalities or governments; to dig and operate mines upon the lands herein granted the Company, the Company paying ten per centum of the gross output of any mine or mines operated by said Company to run vessels of all kinds on the coast, rivers, creeks and other water ways of the Republic, and between Liberian and American and other ports; to carry on all kinds of wholesale and retail trade; and to do whatsoever is necessary to carry out the objects and to promote the rights and powers of the Company. And for the purpose of its business, the company shall have the right to appropriate for its roads a right of way at least two hundred feet wide through all public lands so as to reach any point of delivery, outlet, or discharge on the ocean, or on any river, or other body of water within the Republic together with sufficient land for sidings, switches, workshops, engine and car sheds, and other requirements incidental to the business of the Company.

2. The capital stock of the Company shall be fifty million dollars, but it shall have the right to increase said capital stock to any amount not exceeding one hundred million dollars, and to provide in its by-laws for the issue of bonds in a like amount. Said stock shall be held by Liberian and American citizens. Each share of stock shall be of the par value of one hundred dollars. In consideration of this grant hereby made, the Republic of Liberia shall be entitled to and shall receive five per centum of every issue of bonds or stock; and one-fifth of every issue of bonds or stock shall be offered by publication in any newspaper printed at the capital of the Republic of Liberia to Liberian citizens and the Government of Liberia, and shall be held for purchase by them for a period of sixty days from the date of the publication of such issue. The liability of each stockholder of the Company shall be limited to the amount due on the stock held by him.

3. To introduce from the United States of America and the West Indian Islands laborers who are eligible to become citizens, and other foreign laborers, not excluded by the laws of the Republic of Liberia, for the purposes of the Company. Such laborers shall be liable to an action of debt if any of them should attempt to leave the service of the Company before repaying it for moneys advanced for their passage to this Country, or for other purposes.

4. To select in any or all of the Counties of the Republic from the public domain lands not hitherto granted, equal to the total acreage contained in one hundred square miles, in such blocks as may best suit the object and business of the Company, and to take therefrom and appropriate for the use of the Company whatever woods, minerals, natural products, and all other things whatsoever to be found therein and thereupon; and the Government of the Republic of Liberia hereby grants and concedes to said Company the right to the use and occupation of all lands selected by it during the term of the charter hereby granted for the purposes herein mentioned, and to the absolute right to and ownership of all the resources that are now known or may be hereafter discovered, and the use of such lands and to appropriate such resources for the benefit of the Company. A written description of the tracts of land selected from time to time by said Company shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the Republic of Liberia, and shall be conclusive evidence of the areas, boundaries, limits and ownership thereof. All such descriptions shall be based upon surveys made by an official surveyor at the reasonable expense of the Company; but in case the said Company is unable for any reason to secure an official survey, then said descriptions may be based upon surveys made by said Company. For the purpose of making such selections the said Company shall have the right to enter upon all public lands and explore, survey, examine

test, and experiment upon the same, until it shall have selected the full amount of land hereby allowed it. But said Company shall have no right to interfere with any native towns or settlements lawfully existing upon any lands selected by it. Any citizen, or any of the aborigines of the Country shall have the right to gather fire-wood, thatch, or poles from the lands selected by the Company.

5. To make by-laws for the general government of the affairs of the Company; to have a corporate seal, and to have all the rights, powers and privileges belonging to agricultural, business and mining corporations, under the laws of the Republic of Liberia; but said by-laws shall contain a provision requiring the treasurer of the Company to submit annually to the Auditor General of the Republic of Liberia a statement showing in general the financial condition of the Company, which upon being examined by the said Auditor General, shall be by him filed in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia.

6. To import free from Customs duties all materials, tools, and implements for the actual use of the Company, and said Company shall not be required to pay any different or greater duties on its imports or exports than any other persons or corporations.

7. To lease, mortgage, pledge, or assign any or all of the property, objects, rights, and powers hereby granted, or to appoint, authorise and empower any individual or corporation to manage, exercise carry out and perform any or all of the property, objects, rights, and powers aforesaid, provided, however, that notice thereof shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the Republic of Liberia; and the party or parties contracted with by the Company as aforesaid shall be Liberian or American citizens, and proof of the nationality of such transferees shall

be made to the Secretary of State, if he should so require.

SEC. 3. To do and perform all such matters and things as may be incidental to the above objects, rights and powers.

SEC. 4. The Company hereby created shall have succession, and the objects, rights and powers hereby granted shall continue in force for a period of thirty years, and shall be there after extended for a farther period of thirty years, provided the Company by its board of directors shall file in the office of the Secretary of State of the Republic of Liberia a certificate declaring its intention and purpose to continue its operation hereunder for such further period.

SEC. 5. Only trees of four feet girt and upwards are to be felled the Company shall plant two trees of the same kind to prevent deforestation: but this shall apply only to lands from which timber is taken, and not to be used for agricultural and other purposes.

SEC. 6. Upon the dissolution of said Company by limit of time, or by voluntary application, all improvements made on lands selected from the public domain for railways shall revert to the Republic of Liberia upon the payment to the Company of one half of the value thereof at the time of dissolution, said value to be determined by appraisement, as follows: the Republic shall choose one appraiser and the Company one, these two shall choose a third. In the event of the inability, because of disagreement, or otherwise of these two appraisers to choose a third either of them may petition any Judge of a superior Court to appoint the third appraiser.

The value found by these three appraisers, or any two of them, shall be binding, the Republic being bound to pay the sum awarded, and the Company bound to receive the same, subject however to an appeal to the Supreme Court

of Liberia. The appraisers shall receive as compensation for their services such an amount as may be agreed upon, or as any Judge of a Superior Court may deem reasonable, subject to an appeal to the Supreme Court of Liberia.

But all other improvement other than Railway shall revert to the Government of Liberia without the consideration above mentioned.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect immediately, and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 10, 1910.

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An Act creating a Department of Public Works, and providing for the appointment of a Surveyor of Public Works,

Whereas it has become very necessary that there should be created a Department in the Government that would have under control the supervision of Public Works, and improvements, as well as the mapping of the Interior, and the scientific survey, and observation of Frontier lines and highways leading from said Frontiers to terminals on the coast;

And whereas for lack of such a Department, with a qualified head, the Government has had to entrust the demarcation of its boundaries into the hands of strangers, with results not always satisfactory;

And whereas such a Department, under the management of an expert is necessary to protect the interests of Government in matters of Mining, Railways, and similar developments, upon which the Country is now entering;

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

SEC. 1. There shall be created a Department to be called,

the Department of Public Works which Department shall be directed by a Civil Engineer, who is a Liberian citizen, and by virtue of his Office he shall be deemed a high Official of the Executive Government. And for the faithful discharge of his duties, he shall be required to give bond with good security, in the discretion of the Attorney General, and to be approved of by the President.

SEC. 2. The duties of the Director of Public Works, under this enactment, shall consist in the supervision of all constructive works of Public utility in the Republic, such constructive Works, as the making of main roads, Bridges, Waterworks, Canals, Tramways, Railways, Docks, Harbours and Sewage etc, etc, surveys and mapping.

(a.) To propose plans, Specifications and estimates for all Government projects, Works or Schemes, intended to foster the economical developments of the Country's resources, and its industrial improvements.

(b.) To examine all Mining enterprises carried on within the Republic, and ascertain the monthly out puts (if any) of Gold and Diamonds, other metals, and precious stones (or any of them as the case may be) produced by the Company, or Companies engaged in conducting such Mining enterprises.

(c.) To know if the Government's royalty or royalties, has or have been paid by the Company or Companies, conducting Mining operations (by prospecting or otherwise) within the Republic, and prepare regulations for the Executive Government, to enable it to control the proper working of all Mining industries in the Country.

(d.) To have authentic surveys made of the Republic, to map, and compile all land within the boundaries showing private properties, Government lands, roads, fountains, and all rivers.

SEC. 2. And 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 monies in the public Treasury of Maryland County not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

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Joint Resolution repealing a Joint Resolution entitled a Joint Resolution respecting the rights of prospecting for gold and other precious metals, minerals or other earthly deposits in the Counties of Grand Bassa and Sinoe, Approved January 20, 1908.

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

SEC. 1. That the above cited Joint Resolution passed and approved January 20, 1903, entitled a Joint Resolution respecting the rights of prospecting for gold and other precious metals, minerals or other earthly deposit, in the Counties of of Grand Bassa and Sinoe, be and the same is hereby repealed, and every prospecting License which may have been granted pursuant to the provisions of the above cited Joint Resolution is hereby declared cancelled. And the Government is authorized to refund any amount or amounts, which may become due arising from the cancellation of any license pursuant to this Joint Resolution.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that it shall be unlawful for any foreign individual, chartered or registered Company or Syndicate, to prospect for gold or other earthly deposits, including minerals and precious stones, of whatever description, in any of the Counties and Territories or any other public domain of the Republic except by permission granted by special Act of the Legislature.

SEC. 3. Any foreign individual, company or syndicate, who

may violate the provisions of this Joint Resolution by prospecting or searching for any of the metals or precious stones or other earthly products of whatever kind, including coal bitumen, oil &c. &c. without first having obtained permission so to do, as provided in Section 2. of this Joint Resolution shall upon sworn information laid before the Attorney General or any of the County Attorneys of this Republic, by any citizen or other person, be liable to prosecution before any Court of competent jurisdiction of this Republic for fraud, and upon conviction shall be fined a sum not less than Five nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars in gold, and confiscation of all metals, precious stones or other mineral substance extracted or collected from the public domain, provided that where proof is given of the extraction or collection of minerals, precious stones or other earthly substance or products of value which cannot be found to be confiscated, the Court shall have power to increase the fine above the maximum amount herein stated, to compensate the Government for all such metals or precious stones which have been taken away.

This law shall take effect immediately and shall be published in hand bills.

Any law or parts of law in anywise mitigating against the provisions of this Joint Resolution are hereby repealed

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Joint Resolution granting the South American Cable Company the right to establish and work a Submarine Cable Line etc. etc.

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

SEC. 1. The Republic of Liberia (hereafter called the "Republic") hereby grants to the South American Cable Company of London (hereinafter called the "Company") the

right to establish and work a submarine telegraph cable line duplications thereof between Monrovia on the one hand and Conakry and Grand Bassam on the other hand and the right to establish a telegraph station in Monrovia, all in accordance with the terms and conditions as follows:

SEC. 2. The landing point of the cable shall be on the Coast of Liberia at or near Monrovia.

SEC. 3. The Company is allowed to establish a subterranean line between its cable hut on the shore and its station at Monrovia.

SEC. 4. The Company shall submit to the approval of the Republic a plan showing the route of the cables in Liberian waters.

SEC. 5. The Cables shall be manufactured on the most approved principle and be capable of transmitting twenty five words per minute (each word averaging five letters) by use of Siphon Recorder.

SEC. 6. Except in case of force majeure the manufacture and the laying of the cables must be completed by the end of 1912, so that the cables may be opened for traffic on the first of January 1913.

SEC. 7. If through an accident the laying of the cables, or in consequence of a fault developing, the regular work of the cables cannot be commenced within the period fixed in the preceeding article without undertaking repairs or replacing the cables, a new term will be granted by the Republic.

SEC. 8. The Company shall establish at Monrovia a Telegraph Station with its own employees for the working of the cables.

SEC. 9. Government telegrams shall only be charged on

half of the current rate for private telegrams and shall take precedence over the latter in the order of dispatch.

SEC. 10. The Company undertakes to maintain the cables in perfect working order, to fulfil the contract in all points and to notify the Republic of any interruptions.

SEC. 11. The Company shall have in Monrovia a Representative with whom the Republic can put itself in communication.

SEC. 12. The Republic agrees to protect the Company in the laying and working of the cables, to permit the Company to erect its station and cable hut on Government land if available free of charge and to protect the property of the Company as if it belonged to the Republic, and whenever the Company shall cease to operate, all lands which shall have been granted them shall revert to government with their improvements free of any cost or charge whatever.

SEC. 13. The Cables, landlines, machinery, tools and materials required for the construction and equipment of the cable stations and all necessary plants, buildings, structure and accessories are exempted from Customs dues and other taxes in Liberian Ports.

SEC. 14. On arrival of a ship to take soundings, to lay cables or to land materials as defined in the preceding articles, the Captain of the ship or the Agent of the Company shall notify the Secretary of the Treasury who shall thereupon so inform the local authorities of the several Counties as to prevent any delay in the immediate carrying out of the aforesaid operations and shall see that proper protection is given in accordance with the present agreement.

SEC. 15. The Company is hereby authorized to transfer to another Company all of the rights established in this Contract with the respective obligations, but all such trans-

fers shall be subject to approval of Liberian Government.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved March 8, 1910.

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Joint Resolution respecting the pay of the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury shall place in the several quarterly warrants of the respective Counties and Territory of the Republic of Liberia, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars to be paid to each member of the National Legislature; said amounts to be credited against his, or their annual salary due at the meeting and adjournment of each annual Session, commencing from the March quarter 1912 to the September quarter of each fiscal year. Same is to be paid out of General Government funds.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the balance due members of the Legislature at the meeting and adjournment of each Session shall be paid by the Secretary in the usual manner under the existing Act regulating and fixing the salaries of the Legislature.

- This Joint Resolution is to be published in handbills.

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

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Joint Resolution appropriating Ten Thousand Dollars for restoring and maintaining order in Grand Bassa County.

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

SEC. 1. That the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars is hereby appropriated for restoring and maintaining peace and order in the County of Grand Bassa, which sum shall be drawn from the public Treasury by the proper officials.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved March 14th 1910

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Joint Resolution increasing the number of Trustees and Executive Committee of Liberia College.

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 Twenty five members to constitute the Board of Trustees of Liberia College, not counting the members of the Senate who are ex-officio members,

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the Executive Committee be augmented to seven members instead of four.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved March 3rd, 1910.

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Joint Resolution providing for the establishment of a system of Wireless Telegraphy.

Whereas the Governor of French West Africa has made a proposal to the Government of Liberia to establish a system of Wireless Telegraphy in the Republic of Liberia: and

Whereas such a system will accelerate the means of communication between Liberia and foreign parts;

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

SEC. 1. The Republic of Liberia hereby accept and grant to the Government of France the right to establish and work the said Wireless Telegraphy in the Republic of Liberia.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that two acres of public land is hereby granted for the establishment of the said system of Wireless Telegraphy in Liberia.

SEC. 3. It is further resolved that the Manager of the said Wireless Telegraphy will take in-office five young Liberian boys to be trained in the art of Wireless Telegraphy.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that in the event the Wireless Telegraphy station ceases to operate, said land with improvements shall revert to the Government free of cost.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved March 15th, 1910.

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Joint Resolution repealing a Joint Resolution authorizing the President of Liberia to employ three Foreigners to be attached to the Customs staff of Liberia, Approved February 12, 1908.

Whereas the present financial embarrassed state of the Government does not warrant the retaining in office of the three officers in the Customs of Liberia ;

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

SEC. 1. That the Joint Resolution authorizing the President of Liberia to employ three foreigners to be attached to the Customs staff of Liberia, approved February 12, 1908 be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to proceed immediately in paying said foreigners what may be legally due them up to the passing of this Resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Vetoed by the President and passed by a two-third majority of the Legislature.

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Joint Resolution amendatory to a Joint Resolution making appropriation for the printing of the Decisions of the Supreme Court passed and approved February 6th, 1906;

Whereas in pursuance of the above recited Joint Resolution the work of compiling and publishing the Decisions of the Supreme Court of the Republic, by Hon. James J. Dossen, was undertaken and properly executed through an American Printing House; and whereas the amount appropriated by the above recited "Joint Resolution" is found to be inadequate to meet the actual and necessary expenses of said publication; and whereas said Decisions have been published in a very satisfactory manner to the Government and people of Liberia;

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

SEC. 1, That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of Eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of the amount balance due for the publishing of the Decision of the Supreme Court of Liberia, and that the same be paid

over to the Hon. James J. Dossen out of any money in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

CUSTOMS TARIFF, 1910

IMPORTS

An Act making a tariff on Goods, Wares, and Merchandies, and produce imported and exported in and out of the Republic of Liberia.

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

Section 1. All goods imported into the Republic of Liberia, are subject to a duty of $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, ad valorem, save and except such goods as are specified in Sections "A" and "C" herein provided. The articles of African produce liable to export duties are enumerated in Section "B"

Sec. 2. Duties are payable in Gold, when in excess of the smallest gold coin in circulation, otherwise in current silver, or copper coin.

Sec. 3. There are no preferential duties with respect to countries from which goods are imported or to which produce is exported.

Sec. 4. All measures of weight are reckoned avoirdupois, and liquid measures are reckoned in imperial gills, pints, quarts, and gallons, except when otherwise specifically indicated.

Section A

Articles	Unit of Weight or Measurement	Rate of Duty.
Aerated and Mineral Waters.....	Rep'ted qt. botts.	\$.02
	" pt. "	.01
Ale, Beer, and Stout	" qt. "	.06
	" pt. "	.03
Gun Powder.....	Per lb.	.08
Arms, and Munitions,—Breach load- ing, single or double barreled Guns or Rifles.....	Per Piece	4 80
Percussion Cap Guns and Rifles...	" "	2 50
Flint Lock Guns and Pistols and Dane Guns.....	" "	.60
Guns not specified.....	" "	2 50
Revolvers and Pistols other than Flint Lock Pistols.....	" "	1 20
Percussion Caps.....	" Thousand	.60
Lead in any form.....	" Pound	.02
Swords or Bayonets.....	" Piece	.50
Cartridges filled for Rifles or Guns	" Hundred	.40
" " " Revolvers and Pistols.....	" "	.25
Cartridges unfilled.....	" "	.12
Bacon.....	Per Pound	.01
Basins, 12 inches and under in di- [iameter	" Dozen	.12
Beef per barrel, in barrels of 200 lbs	" Barrel	1 25
Biscuits, Cabin, Pilot, or ship bread	Advalorem duty	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cement in barrels of 400 lbs.....	Per Barrel	.20
Corrugated Iron for sale.....	Advalorem duty	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cutlasses, Matchets and Billhooks...	Per Dozen	.30
Pickled Herrings in whole barrels...	" Barrel	1 00
" " " half "	" $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.50
Kerosene.....	" Case	.30
Lard.....	" Pound	.02
Lime.....	" 100 "	.05
Pigs' Feet and Head.....	" 200 "	1 25
Pork.....	" " "	1 25
Rice.....	" Cwt.	.25
Dried Fish.....	" Pound	.01
Salt.....	" Cwt.	.08
Pickled Sausages.....	" Pound	.04
Dried Sausages in cans or skins....	" "	.05
Common Soap.....	" "	.01

Articles	Unit of Weight or Measurement	Rate of. Duty
Sugar, Brown.....	Per Pound	\$.06
" White.....	" "	.02
Tea.....	" "	.10
Tobacco, leaf.....	" "	.08
Claret.....	Per Gallon	.37
Beef Tongues.....	" Barrel	1.25
Biscuits not specified.....	" lb.	.04
Brass Kettles, weight of handles in- cluded, whether brass or other metals.....	" "	.05
Butter.....	" "	.06
Candy, Confectionery and Sweet Meats of every description.....	" "	.10
Candles.....	" "	.04
Demijohns, empty.....	" Piece	1.00
Hams.....	" lb.	.02
Cottons of all kind.....	Advalorem Duty	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Enamelware.....	" "	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Galvanized Buckets.....	" "	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Scantlings for sale.....	Per Cubit Foot	.01
All boards for sale.....	Per Square "	.00 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ropes.....	Advalorem Duty	.01
Silks, Sateen, Satin, Umbrellas, Parasols.....	" "	.00 $\frac{1}{2}$
" "	" "	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wearing Apparel, for Men, Wo- men, Girls, and Boys.....	" "	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hats, Trimmed and untrimmed of all descriptions.....	" "	.12
Iron pots, Ovens, and Spiders.....	" Pound	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kru Boxes, 18x10x10, manufactured abroad.....	" Piece	.50
Kru Boxes, other sizes.....	" Pound	.50
Magarine.....	Advalorem duty	.10
Medicines, patent.....	" "	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Plates, Earthenware not in Dinner. Tea, Coffee, or other table service	Per Piece	.01
Soap Perfume, or Toilet.....	" Pound	.06
Tobacco, manufactured.....	" "	.25
" Cigars.....	" 100 pieces	.33
" Cigarettes.....	" " "	.12
Spirits' strength is reckoned by Trol- les Hydrometer, and in degrees per centum of pure alcohol.		

Articles	Unit of Weight or Measurement	Rate of Duty
Whiskey, Brandy, Old Tom Gin, and Rum, other than ordinary trade Rum.....	Per Gallon	\$ 2.00
Spirits: upon all Spirits and Strong Waters, the strength of which can be ascertained by Trolles Hydro- meter, such as Common Trade Rum, or Gin, when under the strength of 50 per centum of pure alcohol	" "	1.20
And an additional duty of 25 cts. per each degree or fraction of a de- gree above 50 per centum		
Spirits: Upon spirits so sweetened or obscured that the degree of strength cannot be ascertained by Trolles Hydrometer, such Liquors, and bit- ters.....	" "	2.00
Wines: Medicinal, Wincarnis.....	" "	1.00
Wines: Beef Wine and Iron.....	" "	1.00
Wines: Saint Raphael.....	" "	1.00
Wearing apparel, ready made Jack- ets, Coats, and Trousers, of what- ever material.....	Advolorum duty	.12
Wines: Kola Ginger, Raspberry wines, Raspberry Syrup, Raspber- ry Vineger, Cider, and all fruit, or other trade wines of low alcoholic strength reputed pints shall be deemed not to exceed 4 gills im- perial reputed qts.....	Per quart	.06
Not to exceed 8 gills imperial reput- ed pts	" pint	.03
Wines: Port Wines Sherry Wines	" Gallon	1.00
Wearing apparel: Costumes, Dresses Blouses, Jackets of every descrip- tion and materials ready made for Women, and Girls.....	Advoloorem duty	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Steel, or Iron bars.....	Per Pound	.02
Starch.....	" "	.06

Section B

EXPORT TARIFF, 1913

Articles	Unit of Weight or Measurement	Rate of Duty
Coffee seed, hulled.....	Per bushel	\$ 1.50
do do, unhulled.....	" "	.50
Coffee Scions.....	" plant	.50
Fibre.....	" pound	.00 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gutta Percha.....	" "	.12
Ivory.....	" "	.10
Palm Kernels.....	" bushel	.02
Palm Oil, Boechina.....	" gallon	.01
do do, Nechina.....	" "	.05
Piassava.....	" pound	.00 $\frac{1}{4}$
Rubber.....	" "	.12

Section C

Free Goods List, 1910

IMPORTS

- Agricultural Implements, not for sale.
Animals, Live.
Bags empty, for shipment of produce.
Boats, with one set of boat oars, and other fittings, not for sale.
Boards and Scantlings for private use.
Books, and Bookcase, for Schools.
Camwood, for export.
Consul's Goods, for office and private use.
Corrugated Iron for private use.
Cotton Samples, of no commercial value.
Desks, for schools.
Diplomatic Officer's Goods, for office and private use.
Dredging and Mining Enterprise Company's Machinery, Tools,
etc., for use of the company.
Farming Utensils, for personal use of farmer importer.
Faulkner's Telephone Materials, etc.
Flagging.
Hoop Iron.
Horticultural Implements, for personal use of importer.
Ice, Fresh Meats, Games, and Fresh Fruits.
Immigrants, Goods.
Liberian Development Company's Materials for futhering
development of Company's Work.
Lye.
Machinery and Mining Tools.
Materials, for school houses, colleges and churches.
Materials, Clothing for free gifts for Missionary purposes.

Monrovia City Goods, and all other City Goods, for improvement.

Musical Instrument, not for sale.

Nets and Seines.

Piassava, Wire and Rope, for exporting same.

Labels for Piassava.

Printed Matter.

Ready made Clothing, for free gifts,

Rivets.

School Books,

Scientific Instruments.

Seeds and Specimens.

Sewing Machines, not for sale.

Wire netting, and Fencing, for personal use.

Shooks.

Texter Hooks.

Thread.

Tools not for sale.

Anneto Seeds, Calabar Beans, Cocoa, Ginger, Mining Products
Vegetable Ivory, Provisions and Supplies for Colleges
and Schools, not for sale.

Passengers' Baggage, consisting of wearing apparel, and
personal effects, such as jewelry, brushes and combs
intended for the personal use of such passengers,
but not spirits wines, liquors, tobacco, provisions,
perfumes and other articles included in the baggage.

Duty shall not be levied however, on any spirits, or per-
fume not exceeding one imperial quart of either, or
on any cigars or cigarettes not exceeding one pound
in weight, that may be found in the baggage of a
passenger.

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

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