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Passed at the First Session which was begun and held at the City of Monrovia, in the County of Montserrado, the Sixth day of December A. D. 1915, and was adjourned without day on Saturday, the fifth day of February, A. D. 1916.

DANIEL EDWARD HOWARD, PRESIDENT;
SAMUEL GEORGE HARMON, VICE-PRESIDENT;
CHARLES BENEDICT DUNBAR, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,
pro tempore.
JOHN GOTTLIEB AUER RICHARDS, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES]

CHAPTER I.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE PLEANH WANH SOCIETY OF KRUTOWN, MONROVIA.

Dec. 22, 1915
(S No. 1)
Private No. 1.

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

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, K. Nimble Pyne, President; Jack Andrew, Vice President; Kor Weah, Secretary; Tomoe Toluji, Assistant Secretary; Japro Nanor, Treasurer; Konteah Norsonah, Mother; Geploh Doedu, Assistant Mother; Ankoon Bomah, Collector; Tegroo Dawyer, Assistant, Collector; Ah Morboo, Nimble Morboo, Narboh Bordie, Juah Tantie, and others as may now or hereafter become members are hereby constituted a body Corporate and Politic by the name of Pleanh Wanh Society of Kru-town, Monrovia, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; and may hold real estate to the value of Five thousand dollars; and may do

Corporate name.

Value of real Estate

held, and corporate powers granted.

any and all acts similarly done by such bodies corporate and politic not inconsistent with the laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22nd,

CHAPTER II.

Dec. 22. 1915
(S No. 2)
Private No. 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE NEW WYE COMPANY OF KRU-TOWN, MONROVIA, MONTSEERRADO COUNTY.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Jack Freeman, Manager, Cobah Pennor Queen; May Wreh Warto, Second Queen; Sinoe, Chief Officer; Ginger, Judge; Whiskey, Chief Engineer; Moses, Mess Room Steward; Try Best, Fourth Engineer; Sea Boe Dock, Captain; Lewis Teah, Chief Steward; Tenur Seekey, Doctor; Yancee Wreh, Police; William Johnson, Captain; Markon, Female, Captain; Nawnwin, Second Steward; Saw Frau, Second Engineer; Tom Peter, Second Manager; Seneca Lawyer; D. C. Huntington, Clerk, and all Officers who may be elected from time to time, together with all persons who may become members of said Company are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style "New Wye Company of Monrovia" and may by that name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of competent jurisdiction in the Republic, may also own real estate to the value of Four thousand dollars and make Bye-Laws and Regulations not incompatible with the laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22nd, 1915.

Corporate name and style.

Value of real Estate held.
May make bye-laws and regulations.

CHAPTER III.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING DAVID B. PEAL OF THE SETTLEMENT OF MILLSBURG, MONTSEERRADO COUNTY, THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE ST. PAUL RIVER FROM A POINT AT MILLSBURG TO AN OPPOSITE POINT AT WHITE PLAINS AND FROM THE LATTER PLACE TO THE FORMER.

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

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, David B. Peal, and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with him, their heirs and assigns be, and they are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Peal Ferry Boat Company Limited,

Dec. 22. 1915
(S No. 3)
(Private No. 3)

Peal Ferry boat Company Ltd.
Corporate name.

That the Peal Ferry Boat Company, Limited, shall have the right to maintain and run a ferry across the St. Paul River at points more fully set forth in the preamble of this Joint Resolution, for the period of ten years with a privilege of another ten years. To sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be capable of holding real and personal estate to the amount of (\$2,500.00) Two thousand five hundred dollars.

Right to run Ferry across St. Paul River for ten years with privilege of another.

Value of real and personal estate held.

That said Company shall have the right to construct a wharf or wharves for the facility of its ferry landing and to do all other things done by similar bodies corporate.

Company's rights.

All transportation across said river at the above points by the Peal Ferry Boat Company, Limited, for Government purposes, shall be given preference and shall be free of charge.

Gov't to use boat free of charge

The maximum charge for each person crossing shall be five cents-

Charge not to exceed 5 cents.

Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be construed as to prevent other persons from crossing in their own canoes and boats. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons may use own canoes and boats.

CHAPTER IV.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE AFRO-LIBERIAN UNION ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

Dec. 22, 1915.
(S. No. 4)
Private No. 4.

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

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution; Samuel H. Merriann, President; Robert W. Wilson, Vice President; Timothy N. Savage, General Secretary; Henry H. Merriann, Recording Secretary; John P. Harris, Financial Secretary; Jerome N. Seton, Secretary Emergency; Jane W. Valentine, Treasurer; Samuel K. Scott, Chaplain; George G. Wood, Marshall; Alonzo P. Clarke, Guard; Nathaniel P. Speare, Organist; Jeremiah D. Scott, Patron; Virginia W. Scott, Matron; all of the City of Harper, Maryland County, and such others as may from time to time become members of said Society, be, and are hereby declared a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the "Afro-Liberian Union Association" of Harper City, Maryland County, and shall be capable in law to enjoy all the rights and privileges of such other bodies corporate.

Corporate name, and style

That the said corporation may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal property to the value of Five thousand dollars, (\$5,000.00)

Value of property held.

and shall do all other acts and things done in and by similar corporate bodies not inconsistent with the laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22nd, 1915.

CHAPTER V.

AN ACT AMENDING AN "ACT AMENDING AND ENLARGING THE CHARTER OF THE EXCELSIOR MINING COMPANY, LTD., OF MARYLAND COUNTY," APPROVED JANUARY 19th, 1914.

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

Act Jan. 19, 1914
Amended.

Gauge of rails may
be enlarged.

Private owners of un-
improved land to be
compensated. with
land.

Right of way not
to exceed 250 feet

Private owners of
improved lands to be
compensated.

Value determined by
condemnation proceed-
ings, or by private
agreement.

Branch Lines.

Company has exclu-
sive right. Supplies
facilities to meet
reasonable require-
ment of traffic

Gov't. prohibited to
make further grants,
exceptions.

That clause "A" in Sec. 1 of the aforementioned Act, be and the same is hereby amended as follows: That the gauge of said railroad shall be three feet six inches, reserving power to the Excelsior Mining Company and its assigns to alter the said line to the standard gauge of four feet eight and one half inches at any time should the traffic on said line so warrant.

That clause "C" in Sec. 1. be and the same is hereby amended as follows: That is to say, that where such privately owned lands through which it may become necessary for the said railroad to run as mentioned in said clause "C" shall be unimproved lands, then and in that case the Government shall grant the owner or owners of all such lands, other land in lieu of so much as may be taken up as a right of way, which in no case shall exceed two hundred and fifty feet in width along the route thereof. Compensation for all privately owned improved lands through which it may become necessary for the Company to pass in the exercise of its right of way, not exceeding two hundred and fifty feet in width along the route, shall be paid for by the Company or its assigns, and may be determined by condemnation proceedings in the Circuit Court of the County in which the land is situated, provided the parties do not agree out of Court.

That the Excelsior Mining Company and its assigns shall have the right to build such branch of railroad line or lines in connection with its main trunk lines as it may deem necessary for the proper handling of the traffic and development of the resources of the County of Maryland; and that so long as the said Company and its assigns shall provide adequate railway facilities to meet the reasonable requirements of said County in the matter of transportation the Government will not grant to any individual or company any right to construct and operate railroads within the territorial limits of said County: provided that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to effect the franchises already granted to other companies in Maryland County.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4th, 1916.

CHAPTER VI.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE NATIONAL COMPANY OF KRU-TOWN, MONROVIA.

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Re-

Dec. 22, 1915
(S. No. 6.)
Private No. 6

public of Liberia in Legislature assembled:

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Geo. Tarpeh, President; Saccho Blamor, Vice-President; Florbhey, Secretary; Munoh, Treasurer; Geteh Wuloh, Doctor; Jack Andrew, Judge; and other officers who may be elected from time to time, together with all persons who are, or hereafter may become members, be, and are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the National Company of Krutown, Monrovia, 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 five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), and may make Bye-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 intention of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22nd, 1915.

Corporate name and style.

Property held, Value of.

CHAPTER VII.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE "UNION CASTLE COMPANY" OF KRUTOWN, MONROVIA.

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

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Jonah Davis Manager; T. Borrow, Asst; F. C. Grant Captain; J. A. Manning General Doctor; C. B. M. Williams, Purser; Yankor Monah, Treasurer; Peter Davis, Judge; Wulor Teh, Mistress, 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 Castle Company" of Krutown, Monrovia, 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 five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), may make bye-laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution of Liberia, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intention of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22nd, 1915,

Dec. 22, 1915.

(S. 7) 1

Private No. 7. 1

Corporate name and style.

Property held, Value of.

CHAPTER VIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE SOLDIER COMPANY No. 1. OF KRUTOWN, MONROVIA.

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

Dec. 22, 1915..

(S. 8)

Private No. 8. 1

Corporate name and style.

Property held, value of.

That the following named persons, Worroh Jaroy, Manager; G. F. Sharpe, Asst. Manager, Gbee Teahpleh, Queen, Gbee Tebah, Asst. Queen Munch Tarpeh, Secretary; War Chen Callah, Judge; Tah Yannah Beah, Purser; Yannah Ta Yankoon, Treasurer; Kpench Toe Surely, Doctor; citizens of Krutown, Monrovia, and such other persons as may be associated with them, are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Soldier Company No. 1 of Krutown Monrovia, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and impleaded, in any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall hold real and personal estate to the value of five thousand dollars. (\$5,000.00), and to do any act not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the Republic, in common with other bodies, for the purpose of carrying into effect the intentions of this organization

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22nd, 1915.

CHAPTER IX

AN ACT AMENDING THE ACT INCORPORATING THE CAROLINE DONOVAN NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

Jan. 4 1916.

(S. 9)

(Public No. 1)

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

Board of Trustees of the Caroline Donovan Institute to administer funds thereof.

Balance to be paid over annually by the American Colonization Society in the U. S. A. for Institute, R. L.

Funds, where deposited.

Funds deposited under signature of authorized agent; and cheques and drafts signed by Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

That section 5 of the said Act be so amended as to read as follows: "The Board of Trustees of the said Institute shall be the administrators of the funds heretofore paid over by the American Colonization Society of the United States of America, Trustee under the deed from Caroline Donovan, late of the State of Maryland, in the United States of America, and of such further fund as may be paid over by said Trustee from annual balances or accumulations of accruing interest from said Donovan Estate for Education in the Republic of Liberia. That said balances or accumulations be paid over annually by the American Colonization Society to the authorized Financial Agent in the United States for the Caroline Donovan Normal and Industrial Institute, Republic of Liberia. That the said funds shall be deposited in the American Security and Trust Company, Washington, D. C. in the United States of America, the same to be deposited in the name of the Caroline Donovan Normal and Industrial Institute, Republic of Liberia, under the signature of an authorized agent, and all checks or drafts upon said fund shall be signed by the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees and countersigned by the Secretary of Public Instruction, Republic of Liberia, under the corporate seal of the Institute."

That the following words be added to Section 11 of the said Act: "The said Institute is hereby made a part of the public school system of the Republic of Liberia."

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4th, 1916.

CHAPTER X.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUING OF LAWYERS LICENSES.

Jan. 15, 1916
(S. No. 11)
(Public No. 2.)

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Lawyers Licenses shall be issued only by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts in this Republic, who shall receive a fee of fifty cents for the issuing of same; and said Licenses must be approved by the Judges of the said Courts, and duly registered before they can be considered as valid.

Lawyer's licenses issued by Clerks of Circuit Courts.

Judges to approve.

It is further enacted that all laws or parts of law conflicting with the provisions of section one of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Repealing.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15, 1916.

CHAPTER XI.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING A JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE BAPTIST INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY OF FORTSVILLE, GRAND BASSA COUNTY, APPROVED OCTOBER 20th, 1914.

Jan. 19 1916
(S. No. 13)
(Private, No. 9.)

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

That on the second line after the name of Rev. G. L. Gordon, insert "Rev. Jas. Kelly and Dr. L. J. Campbell," and before the name of Rev. S. A. Liberty, insert Rev. A. C. Reeves.

Amendment to Resolution, approved October 20 1914.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1916.

CHAPTER XII.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIRING OF THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE IN UPPER BUCHANAN, GRAND BASSA COUNTY, AND JAIL HOUSES IN GRENVILLE, SINOE AND MARYLAND COUNTIES.

Jan. 19th 1916
(S. No. 14)
Public No. 3.

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

That after the passage of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury, shall enter into a contract, with some responsible person, (a Carpenter), or through the Superintendents of said Counties for the repairs of the Government houses in Upper Buchanan, Grand Bassa, and the Jail houses in Greenville Sinoe, and Maryland

Secretary of Treasury to repair Government houses.

Counties, which are now in a dilapidated state; said contractor shall render a report in detail to the Secretary of the Treasury when the said work is completed.

Amounts appropriated for repairs.

It is further enacted that the sum of five hundred dollars, (\$500.00) for Upper Buchanan Grand Bassa County, and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) each, for Sinoe and Maryland Counties, be and are hereby appropriated to carry into effect the provision of this Act. And the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to draw for same out of the Internal Revenue of the Republic, under warrant of the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1916.

CHAPTER XIII.

January 26 1916.
(S. 15.)
(Public No. 4)

AN ACT FIXING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE NEUTRALITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Declaration of neutrality.

Violation of.

Penalty.

That during the course of any war between States friendly to this Republic, in which the Government of Liberia shall have proclaimed its Neutrality- any person or persons, Firm, Company or Corporation, who shall commit or cause to be committed within the Republic, any act which by the law of Nations the Common Law, or Statute of Liberia may be construed as a breach of, and an offence against Neutrality, or which would subject the Republic to reprisals according to the rule of war, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon trial and conviction therefor, before any court of competent jurisdiction shall be imprisoned in the Common Jail for a period not exceeding two years, or pay a fine not exceeding five thousand (5000.00) dollars according to the magnitude of the offence which shall be determined by the trial Judge in his discretion.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1916.

CHAPTER XIV.

January 19, 1916.
(S. 16)
(Public No. 5.)

AN ACT FIXING THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Preamble

Whereas it often becomes necessary during the recess of the Legislature, and in an emergency, for the President to issue a Proclamation touching conditions suddenly arising, under which the safety of the State requires prompt action by the Executive, Therefore,

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

That from and after the passage of this Act, whenever the President, in the interest of the State and in keeping with the law, shall issue a Proclamation, commanding or forbidding the commission of any act, in the interest of the public weal, any violation of such proclamation by any person or persons, shall be deemed a misdemeanor; and upon information of the Attorney General or County Attorney, summary proceedings shall be had thereon before any of the Circuit Courts of this Republic, and the fact being proven, the violators of such Proclamation shall be fined in a sum not less than twenty five dollars, (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) according to the gravity of the offence, which is to be determined in the discretion of the Courts; provided, however, that should the Proclamation be based upon any Statute otherwise penalized, the provision of said Statute shall take precedence. It is expressly understood that this Act does not prevent persons, called upon by the President's Proclamation to observe Thanksgiving and Fast days, from exercising their natural and inalienable rights in regard to public worship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1916.

Violation of Pres.
Proclamation misde-
meanor.

Penalty.

Gravity of offence de-
termined in discretion
of the Courts.

Proviso.

CHAPTER XV.

AN ACT FORBIDDING THE CIRCULATION AND SPREADING OF FALSE NEWS AND RUMORS, WHEREBY THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA MAY BE DISTURBED, AND FIXING PENALTY FOR SAME.

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

That from and after the passage of this Act, any person or persons who shall make, spread or circulate any false news or rumors, by any means whatsoever, whereby discord may grow between the Republic of Liberia and any foreign Government or Governments, shall upon summary investigation and proof of same, before any Circuit Court of this Republic be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in the sum not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or be imprisoned for a period not exceeding two years, according to the gravity of the offence which shall be determined by the trial Judge.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1916.

January 25, 1916
(S. No. 18)
Public. No. 6

Spreading false
news.

Circuit Court
to investigate.

Penalty.

CHAPTER XVI.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, A. D. 1916.

Jan. 25th 1916.
(S. No. 20)
Public. No. 7

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

Appropriation to defray Inauguration expenses of 1916.

That the sum of one thousand, one hundred and forty nine dollars, twenty cents, (\$1,149.20) be and is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Inauguration of the President and Vice-President of the Republic of Liberia held on the first Monday in January in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen. (A. D. 1916).

Any law the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1916.

CHAPTER XVII.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE MARY A. SHARP MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF KRUTOWN, MONROVIA, MONTERRADO COUNTY.

Jan. 26. 1916.
(Senate 21)
Private No. 10

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

Corporate style.

That Tom Green, Bill Williams, George F. Sharpe, S. B. Smith, Tea Cup Cooper, W. E. Dennis, T. J. R. Faulkner, J. B. McCritty, and D. E. Howard, all Trustees, and their successors in office, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Trustees of the Mary A. Sharpe Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic.

Amount of real property held.

That the said Corporation is hereby granted the privilege to hold and possess property real and personal to the value of \$25,000.00 that may now or shall hereafter be acquired by purchase, devise or otherwise, with full power to sell and convey same.

May make by-laws and regulations.

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 usually done by similar bodies politic, provided such by-laws and regulations be not repugnant to the laws and constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1916.

CHAPTER XVIII

AN ACT EXTENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1915, TO COVER THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30TH 1917.

January 26 1916.
(Senate No. 22)
Public No. 8.

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

That such of the Budgetary Appropriations for the Fiscal period ending December 31st 1915, as are of a permanent nature, except fixed charges which have already been met, be and the same are hereby extended to cover the period ending June 30th 1917, and shall during such period be binding upon the Secretary of the Treasury and all accounting and disbursing officials of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 26, 1916.

Budget 1915 extended,

Binding upon Secretary Treasury et al.

CHAPTER XIX

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING D. D. FREEMAN OF MONROVIA, MONTSERRADO COUNTY TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, David D. Freeman of Monrovia, Montserrado County, be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship, and is hereby authorized to do every act in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 26, 1916.

January 26, 1916
(S. No. 28)
Private No. 11.

Restoring David D. Freeman, to citizenship.

CHAPTER XX

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF THE CALLELECTION IN SINOE COUNTY, AND THE QUADRENNIAL ELECTION IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES. MARCH AND MAY A. D. 1915.

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

That from and after the passage of this Act, The Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized under order of the President of the Republic of Liberia to pay the actual expense of the Call and Quadrennial Elections held in March A. D. 1915, and May 1915, out of the Internal Revenue in each County, respectively.

This Act shall take effect immediately

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved Jan. 26, 1916.

January 26, 1916.
(S. No. 25.)
Public No. 9,

The Secretary Treas. to pay expenses of elections

Internal Revenue fund of each County.

CHAPTER XXI

January 29 1916.
(S. No. 27)
Public No. 10

AN ACT AUGMENTING THE SALARY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

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

Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Salary augmented.

That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the salary of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall be augmented by the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per annum, which said two hundred dollars shall be paid out of the Internal Revenue of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1916.

CHAPTER XXII

January 29, 1916.
(S. No. 28)
Public No. 19

AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY TO PAY THE MILEAGE BILLS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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

Secretary Treasury to give statement of claims in lieu of legislative mileage bills.

That from and after the passage of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized and requested to issue and give Statements of Claims in favor of the Vice President and members of the Legislature for their mileage bills in the hands of the Committee on Ways and Means, for the session of September 1914 and 1915-16; and hereafter for all subsequent Legislative bills out of the Internal Revenue, or any other Revenue, or to issue further Statements of Claims in lieu thereof, according to existing laws governing Legislative mileage.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1916.

CHAPTER XXIII

February 1 1916.
(S. No. 29)
Public No. 20

AN ACT FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT, SHERIFFS AND CLERKS OF COURTS

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

Laws fixing fees of Sheriffs, Marshal of Supreme Court and Clerks of Courts from Government repealed

That all laws or parts of laws fixing the fees which the Sheriffs, Marshal of the Supreme Court and Clerks of Courts, shall receive from the Government, be, and the same are hereby repealed in so far as they conflict with special provisions of this Act.

"KRUTOWN" means the Town so called, situated on the beach, lying below Cape Messurado, within the limits of the City of Monrovia.

"OWNER OR OCCUPIER" means any person in the possession of any assessable real estate or chattel real, by himself or his tenants.

"RESIDENT OF NOMINATING DISTRICT" means any person who being otherwise qualified is also a member of a tribe having the right of nominating a Councillor.

Corporate name.

Krutown is hereby declared to be a Municipal Corporation, and the inhabitants thereof a body Corporate bearing the Corporate name of the Governor and Council of Krutown, Monrovia, with perpetual succession; subject to such regulations respecting appointment of the Governor as are hereafter provided.

Boundaries.

Krutown shall comprise the district lying within the rectangular area formed by the North Westerly prolongation of Water Street, North Westerly from a point where it intersects Mechlin Street on the South East and the Ocean and Messurado River, on the North West.

Nominating districts.

Krutown shall be divided into six Nominating Districts according with the number of principal tribes living within the limits of the Corporation, viz :

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| 1. Kru | 4. Ka-u |
| 2. Jiwroh | 5. Bassa |
| 3. G'bata | 6. Grebo. |

Resident of nominating districts

(1.)

A person shall not be deemed a resident of a Nominating District, unless he be enrolled as such.

Qualification for enrolment

(2.)

A person shall not be entitled to be enrolled as a resident of a nominating district unless he is qualified as follows:

- (a) is of full age,
- (b) is on the first day of February in any year and has been during the whole of the past preceeding six months the owner or occupier (jointly or severally) of any building in Krutown,
- (c) has paid his taxes, both Corporate and National, for the year last past.

Who disqualified

(3)

Every person so qualified shall be entitled to be enrolled as a resident of a nominating district unless such person

- (a) Be a female,
- (b) Be an alien,
- (c) Be disqualified under the provision of the Act

Governor and Council exercise powers of Corporation.

Composition of

Governor, appointment and tenure

(1) The Corporation shall be capable of acting by a Council, styled, "The Governor and Council of Krutown, Monrovia," and the said Council shall exercise all the powers vested in the Corporation by this Act or by any subsequent enactment.

(2) The Council shall consist of a Governor and six Councillors. The Governor shall be appointed by, and shall hold office during the pleasure of the President

The Governor shall supervise the Corporate Administration, in all its phases, and

(2) He shall have the powers of a Justice of the Peace as defined in the Code for the Justice of the Peace (1907) with the following enlargement of these powers:

(a) He may try matrimonial cases arising under the customary laws of the Krus, between residents of Krutown or between residents and strangers.

(b) Where the settlement should be determined by Native Customary Law, he may settle intestate estate, and shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Probate Court when the decedent was a resident of Krutown and was possessed of no real estate. A report of such settlements shall however be made monthly to the Probate Court where it shall be recorded in the permanent archives.

The Governor is invested with the following powers:

(a) He may appoint one clerk to the Governor and Council, and four Municipal Policemen.

(b) All judgments given by him are enforceable by execution and commitment issued under his hand.

All disputes between tribes resident within the Corporation shall be settled by the Governor, subject to final appeal to the Secretary of the Interior. All appeals from his judgment as a Justice of the Peace, shall be to the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, and may be heard summarily.

Fees to be paid to the Governor in matrimonial causes shall in no case exceed \$12.00.

The Governor shall receive annually a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury quarterly.

There shall be an advisory Council consisting of six men, one from each nominative district. Each councilman shall be a resident of the nominating district for which he is appointed, and shall be selected by the group which he represents. Such election is however subject to the veto of the Governor.

The Council is merely an advisory body and shall assist the Governor, with their advice in all matters relating to the proper administration of the Corporation; provided however, that in matters of taxation and of votes for expenditure, the Governor shall be subject to the vote of the majority of the Council.

(1) The Governor and Council, shall have the power of levying taxes for the following purposes:

- (a) Sanitation
- (b) Water supply
- (c) Poor relief.

(2) Taxes for sanitation and water supply shall be assessed *per capita* in such a manner as to produce the sum estimated to be expended in any one year.

(a) Taxes for poor relief, shall not exceed one shilling *per capita* each year

(3) All moneys collected from taxes shall be deposited in some reliable bank in the name the Governor and Council of Krutown, Monrovia, and shall only be drawn therefrom by Governor for the time being, upon a vote of the Council.

Power of Governor

Justice of the Peace.

Matrimonial cases.

Intestate estates.

Reports to Probate Court.

Power of appointment.

Issue and enforce execution and commitment.

Tribal disputes.

Appeal to Secretary of Interior.

Appeal to Circuit Court.

Governor's fees in matrimonial cases.

Governor's salary.

Advisory Council.

Qualification and selection.

Council merely advisory.

Taxation contracted by majority of council.

Taxes to be levied.

Sanitation tax, how assessed.

Poor tax, how assessed

Deposit of funds.

Withdrawal of funds.

Governor reports to
Bureau of Internal
Revenue

Headmen for Ship
recommended by
Governor.

Headman proceeding
without Governor's
recommendation.

(4) The Governor shall render to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, a detailed semi-annual report of all amounts collected and disbursed by the Corporation; showing on what accounts and in what sums under each account.

All Headmen to be supplied on ship boards shall be procured only upon the recommendation of the Governor together with that of the shore Headmen of the various Steamship Lines and not otherwise. Should any Headman proceed to take or carry a ship without the recommendation of the Governor, said Headman may be arrested and brought before the Governor and summarily fined in a sum not exceeding \$24.00; provided however, that the Governor shall, as far as possible, make said recommendation with regard to an equal distribution among the several tribes living in Krutown.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29th, 1916.

CHAPTER XAV.

Dec. 22, 1915
(H. R. No. 1)
Private No. 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING ANDREW J. WEATHERS OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

Restoring to citizen-
ship Andrew J.
Weathers.

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution Andrew J. Weathers of Montserrado County be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship in common with all other citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22, 1915.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Dec. 22, 1915
(H. R. No. 2)
Private No. 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE EUREKA LODGE I. O. G. T. ROBERTSPORT, MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

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

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution,

G. N. Emmons, Lodge Deputy;
R. W. Gordon, Chief Templar;
W. A. Williams, Vice Templar;
J. B. Stryker, Secretary;
L. J. Baker, Financial Secretary;
Peter Russell, Treasurer;
W. S. Hoff, Chaplain;
J. A. H. Jones, Supt. of Juvenile Temple;
A. J. Dimery, Past Chief Templar;

Ralph Perry, Assistant Secretary;
 Lemuel Russell, Marshall;
 J. W. O. Garber, D. Marshal
 J. R. McKeiver, Guard
 J. H. Lewis, Sentinel

with all other persons who may become members of said Eureka Lodge, I. O. G. T. of Robertsport are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the above name, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and also to own real estate to the value of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) and may make by-laws and regulations, provided such by-laws and regulations, are not repugnant to the laws and Constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22, 1915.

Corporate, style.

Value of real estate held

CHAPTER XXVII.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE CENTRAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, BREWERVILLE, MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

Dec. 22, 1915.

(H. R. 3.)

Private No. 3.

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

That William M. Coleman, Pastor; L. C. Crooksy, Alex. Moore, W. H. Davis, William Cheeseman, John A. Coleman, W. H. Forfey and Shederich Williams, Deacons Board of the Central Free Will Baptist Church of Brewerville, Montserrado County, together with all others and their successors in office, are hereby declared a body politic with perpetual succession, by the name of the Central Free Will Baptist Church, with power to hold, own and enjoy real and personal estate to the value of five thousand dollars, that may be acquired by purchase, gift, or otherwise.

Corporate name.

Value of real estate held.

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 of doing all other things done by similar bodies corporate and politic, consistent with the rules and worship of the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Liberia; provided such rules, by-laws and regulations be not repugnant to the laws and Constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Corporate powers.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22, 1915.

CHAPTER XXVIII

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE NO 1 BRASS BAND OF THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Passed by Limitation
 (H. R. 4.)

Private No. 4.

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

That from and immediately after the the passage of this Joint Resolution Aaron P. Page, President; E. Francis Marshall, Band Master; Josiah White, Assistant Band Master; T. W. Marshall, Amos L. Williams, Thos. Smith, Samuel Mathis, H. Augustus Marshall, Thos. J. White, Henry King, Eddie White, Andrew Sanders, Jacob White, Paul Page, Andrew White and C. J. White, all of the City of Marshall Republic of Liberia, shall be capable in law, to receive, hold and enjoy real and personal property to the amount of Two Thousand Dollars for the use and benefit of the Band; and shall have perpetual succession of officers and, under the name and style aforesaid, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of law having competent jurisdiction.

And be it further resolved that the number 1. Marshall Brass Band of the Territory of Marshall, Republic of Liberia, is hereby vested with full power and authority to make, and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for their government as they may deem expedient, provided such by-laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER XXIX.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE SAINT PHILIP'S PARISH OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL MISSION OF FORTSVILLE GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

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

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, William Alex Greenfield, Rector; Alexander A. Pierre, Senior Warden; James C. Rutlege, Junior Warden; Thomas L. Morris, E. J. Snyder, C. E. Vierdier, Vestrymen; Samuel P. Hodges, Secretary and their successors in office, are hereby declared and constituted a body politic with perpetual succession under the name and style of the "Saint Philip's Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Mission of Fortsville" Grand Bassa County; with the right of choosing their officers as they may need; with 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 twenty thousand dollars with the power and authority to make and establish such laws and regulations for their own government and to do all acts and things used to be done by similar bodies politic consistent with the laws and Constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Value of property held

Corporate power.

Corporate name.

Rules etc.

Passed by limitation
(H. R. No. 5.)
Private No. 5.

Corporate name.

Value of real estate held,

Laws and regulation.

CHAPTER XXX.

AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS SEDITIOUS AND
FIXING THE PUNISHMENT OF SAME.Jan. 18 1916
(H. R. No. 6)
Public No. 1.

Preamble

WHEREAS the frequent uprising of the native tribes living within this Republic have been traceable to the evil influence of certain tribes-men who have adopted civilization and assumed among them the status of guides and leaders; and

WHEREAS while sustaining allegiance to the Government and enjoying the full benefits of citizenship such evil disposed persons have at the same time sowed among their respective tribes the seed of political discontent and unrest and counseled revolt against the Government, and the adoption of some foreign Government; and,

WHEREAS the resultant efforts of such pernicious actions have produced, in the past, great destruction of life and property, the interruption of trade, the disturbance of peace and the obstruction to that friendly understanding and internal harmony promotive of National unity and concord; and,

WHEREAS it becomes the duty of the Government to stamp out such evil influence by the enactment of stringent laws;

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

That it is hereby declared Sedition for any citizen of Liberia Aboriginal or Americo-Liberian, to speak or write about the Government of Liberia to any tribe or tribes, or to any of the Chiefs thereof, any word or phrase importing unfairness in the treatment of the Government towards native tribes, or who shall create or seek to create among any such tribes, hatred towards the Government; or who shall counsel or encourage any such tribe to renounce their allegiance to the Government of Liberia; or shall write or cause to be written any communication to a foreign state or to any official thereof proposing either the dismemberment of the Republic, or presenting any matter of complaint against the Government properly the subject for domestic enquiry and adjustment; or who shall do any act calculated to cause discontent among any tribe and incite revolt. Any person who shall be found guilty of committing any of the above mentioned offences shall be prosecuted upon Indictment for Sedition; and if convicted, shall be fined in the sum of two thousand dollars and be imprisoned for a term of five years, together with confiscation of property, real or personal to the Republic.

Sedition.
defined.

Prosecution.

Penalty.

In case the person so offending shall escape the jurisdiction of the courts and shall remain outside of the Republic for the space of six months to evade the law, it shall be lawful for the court before whom such Indictment is pending, having previously caused the

Personal Law

clerk to publish such Indictment in at least one local news-paper for the space of three months to declare the property of such persons which he may own in this Republic confiscated.

Illicit intercourse
with towns or tribes
in revolt seditious.

Penalty.

It is further enacted that it shall be unlawful for any Liberian whether civilized or uncivilized, residing within any of the cities or townships of this Republic to have illicit intercourse with any native town or tribe or with an inhabitant thereof in revolt against the Government of the Republic, or to give succor, relief or assistance, or to aid in anywise any such tribe or inhabitant. Any person or persons thus offending, shall be deemed to, have committed Sedition within the meaning of this Act; and upon prosecution and conviction before the proper tribunal, shall be fined a sum within the discretion of the court not exceeding five hundred dollars and be imprisoned for a period not exceeding one year according to the magnitude of the offence.

How aliens may come
into sedition

Penalty.

It is further enacted that it shall be unlawful for any alien residing in the Republic or, who may come within its jurisdiction on any foreign ship, to make use of any words or phrase calculated to alienate any native tribe from the Government of Liberia, or, who shall counsel or encourage any native tribe to revolt, or to resist the laws of this Republic; and any alien so offending shall be guilty of committing Sedition within the meaning of this Act and upon conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction of this Republic shall be fined in a sum from two to five thousand dollars. And the President shall by a Proclamation or otherwise, cause any such alien to be deported from this country as a person undesirable in this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 18, 1916.

CHAPTER XXXI.

Jan. 15 1916
(H. R. 7) en
Private No 6. 101

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING J. N. WRIGHT AND COMPANY OF THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL MONT-SERRADO COUNTY THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE JUNK RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE JUNK BAR IN THE TERRITORY, COUNTY AND REPUBLIC AFORE-
SAID

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

Corporate name

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution J. N. Wright and Company and such other persons as may hereinafter be associated with them, their heirs and assigns are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of J. N. Wright and Company, of the Territory of Marshall, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia.

It is further resolved that the said J. N. Wright and Company

shall have the right to run a ferry across the Junk River, near the Junk Bar for a term of ten years; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be capable of holding real and personal property to the amount of One thousand dollars.

It is further resolved that the said Company shall have the privilege of doing all other things done by similar bodies corporate.

It is further resolved that all transportation across the said Junk River near the Junk Bar in said ferry by the said Company for Government purpose shall be free of charge.

It is further resolved that the maximum charge for each person either way shall be twelve cents.

It is further resolved that nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed, as to prevent persons crossing in their private boats or canoes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 15, 1916.

CHAPTER XXXII

AN ACT FORBIDING THE SALE, OR IMPROPER USE OF GOVERNMENT ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

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

That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any Commissary of the Republic, or any person or persons, to unlawfully take from any of the arsenals of the Republic, or from any other place where Government arms are kept, any ammunition or arms, either for his, or their personal use, or to sell or give away any such ammunition of war; or for any person or persons who may be entrusted with any Government arms or ammunition for use of Government, to take, use or sell any such ammunition in a manner not contemplated by the Government, whether such giving, taking, using, selling or other, improper use be done in time of war.

Any person found guilty of the violation of the foregoing prohibitions, shall be deemed guilty of high Misdemeanor, and upon indictment, trial and conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined in a sum of not less than One hundred, nor more than Five hundred dollars; and be imprisoned in the common jail for a period of not less than one year nor more than two years.

Any person or persons convicted under this Act, shall be required to pay the fine herein imposed, immediately; or, remain in prison for an additional period sufficiently long to liquidate the amount, at the rate of six dollars per month.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1916.

Value of property held

Corporate powers

Gov't to use ferry free of charge

Maximum charge

Other persons may use their own boats and canoes in crossing

Jan. 19, 1916
(H. R. 8)

Public No. 2

Commissary etc. unlawful taking of arms and ammunitions from the arsenals

Unlawful sale or use of arms etc.

Penalty.

No time allowed for payment of fine.

Inprisonment lengthened to cover fine.
Rate.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

Jan. 19, 1916.
(H. R. No. 9.)
Private No. 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE MORRIS MEMORIAL LODGE NO 133, UNITED BROTHERS OF FRIENDSHIP OF BENSONVILLE, MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, James D. Brent, Worthy Master; Samuel N. Smith, D. M.; J. T. Hampton, W. S.; James A. Parker, W. A. S.; Sandy F. Horace, W. F.; Fredk. A. Padmore, E. S. Moore, Henry Ammons, Trustees; E. S.; Moore, Chaplain; and such others as may become connected with them and their successors in office, are hereby declared and constituted a body corporate and politic under the name and style of Morris Memorial Lodge No. 133, of the United Brothers of Friendship of Bensonville, Montserrado County with the power to hold and possess real and personal property that may or hereafter be acquired by purchase or gift to the value of Two thousand five hundred dollars with power to sell and convey the same subject to the provisions of this Joint Resolution.

Corporate name and style.

Value of real and personal property held.

Real and personal property, power to sell and convey same

Corporation may sue and be sued.

May make Rules and Regulations.

Corporate powers. Rules and Regulations shall not conflict with Constitution and Laws of the Republic.

The said Lodge hereby incorporated is granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and to be impleaded before any court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and to make and establish such regulations and laws for their government as they may deem necessary, and to do all other acts and things usually done by similar bodies corporate and politic, provided such laws and regulations are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1916.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

Jan. 19, 1916.
(H. R. No. 10.)
Private No. 7.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING BISHOP S. D. FERGUSON, MISSIONARY BISHOP OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL MISSION IN LIBERIA, SIX ACRES OF LAND IN THE TERRITORY OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT, IN THE CITY OF ROBERTSPORT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING ON A GIRL'S BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL AND FOR OTHER INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

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, six (6) acres of public land in the Territory of Grand Cape Mount and City of Robertsport, be and is hereby granted to Bishop S. D. Ferguson, Missionary Bishop of Liberia, to carry on a Girl's Boarding and Day School and for other Industrial purposes.

Land granted to carry on Girl's School

It is further resolved, that all of that parcel of land now used by the Missionaries in the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, City of Robertsport, in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Mission, carrying on a Girl's Boarding and Day School, be and is hereby granted to Bishop S. D. Ferguson, for the purpose above mentioned.

Land at present used is granted to Bp. Ferguson for Missionary purposes.

And that the President of the Republic of Liberia be and is hereby authorized and directed to grant a deed for the six (6) acres of land, including that which is already being used by the aforesaid Mission, in the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, City of Robertsport, to S. D. Ferguson for Missionary purpose out of any public land in the Territory and City aforesaid, not otherwise appropriated.

President shall grant deed for said land

That the said Bishop S. D. Ferguson, for and on behalf of the Mission and purpose heretofore mentioned, and his successors shall possess and hold the aforementioned six (6) acres of land so long as the said land is used for the purpose herein specified.

Land held how long, and by whom.

When the land ceases to be so used, its title shall revert to the Republic of Liberia.

Land to revert to R. L. when operation shall cease.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19, 1916.

CHAPTER XXXV.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY TO PAY OFF THE OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE THE REMAINDER OF THEIR SALARIES WHICH MAY BE DUE THEM AT THE END OF EACH AND EVERY SESSION.

Jan. 25, 1916.

(H. R. 11.)

Public No. 3.

Remainder of salaries to officers of National Legislature authorized to be paid at end of each session.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby authorized to pay the officers of the National Legislature of the Republic of Liberia the residue of their salaries, respectively, which may then be due them, at the end of each regular session out of appropriation made and provided for that purpose.

Officers of National Legislature residue when payable.

That no part of this Act shall be so construed as to mean that these officer's salaries are exempted from retrenchment as other employees of the Government.

Salaries not exempt from retrenchment.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1916.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED SEAMEN OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Jan. 29, 1916.

(H. R. 12.)

Public No. 4.

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

Pension of seaman.

Length of service
entitling to.

That all persons, citizens of the Republic, employed on any Gun-boat or any other Seagoing Craft of the Republic and who have served for a period of at least twenty five consecutive years from the date of his enlistment or employment shall, upon his honourable discharge from the service be entitled to receive an annual pension in accord with the scale herein-after prescribed

Injuries while in
service.

That all persons, citizen of the Republic, employed on any Gun-boat or other Seagoing Craft of the Republic, who while in such employment and as a result, from injuries received therein while discharging his duty or any order given him, shall suffer any physical injury which disables and renders him unfit for continuance in such service shall be entitled to receive an annual pension in accord with the scale hereinafter prescribed.

Scale of pension.

The follwing shall constitute the scale on which such pensions shall be apportioned;

Captain and other
Officers.

(a) Officers from the rank of Captain and not below the rank of second officer per annum.....\$ 100.00

Officers below second
officer.

(b) Officers below the rank of second officer,
per annum....." 75.00

A. B. Seamen. and
Fireman et. al.

(c) Able bodied seamen per annum....." 60.00
(d) Firemen and other hands, per annum....." 40.00

War Department
Register to be kept.

That the War and Navy Department shall keep a register of enlisted men in the service, their age, date of enlistment, and the class of service each seaman is engaged for, and upon the discharge or retirement of any seaman, he shall grant a certificate certifying those facts in case such seaman is eligible to a pension, and the Secretary of War and Navy shall also report all such cases in his report to the Legislature, recommending appropriations for any person which may fall due under the provision of this Act, which shall be sufficient evidence for the granting of same.

Upon retirement certificate
to be granted.

Secretary of War report
case to Legislature.

Seamen dishonorably
discharged not entitled
under act.

No Seaman who shall have been dishonorably discharged from the service specified in this Act, shall be entitled to any benefits here-under.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1916.

CHAPTER XXXVII

January 25, 1916.
(H. R. 13.)
Public No. 5.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT REGULATING THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, APPROVED OCTOBER 13, 1914

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

That the 78th section of the above cited Act be so amended as to read as follows: "That all District Commissioners shall give a bond with good and sufficient sureties in a sum of not less than one thousand dollars. Said bond to be approved by the Judge of the Circuit Court or Bail Commissioner of the County in which the Commissioner shall be appointed."

That all Sub-Commissioners who may be connected with the Department by commission or otherwise shall also give a bond in a sum not less than five hundred dollars, with good and sufficient sureties to be approved as in section one of this Act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 25, 1916.

Act approved October 13, 1914, amended.
District Commissioner to give bond.
Approval by Judge Circuit Court or Bail Commissioner.

Sub-Commissioners, to give bond.

CHAPTER XXXVIII

AN ACT CHARTERING THE CITY OF CLAY-ASHLAND, MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

January 25, 1916.
(H. R. 14)
Public No. 6.

WHEREAS The citizens of Clay-Ashland have petitioned the National Legislature to constitute them a body politic and corporate by ratifying and granting a charter by them drawn up and presented; therefore:

Preamble.

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

That the inhabitants of the City of Clay-Ashland are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the City Corporation of Clay-Ashland, 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.

Corporate name and style.

The Common Councilmen shall consist of seven members, residents of the City of Clay-Ashland, in whom all Legislative power shall be vested; one of said members shall be Chairman.

Legislative power, in whom vested.

The corporate bounds of said City shall be from Bromley point to Gripper Creek along the St. Pauls River, and extending back from said River a distance of four miles within which the City authorities shall exercise jurisdiction and execute the laws of the corporation. In case it shall be necessary to execute lawful process without the bounds of said corporation, then, in that case any Justice of the Peace residing within the County of Montserrado, may issue judicial process on representation from any City officer and the same shall be executed by a Constable.

Boundary.

The elective or chartered officers of the Municipal Government shall be one Mayor and seven common councilmen, all to whom shall hold their offices for two years unless vacated by resignation, removal or death. Vacancies shall be supplied by a special election to be ordered by the Mayor; and in case of his resignation, removal or death, by the Chairman of the common council,

Elective officers.
Term of office.

none of whom shall receive any compensation for services. No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor who is not a resident of the city of Clay-Ashland, and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of one thousand dollars

Power of Corporation to hold real and personal estate, and value of estate held.

Poll taxes how disposed of.

The Corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to make, contract, take and hold real and personal estate to the value of fifty thousand dollars, and levy all such taxes that may be necessary for city purposes, shall pass, all necessary laws and ordinances. Said body politic shall have full power to settle its own rules or proceedings, to appoint its own officers, regulate their fees and do all other necessary acts not incompatible with the general laws of the country. The poll taxes within the corporate limits of the city corporation of Clay-Ashland be and are hereby granted to the said city provided, however, that the debt Certificates or Statement of accounts which may be paid to the said city on account of the aforesaid taxes shall not constitute a claim against the General Government but shall be reported and handed into the Treasury Department by the Mayor quarterly, to be cancelled as part of the Redemption of the Internal Debts of the Republic.

Three fourths of all moneys from: taxes etc. for improvement in the city, licenses excepted.

Common Councilmen, who eligible,

The corporation aforesaid shall be required to appropriate three-fourths of all moneys arising from taxes, fines and forfeitures and from all general sources for improvements in the city or to purposes of general benefit to the citizens and tax payers: the amount accruing from liquor licenses excepted; one half of which can only be used by the said corporation under the present existing law; the remainder being one fourth of the revenue, may if necessary, be applied to the compensation of appointed officers of the Municipal Government. No person shall be eligible to the office of Common Council who is not a resident of the city of Clay-Ashland and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of two hundred dollars. No person who does not possess real estate in the City of Clay-Ashland shall be allowed to vote.

Appointed Officers of Corporation.

The appointed officers of the Municipal Government shall be one Auditor, one Recorder, one Solicitor, one Treasurer one or more Tax collectors, one or more City Magistrates, one City Clerk, one or more Street Inspectors, one or more Inspectors of Weights and Measures and a suitable number of Policemen who shall be nominated with the advice and consent of the City Council, and who shall be annually appointed and commissioned by the Mayor. The duties of said appointed officers shall be, from time to time as often as the occasion demands, determined and specified by the City Council.

First election when to take place, and how conducted.

The first election of officers shall take place on the first Tuesday in July nineteen hundred and sixteen; all other elections shall take place the first Tuesday in January in each year, and shall be conducted according to laws governing election of State officers, under such modifications and restrictions as the Common

Council may ordain. The sheriff of Montserrado County or his deputy shall when required by the Mayor or other authorized City officer, at the expense of the Corporation, make all necessary arrangements for and be present during all elections as required in elections under general Government. The returns of all elections shall be forwarded to the city recorder, excepting the returns of the first election which shall be to the clerk of the Circuit Court of the first judicial Circuit of the County of Montserrado, who shall issue the notices to the persons apparently elected as Mayor and Common Councilmen, and the Common Councilmen so notified, shall on the ensuing Tuesday convene and determine the election of its own members, count the votes for Mayor, and declare who is thereby elected according to the provision of this Charter.

Sheriffs shall make arrangements for elections.

The stated meetings of the Common Council shall be on the fourth Tuesday in each month and the occasional meetings to be regulated by its own ordinances. The Council shall have authority to compel the attendance of absent members, to fine the members for disorderly behavior and to expel a member by a two third vote; any member so expelled shall forfeit all his rights and powers as a councilman. All ordinances and municipal laws established by the Common Council shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Mayor; if disapproved, his objections shall be made to the Common Council within three days, and if not returned within said three days such delay shall be equal to approval providing, however, such delay shall not be occasioned by the adjournment of the Common Council. The Common Council may nevertheless, by a two third vote of its members, pass any law independent of the Mayor's approval.

Meetings of City Council, when held.

Ordinances and laws subject to Mayor's Approval or veto.

The elective officers shall be one Mayor and seven Common Councilmen. The Common Council shall consist of seven members. The Mayor and Common Council shall have the power to lay out new streets, highways and public walks or paths, and shall have the power to appoint all inspectors of weights and measures. The Mayor of said city shall be chief Executive Magistrate thereof, it shall be his duty to be vigilant and active in causing the laws thereof to be executed and enforced, and shall be conservator of the peace within said city. He shall recommend his opinion would enhance the condition of the streets, highways and public walks for the same, as well as to point out all nuisances of whatever kind and recommend measures for their removal. He shall, when actually necessary for the preservation of the public peace, or of the suppression of mobs, riots or insurrections of whatever nature, order out the militia, which shall by force of arms compel such insurrectionist to obedience, the Mayor alone being responsible for abuse of power.

Number of elective officers

Power of Mayor and Council.

Mayor to be Chief Magistrate, his duties.

There shall be a city court which shall be presided over by a city magistrate whose duty it shall be to try and determine all cases coming into the same except those as may be taken therefrom by appeals as is hereinafter provided for; the chief magistrate shall within the precincts of the city exercise the

City Court.

functions of a Justice of the Peace whose duty it shall be to try and determine all petty offences; but appeals may be had from his decision to the Circuit Court of the first judicial Circuit Montserrado County. The said City Court shall by its own clerk keep detailed records of all matters and things which shall come before it in a book or books provided for that purpose which, when full, shall be delivered to the Secretary of State for the preservation among the Archives of the Republic.

County jail.

The County jail shall be at the service of the City for the confinement of prisoners at any time that the use thereof shall be deemed necessary by the Mayor or Common Council, but the sheriff of this County and his deputy shall be subject to the order of the Mayor in all cases in which the county jail is used and they shall be responsible for all prisoners detained therein, and shall be punishable for their escape as provided by law, but the city shall provide the necessary food for all its prisoners during their detention.

Enactment clause of ordinances.

All ordinances shall commence with the following words "Be it ordained by the Common Council of Clay-Ashland." Every legislative act of the Common Council shall be by ordinances.

Charter how repealed

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

Charter, when to take effect.

This Charter and all its provisions shall go into effect on the first Tuesday in July 1916.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved Jan. 25, 1916.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

Jan. 26, 1916.
(H. R. No. 15.)
Public no. 7.

AN ACT ALTERING AND AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE.

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

Corporate boundary.

All of the territory of the County of Sinoe, commencing at low water mark of the extreme South easterly angle of the No. 398 and running North Forty (40) degrees, east twenty four (24) chains more or less along the margin of Sinoe river to the mouth of a small creek; then North Twenty (20) degrees, West Thirty (30) chains more or less; to the dividing line of the farm lands of Edward Morris and James Jesse Jeffs then North forty (40) degrees: east to Sinoe river to low water mark, say sixteen (16) chains then North twenty (20) degrees east to a creek say, forty six (46) chains more or less; then North seventy (70) degrees West to low water mark on the Po River say eighty five (85) chains more or less thence along the Atlantic Ocean at

low water mark to the starting point of lot No. 398 containing an area of from four to five hundred acres of land is hereby constituted the City of Greenville.

WARDS. The said City is hereby divided into four wards as follows: namely first ward; to comprise all that territory lying between Johnson Street and low water mark on the margin of Sinec River running North until it strikes Pine Apple Street. Second ward, to comprise all that territory lying between Johnson Street and running North to the Atlantic Ocean until it strikes Pine Apple Street. Third ward, to comprise all that territory lying between the eastern juncture of Pine Apple Street, and Mississippi Avenue until it strikes Payne's Street between the north East boundary. Fourth ward, to comprise all that territory lying between the westward juncture of Pine Apple Street and Mississippi Avenue to the Atlantic Ocean and running parallel with Mississippi Avenue until it strikes Payne's Street, being the north west boundary.

Ward

GOVERNMENT. The Government of the City is divided into the following departments, namely; Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary.

Government

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT. The Legislative Department of the City shall consist of a Council to be styled Common Council of the City of Greenville. The majority of the members elected shall constitute a quorum.

MEMBERS. The Common Council shall consist of seven members, one member shall be elected from the residence of each ward, and the three other members to be selected from the city at large. Every common councilman shall possess, unencumbered real estate to the value of two hundred dollars and shall be elected biennially on the third Monday in February and shall hold office for two years, or until their successors are elected; any vacancy which shall occur in the Common Council shall be filled by a special election to be ordered by the Mayor, and the person so elected shall serve for the unexpired term. Every common councilman shall be exempted from paying all City Taxes on his residence; and shall receive twenty five dollars annually.

Members

POWERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL. The Common Council shall have power to elect a Chairman, Sergeant-at-Arms, clerk and messenger; to make rules for its own government; to pass ordinances for the government of the city; to lay out new streets and public parks; to erect buildings; to impose fines within the limits of the city; to grant concessions; to fix licenses and do all things whatsoever, necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation. It shall have power to impose and collect annually the following taxes: a poll tax not exceeding one dollar from each male citizen between the age of twenty one and seventy five not paying real estate taxes; a tax on dogs not exceeding fifty cents for male, and one dollar for females. No other tax shall be collect-

**Powers of the
Common Council**

ed except by vote of two thirds of the common council. Any person dissatisfied with any assessment shall have the right to appeal against the same to the third Judicial Circuit Court of Sinoe County, and from the decision of said court to the Supreme Court.

City Revenue

CITY REVENUE. The common council shall appropriate two thirds of all the revenue of the city, for the general material improvement of the city, and it may use the remaining one third of such revenue for the payment of salaries, wages and other current expenses. All moneys arising from commission licenses, half of wholesale licenses and half of retail liquor licenses, peddlars and auctioneers licenses; and other licenses, and all other licenses that the common council, may deem necessary to create from time to time within the corporate bounds of the city shall be, and are hereby appropriated and made payable to the city for the use of said city. No money shall be paid out of the city treasury for any account except an appropriation has been previously made therefor by the common council, and such account must be approved by the mayor and duly audited. No money shall be expended by the corporation for any celebration, procession or entertainment of any kind unless by the unanimous vote of the council and the approval of the mayor.

Meetings

MEETINGS. The stated meetings of the common council shall be on the first Monday in each month; and shall hold session four consecutive days in order to meet the mayor's approval or veto, but shall not exceed three meetings a month. The common council shall have authority to compel the attendance of absent members, to fine its members for disorderly behavior and to expel a member for disorderly behavior or other causes by a vote of two thirds of the members present, and the member so expelled shall forfeit all his rights and powers as a common councilman.

Ordinances

ORDINANCES. Ordinances shall commence with the following words "It is ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Greenville." Every Legislative act of the council shall be by ordinance, and every ordinance appropriating money or imposing fines, fixing licenses, or granting concessions or privilege of any kind shall receive a vote of two thirds of the members elected. All ordinances previous to their final passage shall be voted upon in two meetings of the common council, held on different days, except in case where two thirds of the common council voted in the affirmative and the Mayor gives his approval.

Mayor's veto

MAYOR'S VETO. Every ordinance shall before it takes effect, be presented, duly certified, to the mayor for his approval; if he shall approve it, he shall sign it; if he shall disapprove it he shall specify his objections thereto in writing and return it to the council at a meeting held not later than three days from the time such ordinance was delivered to him. If the ordinance shall on reconsideration, be again passed by a vote of two thirds of all the members elected, it shall become law. All votes upon such recommendation shall be taken and recorded, "yeas and nays."

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. The Executive Department of the city shall be vested in a Mayor and officers of the several

departments hereinafter provided for, and such other subordinate officers as the Common Council, by ordinance, may create.

MAYOR. The mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the city, and shall be elected at the time and manner provided for the election of the common councilmen. He shall communicate to the common council at least once every year, and oftener, if he shall deem it expedient, a general statement of the situation and condition of the city in relation to its government, finances, and improvement. He shall recommend to the common council from time to time such measures with reference to the Police, and to the security, health, cleanliness, and improvement of the city and the improvement of its government and finances, as he shall deem expedient. He shall issue checks on the city treasury in favour of persons entitled thereto, in payment of claims against the city which have been duly audited, said checks shall be countersigned by the chairman of the common council. He shall be vigilant and active in causing the laws of the city to be executed and enforced. He shall be the conservator of the peace within the city, and he may when actually necessary, for the preservation of the public peace or for the suppression of mobs, riots or insurrections of whatever nature, order out the militia to aid the police force, to compel those engaged in such mobs, riots, or insurrections, to keep the peace and submit to the law, and shall be solely responsible for any abuse of power in connection therewith. He shall exercise constant supervision and control over the conduct and acts of all subordinate officers; shall receive and examine all complaints which may be preferred against any officer and employee of the city for violation or neglect of duty or for any unjustifiable conduct; and generally to perform all such duties as may be performed by the Mayor, and may call special meeting of the council. He shall have a veto power over all their acts. No person shall be elected mayor who is not a resident of the City of Greenville, and who does not possess real estate to the value of three hundred dollars.

Mayor

Any vacancy in the office, arising from death, shall be filled by special election, called by the Common Council; and in the event of temporary vacancy arising from illness, suspension from office, absence from the city or other cause, the chairman of the common council, shall possess all the rights and powers of the mayor during such temporary vacancy. The mayor shall receive a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars annually, said salary shall not be decreased but may be increased during his term of office.

CITY CLERK. There shall be a department of Public Records in charge of an officer to be styled City Clerk, who shall be the clerk of the common council, and who shall keep all the records of the city. He shall issue and deliver all licenses after having the same countersigned by the mayor, and receiving the city treasurer's duplicate receipt showing payment therefor, and he shall perform any other service which may be required of him.

City Clerk

by the Common council; and shall receive a salary of fifty dollars annually and legal fees.

City Treasurer

CITY TREASURER. There shall be a department of finance in charge of an officer to be styled City Treasurer. He shall have general supervision of the finance of the city, he shall receive all moneys due the city and all revenue from whatever source, and shall issue to every person paying money into the city treasury three receipts marked respectively, "original," for the mayor, "duplicate" for the auditor "triplicate" for the holder and every person receiving such receipts shall retain the "triplicate" and deliver the others to the Mayor and the Auditor. The city treasurer shall disburse all moneys upon checks issued by the mayor and countersigned by the chairman of the common council; he shall have charge of all property belonging to the city not legally in the custody of any other officer or employee thereof; he shall report annually to the common council, in the month of October, and whenever required by the Mayor or common council so to do, all the transactions and business of his department, showing all other transactions of his office following the date of last report. He shall keep in an appropriate book a full record of all the transactions and business of the department, and shall perform such other duties as the common council may require.

City Auditor

CITY AUDITOR. There shall be an auditing department in charge of an officer to be styled City Auditor. He shall audit all bills for claims against the city which have been approved by the Mayor or any other officer having authority to do so. The auditor shall once in each quarter, examine the books of the City Treasurer and see that the same have been correctly kept, and that all moneys on hand strictly accounted for; he shall keep an account of all moneys paid into the City Treasury; and shall perform such other duties as the common council may fix; and shall give such bond as the common council may determine upon.

City Solicitor

CITY SOLICITOR. There shall be a department of law in charge of an officer to be styled "Solicitor," he shall be the legal advisor of the corporation and the officers thereof; shall attend the magistrate court whenever necessary. He shall prosecute in the name and on behalf of the City of Greenville. He shall furnish opinions to the various departments of the City, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Mayor or common council. He shall receive as compensation one hundred dollars annually.

City Chief of Police

CITY CHIEF OF POLICE. There shall be a Chief of Police who shall have charge of the Police Force of the City, and with the approval of the Mayor shall appoint the same, and the officers thereof. He shall within the limits of the city preserve the public peace, and compel obedience to the laws of the Republic and the Ordinances of the City, and arrest any offenders against the same. He shall attend all cases in the Police Court; he shall have charge of the city prison and the prisoners confined therein, he shall serve or cause to be served all processes, he shall be ex-officio City Coroner, and shall perform such other duties

incident to such office, and shall perform such other service as may be required of him by the common council. He shall receive such fees or salary as the common council may allow. Any assault upon the Chief of Police or any public officer or any policeman, shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable with fine not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisonment not exceeding fifteen days, or both.

CITY HEALTH COMMISSIONER. There shall be a Department of Health in charge of an officer to be styled "City Health Commissioner" who shall be a physician, if practicable. He shall have charge within the city limits, of the public health; he shall examine all articles of food exposed for sale, and condemn the same if found unfit for food under such regulations as such officers, with the approval of the Mayor and common council, may provide. He shall upon complaint or otherwise require any house holder or other person to put in a sanitary condition any insanitary place; he shall with approval of the Mayor and common council, make such regulations as he may deem necessary to keep the city in a sanitary condition, and preserve the public health, and shall perform such other services with respect to the health of the city as the Mayor and common council may determine, and may appoint such deputies as the common council, by ordinance may allow.

Health Commissioner

CITY CHIEF TAX COLLECTOR. There shall be a Department of Taxes, in charge of an officer to be styled City Chief Tax Collector. He shall under the direction of the Mayor, superintend and keep an account of the collection of all taxes, and shall pay the same to the city treasury weekly; he shall recommend the appointment of such assessors and collectors as the Mayor and common council may require. He shall receive such fees or salary and shall give such bond as the common council may fix and require.

City Chief tax collector

CITY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS. There shall be a department of Public Works, in charge of an officer to be styled City Commissioner of Public Works, who shall have charge of the supervision of the streets, public buildings and other public utilities belonging to the city. He shall recommend appointment of such inspectors who shall keep the streets, public buildings, and other public utilities in good order and condition and promote the improvement of the city. He shall perform such other duties and receive such fees or salary and give such bond as the common council by ordinance may determine.

Commission of public works

CITY MAGISTRATE. There shall be a Magistrate's Court organized and to be presided over by a City Magistrate who shall receive salary as the common council, by ordinance may fix, but the same shall neither be increased nor diminished during the term for which such magistrate was appointed; he shall have jurisdiction within the city limits, over the violation of the city ordinance and offences against the laws of the Republic; and in the exercise of his office he shall have such powers of civil

City Magistrate

and criminal jurisdiction as are now, or may hereafter be conferred upon justices of the peace. He may with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council, establish such rules for the Government of the Court as are not inconsistent with law, and may require the Chief of Police as detailed policeman to attend upon the court. All fines, costs and penalties imposed by said court for the violation of law within the limits of the city, shall be paid into the city treasury daily. The Mayor shall have the right to appoint and commission from time to time such other Magistrates as shall be found necessary not exceeding three in number.

Appointment and term

APPOINTMENT AND TERM. The Mayor shall nominate and with the advice and consent of the common council, appoint and commission the respective executive officials of the City who shall serve during the pleasure of the Mayor and common council.

Elections

ELECTION. The Election of Mayor and Common Council shall take place biennially on the third Monday in February and shall be conducted according to the laws governing the election of the National Legislature under such regulations as the common council may ordain. They shall be inaugurated and shall enter upon the discharge of their duties on the First Monday in March. The Sheriff of the County or his deputy, shall be required by the Mayor, or other competent authority, at the expense of the Corporation, to make all necessary arrangements for, and be present during all elections as in the case of National elections. The returns of all elections shall be forwarded to the city clerk and the votes shall be counted and the results ascertained by the common council. The city clerk shall thereupon issue notice to the persons receiving a majority or plurality of votes, and the person so notified shall be the Mayor and Common Council, but in the event of any contest the newly elected council shall determine the election and qualification of its own members, and the members whose seats are contested shall not be allowed to vote upon the contest.

Who shall be allowed to vote

• Election. Only persons owning real estate in the City of Greenville shall be allowed to vote.

Penalty for violation of charter

PENALTY FOR VIOLATING CHARTER. Any officer of the city government or any person or persons (the Mayor not excepted), employed in any department thereof, who shall willfully violate any of the provisions of the charter or shall be guilty of any wilful neglect in the discharge of his duty or misuse or misapply any of the funds of the city, or shall convert any of the public property to his own use, or knowingly permit any other person to do so, or shall receive any fees, perquisites or reward of any kind not authorized by law, for any official act, shall be punishable with a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be recovered by the Circuit Court, or any other courts in the Republic of Liberia having competent jurisdiction or suffer imprisonment sixty days; or both, except in case of embezzlement, in which case the offender is to suffer the penalty of the

statute laws of Liberia, and such persons shall forfeit his office and be excluded forever thereafter from holding any office under the City.

CITY TO USE COUNTY JAIL. The county Jail shall be at the service of the city, for the confinement of prisoners at any time that the use thereof shall be deemed necessary by the Mayor or Common Council. And the Jailor, or Sheriff of said County and their deputy shall be subject to the order of the Mayor, in all cases in which the County Jail is used; and they shall be responsible for all City prisoners detained therein; and shall be punishable for their escape as provided by law. But the city shall provide the necessary food for all its prisoners during their detention and shall have access and control over them at all times for service on the public works or as may be provided by ordinances of the common council.

Use of County jail.

PROCESS AND ARREST OF CITY. Any Policeman of the City may serve process any where within the city and may pursue any offender and arrest him any where within the County.

Process to arrest.

CITY MARKETS. The said Corporation shall have the right to establish two (2) markets in said city, one (1) to be located at the juncture of Water and Johnson Street, and one (1) at the juncture of Military Street and Mississippi Avenue said markets can be increased from time to time as the necessity of the case demands, said corporation shall make such rules and regulations not being inconsistent, with any existing Laws of the Republic of Liberia.

City market.

REPEALING CLAUSE. All charters heretofore granted and all laws in conflict with this Charter are hereby repealed; and this Charter shall take effect immediately after the passage thereof. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding
Approved January 26, 1916.

Repealing clause.

CHAPTER XL.

Jan. 26 1916.

(H. R.) No. 16.

(Private No. 8.)

JOINT RESOLUTION REIMBURSING CERTAIN CITIZENS HOLDING LEGAL CLAIMS AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the following named person of the several named Counties of the Republic of Liberia be and are hereby reimbursed according to their several claims respectively, to wit:—W. U. Cummings, seventy two dollars; C. H. Taylor, one hundred and forty eight dollars; and Thomas G. Ville, three hundred and fifty dollars; and A. F. Jackson, eighty seven dollars and forty two cents.

Claimants to be reimbursed according to their respective claims.

And that the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby authorized

Secy. Treas. authorized

to issue certificate.

to issue Indebtedness Certificates in favor of the claimants respectively according to the sums set forth in this Joint Resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1916.

CHAPTER XLII.

Jan. 9 1916.
H. R. 18
(Public No. 8)

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE RENT FOR THE NEW EXECUTIVE MANSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Executive Mansion
annual rent of.

Payable from contingent funds.

That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the payment of the yearly rent of the New Executive Mansion; and the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is hereby authorized to draw for the same out of any money appropriated for the contingent funds.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1916.

CHAPTER XLIII.

Feby. 1, 1916.
H. R. 19.
(Private No. 9.)

JOINT RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF DR. BOOKER TALIAFERRO WASHINGTON, FOUNDER OF TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Dr. Booker Taliaferro Washington, whose lamented death occurred on November 20th, 1915, by his faith, persistency and unceasing labor founded and evolved the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute for Negro Youth, at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, United States of America; which stands to-day a most forceful monument to the wisdom and for sight of its inspired founder, exerting national and international influence for the good of humanity, and

WHEREAS Dr. Booker Taliaferro Washington has for many years manifested a sincere and unselfish interest in the affairs and progress of the Republic of Liberia in co-operating with Liberian Missions to the United States of America from time to time, and in assisting in many ways to uphold the dignity of the Republic, even at the close of his unique and self-sacrificing career, therefore;

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

Expression of appreciation.

That the Legislature hereby express the appreciation of the Government and people of the Republic of Liberia in memory of the noble and heroic character of the late Dr. Booker Taliaferro Washington, who spent his life in the welfare of his fellowmen and

whose sympathies were world-wide; and that the President is hereby requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to the family of the deceased and to the Trustees of Tuskegee Institute.

Any law to contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 1, 1916.

Copy of Resolution
to be forwarded to
Trustees and de-
ceased family by the
President.

CHAPTER XLIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 33RD LEGISLATURE.

Feb. 1, 1916.
H. R. No. 20
(Public No. 9.)

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

That the first session of the Thirty third Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn "Sine die" on the fifth day of February A. D. nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 1, 1916.

Adjournment of
Legislature.

CHAPTER XLIV.

TAN ACT REGULATING THE RESIDENCE OF ALIENS WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Feb. 7, 1916.
H. R. No. 21.
(Public No. 10.)

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

This Act shall be cited as the Alien Residence Act.

Title of Act

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires it:

"Alien" means any person not a citizen of Liberia, except Diplomatic Officials, their families and official attendants, *Consuls de Carriere* and any alien Official in the employ of the Government of Liberia.

Terms defined

"Permit of Residence" means a written or printed Official Authorization issued to an Alien under the hand and seal of the Secretary of the Interior, or of a County Superintendent, or District Commissioner, by which such Alien is granted liberty of residence within the Republic of Liberia.

"Authorities" means any public officials, or Department charged with the execution of the provisions of this Act.

"Resident" means a citizen of Liberia, or an Alien living in Liberia under permit.

"Labourers" means skilled artisans and commercial Clerks, imported by a resident for a definite employment.

It shall be unlawful for any alien to take up residence within the

Aliens must obtain
Permit of residence

Penalty for violation

Republic of Liberia or to remain therein for the period of two weeks without first obtaining from the proper public authorities a permit of residence; any alien violating the provision, of this Act and any person whether an alien or citizen who shall connive at, encourage, advise, suggest or in any wise promote any evasion or violation of this section shall, in the discretion of the court be summarily punished by a fine not exceeding \$100.00, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Registration to commence within 30 days for present residents.

Every alien now a resident in the Republic, within thirty days after the publication of this Act, shall present himself at the Department of Interior in Monrovia, or the Superintendent of any County, Territory or Littoral District, or to the District commissioner in any hinterland district, and exhibit to such officers his passport for registration, and any evidence which may be required by such authorities. Any Alien who shall neglect, evade or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section, and any person, whether alien or citizen who shall counsel, advise, suggest, connive at, encourage, or otherwise promote any evasion non-compliance with or violation of this section, shall be summarily punished, and in the discretion of the Court, shall be fined in the sum of \$50.00 for each day after the day herein specified that any such alien shall neglect to comply with the provisions of this section.

Penalty for non registration.**Aliens sojourning for periods longer than two weeks**

Every Alien who, after the going into force of this Act, may come into the Republic of Liberia, either by Sea, or overland, with intent to reside, or sojourn herein for a period longer than two weeks, shall immediately present himself to the officials designated in section 4 of the Act, or to such other officials as the Secretary of the Interior, or County Superintendent, or District commissioner shall by regulation designate, exhibit his passport and prove that he is possessed of the sum of \$100.00 in Gold, and such further evidence as may be required by the said authorities under a penalty of being declared an undesirable alien, and immediately deported from the Republic; and any Master of a Ship, Conductor or Guard of a Railway Train, or other person who shall be responsible for, or who shall be concerned in, or shall have in any manner assisted in the introduction of such undesirable alien into the Republic, shall be responsible for his transportation to his place of origin; nor shall any responsibility for any charges, and expenses growing out of transportation be in any wise attached to the Government of Liberia.

Pecuniary Qualification.**Exceptions. Laborers. and Immigrants.**

The provisions of Section 5, of this Act in so far as they relate to the pecuniary qualifications therein prescribed shall not apply to labourers within the meaning of this Act who have been imported into Liberia, by any resident thereof, nor to immigrants who upon their entry into the Republic shall have declared their intention to become citizens of Liberia under the Naturalization Laws.

Resident importer of labor must give guarantee.

A Resident importing labourers into the Republic shall file with or deposit in the Interior Department with such officials as the Secretary of the Interior may by regulation designate, a guarantee in such form as the Secretary of the Interior may require and prescribe, that such labourers shall not become chargeable to the public during residence in the Republic. Any labourer imported

into this Republic in violation of the prescriptions of this section shall immediately be deported as an undesirable alien; and the resident so importing him shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in the sum of \$100.00.

Penalty.

Any alien holding himself out to be an immigrant within the meaning of section 6. of this Act with intent in so doing fraudulently to evade the pecuniary requirement of section 5 hereof, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in the sum of \$100.00 and deported, after having complied with the judgment of the court.

Fraudulent declarations of Aliens.

Penalty.

Every alien, who having complied with the provisions of section 4 and 5 of this Act, shall have satisfied the authorities in respect of his character, profession, calling or, occupation and upon such other points as the Department of the Interior shall require information, shall be entitled to a permit of Residence, which shall be issued to him by the Authorities without charge: provided nevertheless the said Authorities shall at all times possess the right of revoking such Permit of Residence, Legal cause being assigned; and provided further that notice of such revocation shall be given to the holder of the Permit of Residence. On all questions arising under the provisions of this section recourse may be had by the Alien effected to the Secretary of the Interior whose decision shall be final.

Permit of residence shall be granted without charge.

Authorities may revoke permit for cause upon notice.

Secy. Interior's decision final.

No alien whose PERMIT OF RESIDENCE shall have been revoked by the Authorities shall be permitted to remain within the Territories of Liberia for a period longer than forty eight hours thereafter. Should any alien after the revocation of his Permit of Residence, remain within the Territories of Liberia for a period exceeding forty eight hours thereafter he shall summarily be deported by the authorities at the first opportunity or conveyance which shall be designated by the authorities; provided, however, every facility be given an alien whose Permit of Residence is revoked, to depart the Republic. The provisions of this section shall not apply to aliens to whom no permit of Residence shall have been issued or to whom a Permit shall have been refused.

No Alien permitted to remain within the Republic 48 hours after revocation of permit.

Penalty.

Proviso.

Application of section.

President of Liberia may deport.

The President of Liberia is hereby invested with authority to deport or cause to be deported from the Republic any alien permanently or temporarily residing therein whose presence would by the authorities be deemed a menace to public security, or who is otherwise or in anywise undesirable as a resident within the borders of the Republic.

Alien disregarding notification to depart.

Should any alien undesirable, within the meaning of section 11 of this Act, be notified to depart from the Republic and after the expiration of the period specified in said notification be found still a resident therein, he shall, upon summary proceeding in court, be imprisoned for a period not exceeding ten years.

Penalty.

Any person, whether a citizen or alien who shall assist, encourage, counsel, connive at, hide, secrete, advise, aid, abet, harbor or promote any evasion of the provisions of sections 11 and 12 of this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be imprisoned at hard labour for a period not exceeding five years.

Aiders, abettors and accessories,

Penalty.

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All proceedings having for their object the deportation of undesirable Aliens shall, in the Littoral District of the Republic, be brought in the Circuit Court at a special session held for that purpose upon information of the Interior Department. All trials shall be summary and without a jury. In the hinterland Districts, the District Commissioner shall have jurisdiction to try and determine all such causes. No appeal shall be allowed from the judgment from any such courts, and their decisions shall be final.

The Authorities charged with the enforcement and execution of the provision of this Act shall keep a register of all Aliens to whom Permits may be granted. Such register shall show the names, age, and distinctive physical mark, height, weight, Nationality, place of origin, profession or trade, place of residence in Liberia, occupation in Liberia, the number of his Permit of Residence, date when issued, date when revoked, causes of revocation, whether the holder has subsequently become naturalized. Every Permit of Residence, shall be numbered consecutively and shall bear \$1.00 Internal Revenue Stamp, which shall be attached by the officer issuing Permit and paid by the Alien to whom it is issued.

The supervision of the execution of this Act shall be vested in the Secretary of the Interior who shall have authority to make all rules, regulations and ordinances which may be necessary for the proper enforcement of this Act. All such rules, regulations and ordinances in so far as they do not conflict with the provisions of this Act, or are otherwise contrary to law, shall have the force of law.

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

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DANIEL EDWARD HOWARD, PRESIDENT ;
SAMUEL GEORGE HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT ;
CHARLES BENEDICT DUNBAR, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, *pro tempore*.
JOHN GOTTLIEB AUER RICHARDS, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE SETTLEMENT OF TALLAH, GRAND CAPE MOUNT

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

Sec. 1. That Samuel B. Jackson, Pastor; John T. Moore, I. McIntosh, Stephen Moore, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Settlement of Tallah, Grand Cape Mount, together with others and their successors in office, are hereby declared a body politic with perpetual succession, by the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with power to hold, own and enjoy, real and personal estate to the value of one Thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) 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 court 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 laws and regulations for their government that are consistant with the discipline and Worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Liberia; provided such By-laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the laws and Constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 10th, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE APOLLO CIRCLE BUCHANAN, GRAND BASSA, LIBERIA.

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

Sec. 1. That Aaron P. Worrel, President, Thomas J. Rainsbury, Vice President, Thomas R. Hill, Secretary, Jas. B. John, Treasurer, Thomas W. John, Chaplain, Joseph F. Barlone, Conductor, Edwin A. Morgan, Critic, D. Tipmore, Harris, Historian, P. J. L. Brumskine, Advocate, Edward J. Summerville, Assistant Advocate, Jacob H. Logan, and W. S. Mason, Trustees of the No. 15 Apollo Circle of Buchanan, Grand Bassa and Republic of Liberia; together with others and their successors who may from time to time be elected in office, are hereby declared a body politic with perpetual succession; by the name and style of the "No. 15 Apollo Circle," with power to hold and enjoy real and personal estate to the value of (\$10,000.00) Ten 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, 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 of conducting Literary, Industrial, Operatic, and Rhetorical Associations; and to make and establish such By-laws and regulations for their government, and do all other acts and things usually done by similar bodies corporate and politic consistant with the Constitution and laws of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 10th, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION TENDERING THE THANKS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR THE MAGNANIMITY OF THAT GOVERNMENT TOWARDS THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT, DURING THE LAST REBELLION OF CONFEDERATE KROOS IN THE COUNTY OF SINOE AND ELSEWHERE ON THE COAST WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

WHEREAS the Kroos showed, during their last confederation a desire and intention to destroy and overthrow our autonomy or at least some portion of it by their disloyal and hostile actions and

WHEREAS the County of Sinoe was placed in a very critical condition by the confederation of the said disloyal Kroos, which necessitated the Government of Liberia to appeal to the United States Government and request her to send one of her warships to Liberia to our assistance and

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America has always shown a parental feeling and interest in the perpetuity and prosperity of Liberia, the latter being a scion of that great Republic;

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

Sec. 1. That the Legislature of Liberia entertain the liveliest sense of gratitude to the United States Government for its untiring interest manifested in the success, prosperity and perpetuity of the Republic of Liberia.

Sec. 2. That the Legislature of Liberia by this Joint Resolution tender their sincere thanks and the sincere thanks of the people of Liberia to the President of the United States and the American Nation for the prompt and cheerful manner in which they responded to the urgent appeal, and sent to our relief one of her Cruisers the "Chester", and for the magnanimity shown by that Government to the Liberian Government, on all lines, during the said war in Sinoe and elsewhere on the Coast with the confederate Kroos. And the Secretary of State of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this Joint Resolution to the President of the United States and the American Nation.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October, 10th, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING TO THE AFRICAN M. E. CHURCH OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT ONE ACRE OF PUBLIC LAND IN SAID TERRITORY FOR A BURYING GROUND FOR THEIR DEAD.

WHEREAS the Pastor and Trustees of the African Methodist Church of Grand Cape Mount, have set forth in a petition to the Legislature, their great need for a burying ground for the interment of their deceased members, and praying that they be granted a parcel or lot of ground in the said Territory for said purpose,

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, W. T. White, Pastor, and A. R. Chenoweth, Hall White, J. E. Chenoweth, trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, and their successors in office are hereby granted one acre of public land unencumbered, in the said Territory for a burying ground for their dead, while the said Church operates there, and when it ceases to operate, said land shall revert to the Government with all improvements thereon.

Sec. 2. The expenses for the survey of said land shall be borne by the Church, and upon failure to survey the same, the said Church forfeits its right to said land.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 10th, 1916.

AN ACT CHANGING THE TERM OF THE SUPREME COURT.

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

Sec. 1 That from and after the passage of this Act, the terms of the Supreme Court now provided for by law, shall be held on the fourth Monday in November, and the first Monday in April each year, and shall be continued for as long a period as the business before it shall require,

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 10th, 1916.

AN ACT AMENDING AN ACT FIXING THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA APPROVED JANUARY 19th, 1916.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the word "nad" on the second line of said Act be eliminated and the word "or" be inserted in its stead.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 10th, 1916,

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE GASTRONOMIC CIRCLE No. 17, 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 David A. Worrell, Royal Arch; David A. Peters, President; Francis C. Hill, Vice President; Samuel W. Payne, Umpire; E. J. T. Herron, Historian; W. P. Lysander Brumskine, Treasurer; Randolph P. Hill, Orgt. Supt.; J. N. Horace, Recording Secretary; Samuel T. Innis, Corresponding Secretary; James M. Cole, Chaplain; Samuel White, Marshall; W. A. Rogers Moderator; P. J. L. Brumskine, Advocate; Milton White, Conductor; Jehu Royal King, Registra; Robert H. Herron, Assistant Secretary; together with such other persons who may hereafter become members are hereby constituted a body politic, under the name and style of the "Gastronomic Circle" No. 17. Grand Bassa County as such may hold real and personal property to the value of Ten thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any Court of Liberia having competent jurisdiction, may make by-laws and other regulations not repugnant to the laws and Constitution of the Republic of Liberia and do any other thing necessary to effect the intention of the organization

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 10th 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION* RESTORING ISAIAH F. PEAL 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, Isaiah F. Peal of Montserrado County be, and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship in common with all other Citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 10th, 1916.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE ANNIE E. DAVIS TEMPLE No. 131, S. M T. CAREYSBURG, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Mary J. Sims, Past Princess; Rose A. Wordsworth, Worthy Princess; Penecy A. Deputie, Vice Princess; Mary A. Freeman, Worthy Secretary; Sarah E. Wordsworth, Assistant Secretary; W. Ella Knuckles, Worthy Treasurer; Jas. E. Sims, Gabriel C. Knuckles, and Chas. C. Wordsworth, Trustees; Hannah A. M. Deputie, Worthy Chaplain; Matilda A. Jackson, Senior Marshall; Julia E. Jackson, Pilot; Margaret A. Givens, Inside Sentinel; Sarah Givens, Outside Sentinel; Dalis A. Craig, Zilla Edward C. Deputie, Chairman of Committee and such other officers and members as are now or who may hereafter become members, and their successors in office are hereby declared and constituted a body politic under the name and style "Annie E. Davis Temple," No. 131, Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, Careysburg, Mo. Co,

Sec. 2. That said Temple shall have the power to acquire hold and possess real and personal property by purchase, Gift or otherwise, to the value of Twenty thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) and shall be allowed to dispose of same by sale, gift or otherwise, agreeable to the laws of this Republic.

Sec. 3. That the said Temple may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to make and enforce such regulations laws and ceremonies and do all other acts and things, usually done by similar bodies corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 10th, 1916.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE FERRY BOAT COMPANY OF BUCHANAN GRAND BASSA COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Sec. 1. That Edwin Morgan, James S. Smith, and H. L. White of Grand Bassa County, Republic of Liberia, and such other persons who may become members of said Company, be and are hereby constituted a body politic, under

the name and style of the "Buchanan Ferry Boat Company", and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, may obtain, hold, possess acquire and dispose of real and personal property to the value of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Sec. 2. That said Company be and is hereby granted the right to run a Ferry over and across the waters between the cities of Buchanan and Edina in Grand Bassa County.

The fee for crossing each person shall not exceed twelve cents (12cts); and may do anything not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this Republic in common with similar bodies, corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 12th, 1916.

AN ACT INCORPORATING "THE LADIES CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION" OF LOWER BUCHANAN, GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

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

Sec. 1. That R. A. Morris, President; M. A. E. Savage, Vice President; F. H. Davies, Secretary; A. C. Cooker, Assistant Secretary; S. G. Harmon, Treasurer; S. A. Reffel, Conductor; K. F. Mason, F. A. K. Russell, T. G. Reffel, Trustees; J. R. Davis, Chaplain; Rose Brown, C. A. Clinton, Elizabeth Overton, Charity Oliver, Lucy Martin, M. J. Watts, Sarah Watts, Sarah J. Dean, Laura Greaves 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 Ladies Christian Association" of Grand Bassa County, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and impleaded, in any court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may own real and personal property to the value of One Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars, may make such by-laws, and other regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution of Liberia, and do other things, that may be necessary to carry into effect the intention of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 12th, 1916.

AN ACT RESTORING MOSES DENNIS OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Moses Dennis of Montserrado County be and the same is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship in common with all other Citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 12th, 1916.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE "STEPPING COMPANY No. 1. OF MONROVIA, MONTSEERRADO 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, Dorah Tugherh, President, Kalay Wreh, Vice President, J. B. Grant, Secretary; Tallor Weah, Financial Secretary; Besseh Monah, Mistress; Napay Maryenneh, Assistant Mistress; Foroh Boye, Treasurer; Fenflah Doryen, Collector; Gankantee Sarwea, Assistant Collector; Wortor Kpenneh, Judge; Geeteah Wreh, Doctor; and such other as may hereafter become members of said Company be and they are hereby incorporated and declared a body politic under the name and style of the "Stepping Company No. 1." of Krootown Monrovia, Montserrado County Republic of Liberia, and shall be capable in law to take hold and enjoy real property to the of value of Two Thousand Dollars, (\$2000.00) and to make laws and by-laws not in conflict with the Constitution of the Republic.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted that the Company is hereby granted the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court of the Republic having competent jurisdiction and to all other acts and things done in similar bodies corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 12th, 1916.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE "GRANGER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" OF JOHNSONVILLE IN MONTSEERRADO COUNTY.

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

Sec. 1. That J. G. B. Parson, Senior, Stated Supply; J. H. Kennedy, Elde; Jacob Wetherspoon, Elder; J. H. Brown, Elder; S. N. Williams, Deacon; together with all others and their successors in office are hereby declared a body politic with perpetual succession, by the name of "The Granger Presbyterian Church" of Johnsonville, Montserrado County, with power to hold, own and enjoy real and personal estate to the valve of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) 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 impleaded, before any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction and shall have the privilege of doing all other things done by similar bodies corporate and public, consistant with the rules and worship of the Presbyterian Church in Liberia, provided such laws and regulations be not repugnant to the laws and constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 12th, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE No. 1. NATIONAL COMPANY OF KRUTOWN, MONROVIA.

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, Peter Robo, Manager; Joe Taipleh, Assistant Manager; Wreh-Meh-Geplu, Financial Secretary; Yeu-pru Pkanner, Judge; S. B. Naibey, Chaplain; D. W. Harmon, Recording Secretary; Japro, Mistress; Jouwah Narbey, Assistant Mistress; Neppay Gbee, Treasurer; Blarnu Jaw, Assistant Treasurer; and other persons who may hereafter become members of said Company, are hereby declared and constituted a body politic and Corporate with perpetual succession under the name and style of the "No. 1. National Company of Krutown, Monrovia," with power to take, hold possess, and enjoy Real and personal estate by grant, purchase or otherwise, and to convey same as said Company shall direct, to the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) and have the privilege to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of law within this Republic; and to make laws, rules and regulations for their government as may appear to them from time to time necessary, provided such laws, rules and regulations are not repugnant to the laws and constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 12th, 1916.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTARY TO AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN DAYS TO BE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS APPROVED JANUARY 9th, 1883.

WHEREAS all Nations have set aside certain days as National public holidays, other than a National Thanksgiving, thereby constantly reminding its Citizens of certain important events that have transpired in the history of the Country; and

WHEREAS there are certain important events in the history of our Nation which should be kept before the minds of the Youths of our communities other than the Twenty-Sixth of July (our Natal Day) that might inspire a more patriotic spirit;

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, in addition to the annual observance of the "Second Friday in the month of April as a day of fasting and prayer for the prosperity of the Republic;" the following days are hereby declared and are to be observed as National Holidays thru-out the Republic of Liberia, without a celebration, except as are provided for in the following sections.

Sec. 2. That the Seventh day of January being the day when the pioneer Fathers landed on Providence Island, should not be forgotten in the history of this Nation and that the young rising generation should be taught to look up to this event with patriotic Love, and to hold the same in great esteem; therefore, the said day is hereby declared a public Holiday throughout the Republic.

Sec. 3. That the twenty-Fourth being the day on which the National Flag of the Republic was first unfurled, and as every Citizen should look upon this Flag with the greatest pride, this day is hereby declared a National Holiday, to be observed annually and that all Citizens and Foreign Residents residing in the Republic of Liberia be, and are hereby required to display the National Flag from six o'clock a. m. to six o'clock p. m. on that day and that said day be known as the "National Flag Day" throughout the Republic.

Sec. 4. The First day of December being the day that the decisive battle was fought and won in Montserrado County by the Pioneer Fathers which battle decided the destiny of Liberia, this day is hereby declared a National Holiday to be observed thru-out the Republic of Liberia without a celebration except in Montserrado County where it may as heretofore be celebrated.

Sec. 5. That the second Wednesday in March of each year shall be set aside as a National Holiday and shall be called Decoration Day.

Sec. 6. The penalty attached for the violation of each and every section of the above named Holiday Act shall be no less than five dollars and no more than fifty dollars, recoverable before a Justice of the Peace of said County.

Sec. 7. That the President is hereby requested to cause the Secretary of State to make a suitable number of Proclamations to be presented to him for his signature at least one month before each of the above mentioned dates, so that the Nation may have notice thereof.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 24th, 1916.

AN ACT AMENDING AN ACT EXTENDING THE BUDGET OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA APPROVED JANUARY 28th, 1916.

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

Sec. 1. On the last line in the preamble of the said Act, eliminate the word "June" and insert the word "September" and on the fourth line of said Act eliminate the word "June" and insert the word "September".

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 24th, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION APPRECIATIVE OF THE SERVICES RENDERED THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA BY THE LATE SAMUEL DAVID FERGUSON, D. D., D. C. L., K. C., BISHOP OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LIBERIA.

WHEREAS in the death of the Rt. Rev. Samuel David Ferguson, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Liberia the Nation has lost a great Spiritual Leader and Factor; and

WHEREAS his labours as Head of the Protestant Mission in Liberia have been fraught with the highest good to this Republic in its effect upon the moral, religious and educational upliftment of all elements of its people; and

WHEREAS in full recognition of these services to the people of this Republic rendered under the benevolent auspices of the Board of Missions of the of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, the Legislature is desirous to place upon record its estimation and appreciation of that service, and its sense of gratitude to the said Board of Missions.

THEREFORE. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in legislature assembled:

Sec. 1. That for and on behalf of the people of Liberia we do hereby record our high estimation and unqualified appreciation for the valuable service rendered the Republic by the late lamented death of Samuel David Ferguson, D. D., D. C. L., K. C., Bishop of Liberia of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, on religious, moral and Educational lines.

Sec. 2. That we hereby record our sense of gratitude to the Board of Missions of said church whose zeal, liberality and support of the cause of Christian Missionary propaganda in the Republic made possible the achievements of the good Bishop in the upliftment of the people of this Republic.

Sec. 3. Resolve further that a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the Secretary of said Board of Missions in America by the Department of State.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 25th, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE NUMBER ONE BRASS BAND OF ARTHINGTON, 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, John Moore, Band Director; Johnny Bracewell, Band Master; W. H. Tyler, Band Instructor; Scott Carter, Band Leader; James Hoggard, Financial Secretary; Emma Tyler, Band Treasurer; Solomon Miller, Boatswain; Thomas H. Tyler, Band Patron; Joseph Bracewell and Jerry Jones, and such other persons who may become members of said Band, are hereby constituted and declared a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of No 1 Brass Band of Arthington, Montserrado County; and by that name may sue and be sued, pleaded and be impleaded in any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall hold and possess real and personal estate to the value of Five Hundred Dollars, and to do any act in common with similar bodies, not repugnant to laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 24th, 1916.

AN ACT AMENDING A JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE UNITY LODGE NO. 95, UNITED BROTHERS OF FRIENDSHIP AND SISTERS OF THE MYSTERIOUS TEN, BREWERVILLE MONTSERRADO COUNTY, APPROVED A. D. 1897.

WHEREAS the Most Worthy Grand Master, Secretary, Treasurer, of the Grand Lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and S. M. T. of the Republic of Liberia, have petitioned the Legislature, asking for the amendment of the Charter of one of the Subordinate Lodge so as to accord with the said Lodge's seal;

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, that where the number "95"

appears in the aforesaid Joint Resolution of 1897 the number "120" shall be inserted, as to read, "Unity Lodge No. '120' of Brewerville.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 24th, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE COLEMAN'S MEMORIAL
LODGE NO. 134 UNITED BROTHERS OF FRIENDSHIP, OF ARTHINGTON,
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, Thos. H. Tyler, P. M., June Moore, P. M., W. H. Tyler, W. M., H. W. Davies, D. M., Willie A. Moore, W. S., Francis Hill, Assistance Secretary, James Clarke, Chaplain, David Moore, Marshall, John Moore and Henry Hill, Trustees, W. H. Tyes, Treasurer, Chas. R. Askie, Pilot, Lot Hill, and any other person or persons who may hereafter become members of said Lodge, are hereby constituted a body politic and Corporate under the name and style of "Coleman's Memorial Lodge No. 134 of the United Brothers of Friendship of Arthington, Montserrado County", with power to take, hold and possess Real and personal estate by grant, purchase or otherwise, and to convey same as said Lodge shall direct, to an amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, and have the power 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 October 24th, 1916.

AN ACT GRANTING A FERRY FRANCHISE TO F. V. MASSALI, ACROSS
THE PO AND LITTLE CAPE MOUNT OR LOFFA RIVERS.

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 Foli V. Massali and such other persons as may be associated with him, his and their heirs and assigns are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of "Massali Ferries Limited," and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic, having competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. The said Corporation may own real and personal property, to the value of Fifty Thousand Dollars, and do any legal act necessary to effect its object and purposes and enjoy all powers granted to similar to bodies corporate.

Sec. 3. It is further enacted that Massali Ferries Limited, shall have the right to run one ferry across the Po River in Montserrado County, from the right bank there to the left bank of the same at a point to be selected on each bank of the river and the right shall extend to the distance of one mile up stream and one mile down stream from the points so selected. Massali Ferries Limited, shall also have the right to run a ferry across the Little Cape Mount or Loffa River from Man-

jamah on the right bank to Bornajah on the left bank and within the distance of one mile up stream and one mile down stream from the Towns aforesaid.

Sec. 4. The life of this franchise shall be twelve Years.

Sec. 5. Massali Ferries Limited, shall keep at each Ferry established a sufficient number of Commodious Boats and Canoes, subject at all times and hours to the needs of travellers.

Sec. 6. The rate of ferriage shall not exceed ten (10cts.) cents. for each person crossed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 24th, 1916.

AN ACT CREATING A TERRITORIAL COURT IN THE TERRITORY OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT, DEFINING ITS JURISDICTION AND PROVIDING FOR ITS ORGANIZATION.

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

Sec. 1. This Act shall be cited as the Grand Cape Mount Territorial Court Act.

Sec. 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply only to the Territory of Grand Cape Mount and any general law repealed, or modified in any respect by the provisions of the present law shall be taken as repealed only as they apply to the Territory of Grand Cape Mount.

Sec. 3. The Act approved December 7th, 1911 entitled "An Act relating to the Judiciary" and the Supplements thereto approved January 30th, 1912, and January 11th, 1913, in so far as they relate to the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, and so much of Section 6 of the Act approved February 7th, 1900, entitled "Joint Resolution Creating the Territory of Grand Cape Mount" as authorizes the County Attorney for Montserrado County to prosecute for the State within said Territory be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. The provisional Monthly Court now established for and within the Territory of Grand Cape Mount be and the same is hereby abolished.

Sec. 5. Within Thirty days after the passage of this Act the President is hereby authorized to establish and organize within the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, a Territorial Court which shall replace in said Territory the Provisional Monthly and Probate Court and the Circuit Court heretofore established in said Territory.

Sec. 6. The Territorial Court shall have jurisdiction within the Territory over all such causes and matters as are now within the jurisdiction of the Provisional Monthly Court and the Circuit Court subject to such modifications as are specially provided in this Act.

Sec. 7. The Court shall be organized in five Divisions: (1) Law, (2) Admiralty, (3) Equity, (4) Probate, (5) Native and all Causes and matters brought therein shall be entitled of the Division in which they legally fall, e. g., Law Division, Equity Division, Probate Division, etc.

Sec. 8. The Territorial Court shall meet Monthly on the first Monday and shall remain in Session until the docket is disposed of. As soon as issue is joined in any civil matter requiring a jury, after all questions of law have been disposed of, the Clerk shall immediately upon the order of the Judge and the Judge shall give such order, summon a special jury to try the cause. All provisions of law respecting the qualification, duties, restrictions upon and challenges to jurors shall apply to such special jury. Such special jury shall not be entitled to any *per diem* pay but shall receive the Statutory pay for each case they try.

Sec. 9. The Criminal assize shall be held every third month at which time both a petit and a grand jury shall be summoned. The Grand Jury shall be dismissed within four days if possible. The first Criminal assize shall be held on the first Monday in November 1916.

Sec. 10. The term of the Territorial Court shall extend from the day of the adjournment of one criminal assize, to the meeting of the next criminal assize.

Sec. 11. All actions may be commenced at any time within a term, and shall be entitled as of the day when they are filed except criminal matters which shall be entitled of the term. The law requiring defendants in civil causes to be summoned at least fifteen days before the meeting of the court shall not apply to causes brought in the Territorial Court.

Sec. 12. In the Native Division of the Territorial Court the Judge shall be assisted by Assessors, not less than two nor exceeding three in number, one of whom shall be the Paramount Chief of the District in which the action originates. In the Native Division, the Court shall not act as an appeal Court for all matters not not political in character which arise within native Districts between natives and have been brought to the Territorial Court from the Court of the Paramount Chief or of the Commissioner. In this division the native customary law shall be administered. A record of the pleas, the evidence and the expert testimony as to the native customary law, together with the decisions or judgments of the Court shall be kept.

Sec. 13. There shall be a Clerk of Court whose duty shall be the same as that prescribed for the Clerks of the Monthly Probate and Circuit Courts. He shall have one assistant.

Sec. 14. In all matters except in Admiralty, the Sheriff shall be ministerial officer of the Court. His duties and emolument shall be the same as now prescribed by law.

Sec. 15. The President shall appoint an officer to conduct prosecutions on behalf of the Republic in the Territory of Grand Cape Mount who shall be styled "Public Prosecutor for the Territory," and who shall be subject to the orders of and report to the Attorney General. His duties shall be the same as those of the County Attorney and he shall be subject to all the laws respecting law officers of the Republic.

Sec. 16. The President is authorized to appoint a Judge for the Territorial Court, who shall hold office as provided in the Constitution and must before his appointment have been a practicing lawyer.

Sec. 17. In case of illness, or other disability or disqualification of the

Judge of the Territorial Court, the Chief Justice or in his absence, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court shall by warrant assign one of the Circuit Judges to hold a special or general session of the Territorial Court.

Sec. 18. All appeals from the Territorial Court shall lie to the Supreme Court of Liberia.

Sec. 19. Each Assessor shall be paid two Dollars per diem for each day or part of a day actual service. The salary of the Judge of the Territorial Court shall be \$700.00 per annum. The Salary of the Public Prosecutor shall be three hundred Dollars per annum. The Salary of the Sheriff shall be one hundred and fifty dollars per annum. The Salary of the Clerk shall be \$275.00 per annum. The salary of the Assistant Clerk shall be one hundred dollars per annum, subject to the provisions of Chapter XXIII of the Acts of 1916.

Sec. 20. All law or parts of law conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 24th, 1916.

AN ACT REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA TO ERECT A NATIONAL MONUMENT IN MARYLAND COUNTY AND IN MEMORY OF THE LATE JOHN HILIARY TUBMAN MAJOR GENERAL, R. L.

WHEREAS the late John Hiliary Tubman, Major General, Liberian Army by his unbounded patriotism, manly virtues and untiring zeal for the success of Liberia's mission on this barbarous Coast, has raised the standard of intelligence as an Educator; and

WHEREAS by his discretion, valor and personal type of Military Leadership he has repeatedly vanquished the enemies of civilization, good Government and Christian Religion and has restored peace and harmony within our borders by compelling the rebellious elements to acknowledge the supremacy of the Liberian Government; and

WHEREAS it is always the pleasure and pride of this Nation to place upon records its appreciation of such valorous service and to preserve the memory and the heroic achievements of such distinguished characters, whose life of self-sacrifice and unbounded enthusiasm for Liberia are large bequests to the common thought and well-being of the Negro race and are worthy of imperishable fame;

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

Sec. 1. That the President be and is hereby requested as soon as practicable to erect in some conspicuous public place in Maryland County, a suitable National Monument in memory and in appreciation of the illustrious achievements and deeds of valor performed by the said John Hiliary Tubman, Major General Liberian Army, and the brave boys who fought with him and fell in diverse battles from 1875 to 1910.

Sec. 2. That the President is further authorised, in order to carry out the provisions of this act, to draw from the Public Treasury the sum of \$500.00 out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 2nd, 1916.

AN ACT AMENDING AN ACT REGULATING TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

WHEREAS the ending of the fiscal year of the Republic of Liberia has been changed from June 30th. to September 30th.

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

Sec. 1. That the Act of the Legislature approved October 21st. 1915, be so amended as to read, "that the town meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday in October annually."

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 2nd 1916.

AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER XXX. OF THE ACTS OF 1916 APPROVED JANUARY 18TH 1916, entitled, "AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS SEDITIOUS AND FIXING THE PUNISHMENT OF THE SAME."

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

Sec. 1. That the first section of Act Entitled; "An Act declaring certain Acts seditious and fixing the punishment of same, approved January 18th, 1916, and constituting chapter xxx. of the Acts of 1916 be abrogated and the following provision substituted in its stead:

Sec. 2. That any citizen of Liberia who with intent to stir up rebellion and to set on foot, incite or in any wise promote insurrection against the authority and Government of the Republic, shall speak of or write about said Government to any native tribe or tribes, within the limits of Liberia, or to any Chief or Chiefs of such tribes, any word or words phrases, imputing to the Government of Liberia, unfairness in its treatment toward such tribe or tribes; or who with similar intent shall create or seek to create among any such tribes disaffection to the Government of Liberia; or who with such intent shall counsel and advise, or any wise encourage any such tribe or tribes to renounce their allegiance to the Republic of Liberia; or who shall write or cause to be written any communication to a Foreign State or to any official thereof proposing either the dismemberment of the Republic or presenting to such Foreign Government official any matter of complaint against the Government of Liberia properly the subject of domestic enquiry and adjustment with intent in so doing to overturn, subvert or in any wise affect the stability of the Republic; or who shall do or cause to be done any act having a tendency to cause discontent among any tribe within the limits of Liberia and incite them to revolt shall be guilty of sedition.

The punishment shall be a fine of two thousand dollars together with imprisonment of five years and confiscation of all property real or personal, which the convicted person shall own in the Republic. In case the person so offending shall escape the jurisdiction of the Court and shall remain without the Republic for the period of six months thereafter, with intent in so doing to evade the the law, it shall be lawful for the Court, an indictment having been found, before which such indictment is pending having previously caused the clerk of such court to publish such indictment in at least one local news paper for the period of three months to pronounce a judgment in contumacy against the offender or offenders and to declare the property of such person or persons

sequestered. Should the Defendant or Defendants not appear and submit himself or themselves to trial within six months after such judgment of sequestration the Court may thereupon declare such property confiscated to the Republic.

Sec. 3. That section 2 of said Act be amended as follows: after the words "enacted that" insert "where such intercourse has been prohibited either by Act of the Legislature, Proclamation of the President or Military Order it shall be unlawful."

Sec. 4. That section 3 be amended as follows: After the word "foreign" on line 3 of said section insert the words "or domestic," and at the end of the section strike out all that follows "Five Thousand Dollars," and substitute thereof "and may in the discretion of the Court be deported from the Country as an undesirable Alien."

Sec. 5. That all laws or parts of law conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 2nd, 1916.

AN ACT ALTERING AND AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL.

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

Sec. 1. That the eighth line of section 6 of said Charter be so amended as to read thus: "That the elective officers shall be one Mayor, and five Common Councilmen."

Sec. 2. That the first and second lines of section 7 be so amended as to read: "There shall be a City Court which shall be presided over by one of the City Aldermen, whose salary shall in common with all other appointed officers of said City, be fixed by the Common Council."

Sec. 3. That all Aldermen for the City of Marshall shall hereafter be appointed officers together with the Solicitor, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Inspector and police.

Sec. 4. That the Police may serve precepts anywhere within the City.

Sec. 5. That two-thirds of all moneys accruing to the City be used for City improvements, and the remaining one-third, used to pay salaries and other current expenses of the City.

Sec. 6. That said Corporation shall have the right to establish a City Market, and make such regulations as they may deem proper for the government of same not repugnant to the laws of this Republic.

Sec. 7. That the City Corporation be permitted to use the Territory prison for the confinement of prisoners from time to time and that the Sheriff and his Deputy be subject to orders of the Mayor, in all cases where the Territory prison is used, and they shall be responsible for all City prisoners detained therein,

and shall be punishable for their escape as provided for by law; but the City shall provide the necessary food for all its prisoners during their detention, and shall have access and control over them at all times for services on the public works as may be provided by Ordinances of the Common Council.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 2nd, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO PUBLISH THE ORATION DELIVERED BY THE RIGHT REVEREND SAMUEL DAVID FERGUSON, D. D., D. C. L., K. C., ON OUR NATAL DAY, THE TWENTY-SIXTH OF JULY 1916, IN PAMPHLET FORM, FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION IN LIBERIA.

WHEREAS we recognise in the Right Reverend Samuel David Ferguson, D. D., D. C. L., K. C., a consistent Christian Minister, a true faithful loyal and patriotic citizen, a strong and zealous supporter both of the laws of God and of the State; and

WHEREAS upon the request of the President he willingly delivered the Oration on our Natal Day the Twenty-Sixth of July 1916; and

WHEREAS said Oration embodied so many Gospel truths as well as facts obtained by him, through ripe experience that should be bound around our hearts, and indelibly stamped on our memory; and

WHEREAS we regard the Oration as our father's valedictory Chart to his Liberian children, who are now, by the cruel hand of Death left to steer this Ship of State; and

WHEREAS we feel that this Chart should be in the hands of every Librarian who is charged with the management of the official Ship of State, and sacredly reserved for those who are to succeed them;

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President be, and is hereby authorized to publish in pamphlet form, the Oration delivered by the Right Reverend Bishop Samuel David Ferguson, D. D., D. C. L., K. C., on the 26th day of July, 1916, our Natal Day, for free distribution in Liberia to Liberian Consuls abroad, and to other friends to Liberia as he may see fit to do; and a copy of same be filed away in the Archives of the State Department for the use of the rising generation.

Sec. 2. That the sum of fifty dollars is hereby appropriated for the expenses of said publication. And the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President, is hereby authorized to draw for same out of any money in the public treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 24th, 1916.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS CAREYSBURG, MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, D. W. Uery, Past Noble Father; G. A. Minor, Noble Father; J. A. Deputie, Past Noble Grand; W. R. Craig, Noble Grand; W. D. Cassell, Vice Grand; D. A. Urey, P. S.; W. F. Dennis, E. S.; R. E. Knuckles, W. T.; T. A. Jackson, W. H.; G. E. Knuckles, W. C.; Geo. B. Walker, J. E. Woodson, J. L. Honsby, R. L. Knuckles, Trustees, James Paxton, R. S.; G. R. Knuckles, L. S.; James People, R. S.; G. E. Winder, L. S.; J. T. Wordsworth, Guardian; together with all such other officers and members who, now are or may hereafter become members of the T. A. Sims Memorial Lodge No. 9306 Grand United Order of ODD Fellows of Careysburg, Montserrado County, are hereby incorporated into a body corporate and politic under the above name and style, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts having competent jurisdiction; may own real and personal property to the value of Five Thousand Dollars; may make by-laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution of Liberia, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intention this organization.

Any law the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 2nd, 1916.

AN ACT LEVYING HUT TAX AMONG THE UNCIVILIZED ABORIGINAL INHABITANTS WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

WHEREAS there has been arisen from time to time frequent disputes between Tax Collectors and male Citizens or their guardians as to the correct age of such male citizen so registered for the payment of Poll Taxes; and

WHEREAS the uncivilized aboriginal Inhabitants of our vast Hinterland prefer Hut Tax to Poll Tax; and

WHEREAS it is the desire and wishes of the Government not to oppress her citizens, but that peace, good will and harmony should prevail, and to better facilitate the collection of Internal Revenue with accuracy:

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Bureau of Internal Revenue to assess and Collect Hut Tax of One Dollar (\$1.00), on each and every hut within this Republic, except on such huts as shall be located on farms or real estates within corporate limits of Cities, Townships or Settlements.

Sec. 2. That Section 12 of the Act relating to the collection of Internal Revenue, Approved October 22nd, 1914, relative to Poll Tax is hereafter defined as referring to such male citizens as shall reside on farms or real estates within corporate Cities, townships or Settlements.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 2nd, 1916.

AN ACT ALTERING AND AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ROBERTSPORT TERRITORY OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT.

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

CORPORATE BOUNDARY. The corporate bounds of the City of Robertsport shall be one mile deep from the Atlantic Ocean fronting said City on Water Street and extending from the river on its northern side from Gomer's point running parallel with the City to Ackersville two miles, within which the City Authorities shall exercise jurisdiction and execute the laws of the Corporation.

CORPORATE POWERS. Said City shall be a corporation under the Government of a Mayor and Common Council and by the name of the City Corporation of Robertsport, shall sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any Court and shall have perpetual succession and a common corporate seal, with power to break, renew and alter the same; and shall be capable of taking, acquiring and holding lands and personal property to the value of two hundred thousand dollars within the boundaries of said City and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the same to levy all such taxes as may be necessary for the City purposes, and to enter into such contracts and agreements as may be necessary for the exercise of its corporate functions, and to do and execute every other matter or thing incidental to such corporations subject to the Constitution of this Republic.

GOVERNMENT. The Government of the City is divided into the following departments viz., Legislative, Executive and Judiciary.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT: The Legislative Department of the City shall consist of a council to be styled Common Council of the City of Robertsport; the majority of the members elected shall constitute a quorum.

MEMBERS: The Common Council shall consist of seven members residents of the City of Robertsport, every Common Councilman shall possess unincumbered Real Estate to the value of Two Hundred dollars, and shall be elected biennially on the First Tuesday in January and shall hold office for two years or until their Successors are elected any vacancy which shall occur in the Common Council shall be filled by a special election to be ordered by the Mayor, and the persons elected shall serve for the unexpired term, every Common Councilman shall be exempted from paying all City taxes on his residence.

POWERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL: The Common Council shall have power to elect a Chairman, Sergeant-at-arms, Clerk and Messengers, to make rules for its own government; to pass ordinances for the government of the City, to lay out new streets and public parks, to impose fines within the limits of the City, to grant concessions to fix licenses and to do all other things whatsoever necessary to carry out the purposes of the Corporation. It shall have power to

levy and collect annually the following taxes: a Poll Tax not exceeding one dollar from each male citizen between the ages of twenty one and seventy five, not paying Real Estate; tales a tax on dogs not exceeding fifty cents for male and one dollar for females. No other tax shall be collected except by a vote of three fourths of the Common Council. Any person dissatisfied with any assessment shall have right to appeal against same to the Territorial Court of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, and from the decision of said Court, to the Supreme Court Republic of Liberia.

CITY REVENUES: The Common Council shall appropriate two thirds of all the revenues of the City, for the general material improvement of the City, and it may use the remaining one third of such revenue for the payment of salaries, wages, and other current expenses. All moneys arising from Commission Merchants licenses, peddlers and Auctioneers Licenses, one half of whole sale liquor licenses, and half of retail licenses, Boat Licenses and other licenses; and all other licenses that the Common Council may deem necessary to create from time to time within the Corporate bounds of the City, shall be and are hereby appropriated and made payable to the City for the use of the City. No money shall be paid out of the City Treasury for any account except an appropriation has been previously made therefor by the Common Council and such account must be approved by the Mayor and duly audited. No money shall be expended by the Corporation for any celebration, procession or entertainment of any kind unless by unanimous vote of the Council and the approval of the Mayor,

MEETINGS. The stated meetings of the Common Council shall be on the third Tuesday in each month and shall hold session four consecutive days in order to meet the mayor's approval or Vote. Call meetings may be had but shall not exceed two meetings a month. The Common Council shall have authority to compell the attendance of absent members, to find its members for disorderly behaviour, or other causes by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, and the member so expelled shall forfeit all his rights and powers as a Common Councilman.

ORDINANCES. Ordinances shall commence with the following words: "It is ordained by the Mayor and Common Councilmen of Robertsport." Every legislative act of the Council shall be by ordinance, and every ordinance, appropriating money or imposing fines, fixing licenses or granting Concessions, or privilege of any kind, shall receive a vote of two-thirds of the members elected. All ordinances previous to their final passage shall be voted upon in two meetings of the Common Council held on different days, except in case where two-thirds of the Common Council voted in the affirmative and the Mayor gives his approval.

MAYOR'S VETO. Every ordinance shall before it takes effect be presented duly certified, to the Mayor for his approval; if he shall approve it he must sign it, if he shall disapprove it he must specify his objection thereto in writing and return it to the Council at a meeting held not earlier than three days from the time such Ordinance was delivered him. If the Ordinance shall on reconsideration be again passed by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected, it shall become law, all votes upon such recommendation shall be taken and recorded, Yeas, and Nays. The Executive Department of the City shall be vested in a Mayor and officers of the several Departments hereinafter provided for, and such other subordinate officers as the Common Council by Ordinance may create.

Mayor. The Mayor shall be the Chief executive officer of the City and shall be elected at the time and in the manner provided by the Common

Councilmen. He shall communicate to the Common Council at least once every year; and oftener if he shall deem it expedient. A general statement of the situation and condition of the City in relation to its government, finance and improvements; he shall recommend to the Common Council from time to time such measures with reference to the Police, the security, health, cleanliness and improvements of the City and also the improvement of its government and finances as he shall deem expedient, he shall issue checks on the City Treasury in favour of persons entitled thereto in payments of claims against the City, which have been duly audited; he shall be vigilant and active in causing the laws of the City to be executed and enforced; he shall be the conservator of the peace within the City, and he may when actually necessary, for the preservation of the public peace, or for the suppression of mobs, riots, quarrelling or insurrections of whatever nature, order out the militia to aid the Police Force to compel those engaged in such mobs, riots, quarrellings or insurrections to keep the peace, and submit to the law and he shall be solely responsible for any abuse of power in connection therewith; he shall exercise constant supervision and control over the acts of all subordinate officers, shall receive and examine all complaints which may be preferred against any officer and employee of the City for violation or neglect of duty, or for any unjustifiable conduct; and generally to perform all such duties as may be required of him by the Ordinances and laws of the City. He may call a special meeting of the Common Council and shall have a veto power over all their Acts. No person shall be elected Mayor who is not a resident of the City of Robertsport, and who does not possess real estate to the value of Five Hundred Dollars. Any vacancy in the office arising from death shall be filled by a special election called by the Common Council, and in the event of a temporary vacancy arising from illness, absence from the City or other causes, the Chairman of the Common Council shall possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor during such temporary vacancy. The Mayor shall receive an Annual salary of (\$100.00) One Hundred Dollars said salary shall not be decreased but may be increased during his term of office; and he shall have power to remit City fines.

CITY CLERK. There shall be a Department of Public Records in charge of an officer to be styled "City Clerk," who shall keep all the records of the City. He shall issue and deliver all Licenses after having the same countersigned by the Mayor and receiving the City Treasurer's triplicate receipt showing payment therefor, and shall perform any other service which may be required of him, by the Common Council, and receive such fees or salary as the Common Council may determine.

CITY TREASURER. There shall be a Department of Finance in charge of an officer to be styled "City Treasurer." He shall have general supervision of the Finance of the City, he shall receive all moneys due the City, and all revenues from whatever source, and shall issue to every person paying money into the City Treasury, three Receipts marked "Original" for the Mayor, "Duplicate" for the Auditor and "Triplicate" for the holder; and every person receiving such receipts shall retain the triplicate except licenses are to be obtained therefrom and deliver the others to the Mayor and Auditor. The City Treasurer shall disburse all moneys upon checks issued by the Mayor countersigned by the Chairman of the Common Council; he shall have charge of all property belonging to the City not legally in the custody of any officer or employee thereof. He shall report annually to the Common Council in the month of October and whenever required by the Mayor or Common Council so to do. All the business and transaction of his Department showing all other transactions of his office following the date of the last report. He shall keep in an appropriate book a full record of all the transactions and business of his Depart-

ment, and shall perform such other duties as the Common Council may require. He shall receive such fees or salary as the Common Council may provide, and shall give such bond as the Common Council may require.

CITY AUDITOR. There shall be an auditing Department in charge of an officer to be styled "City Auditor." He shall audit all bills for claims against which have been approved by the Mayor or any other officer having authority so to do. The Auditor shall, once in each month examine the books of the City Treasurer and see that the same have been correctly kept, and that all moneys are on hand; he shall keep an account of all moneys paid into the City Treasury and report to the Common Council monthly, the fourth Thursday in each month all the transaction and business of his Department; and shall perform such other duties as the Common Council may require. He shall receive such fees or salary as the Common Council may fix, and shall give such bond as the Common Council may determine upon.

CITY SOLICITOR. There shall be a Department of law in charge of an officer to be styled "City Solicitor". He shall be the legal adviser of the Corporation and the officers thereof; he shall attend the Magistrate Court whenever necessary; he shall prosecute in the name and on behalf of the City of Robertsport. He shall furnish opinions to the various Departments of the City, and shall perform such other services as may be required of him by the Common Council. He shall receive such compensation as the Common Council may determine.

CITY CHIEF OF POLICE. There shall be a Chief of Police who shall have charge of the Police Force of the City, and with the approval of the Mayor shall appoint the same and the officers thereof. He shall within the limits of the City, preserve the public peace, and compel obedience to the laws of the Republic and the Ordinances of the City, and arrest any offenders against the same. He shall attend all cases in the Police Court, and shall have charge of the City prison and the prisoners confined therein, he shall serve or cause to be served all processes, he shall be ex-officio City Coroner, and shall perform such other duties incident to such office, and shall perform such other services as may be required of him by the Common Council. He shall receive such fees or salary as the Common Council may allow. Any assault upon the Chief of Police or any public officer or any policeman, shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable with a fine not exceeding Fifty Dollars or imprisonment not exceeding fifteen days or both.

CITY HEALTH COMMISSIONER. There shall be a Department of Health in charge of an officer to be styled "City Health Commissioner," who shall be a physician if practicable. He shall have charge within the City limits, of the public health. He shall examine all articles of food exposed to sale, and condemn the same if found unfit for food under such regulation as such officer with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council may provide. He shall upon complaint or otherwise, require any house-holder or other person to put in a sanitary condition any insanitary place. He shall with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council, make such regulations as he may deem necessary to keep the City in a sanitary condition, and preserve the public health; and perform such other services with respect to the health of the City as the Mayor and Common Council may require of him. He shall receive such fees or salary as the Common Council may determine, and may appoint such deputies as the Common Council by Ordinance may allow.

CITY TAX COLLECTOR. There shall be a Department of City

Taxes in charged of an officer to be styled "Chief Tax Collector". He shall under direction of the Mayor superintend and keep an account of the collection of all taxes, and shall pay the same to the City Treasurer weekly; he shall recommend the appointment of such Assessors and Collectors as the Mayor and Common Council may allow, and shall perform such other services as the Common Council may require. He shall receive such fees or salary and shall give such bond as the Common Council may fix and require.

CITY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS. There shall be a Department of Public Works in charge of an officer to be styled "City Commissioner of Public Works," who shall have charge of the Supervision of the Streets, Public buildings and other public utilities belonging to the City. He shall recommend the appointment of such Inspectors, who shall keep the streets, public buildings and other public utilities in good order and condition and promote the improvement of the City. He shall perform such other duties and receive such fees or salary and give such bond as the Common Council may by Ordinance determine.

CITY MAGISTRATE. There shall be a Magistrate Court organized and to be presided over by a City Magistrate who shall receive salary as the Common Council by Ordinance may fix; but the same shall neither be increased nor diminished during the term for which such Magistrate was appointed. He shall have jurisdiction within the City limits, over the violation of the City Ordinances and offences against the laws of the Republic. And in the exercise of his office he shall have such powers of Civil and Criminal jurisdiction as are now, or may hereafter be conferred upon Justice of the Peace. He may with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council, establish such rules for the government of the Court, as are not inconsistent with the law, and may require the Chief of Police as detailed policemen to attend upon the Court. All fines, costs and penalties imposed by said Court for violation of law within the limits of the City, shall be paid into the City Treasury daily. The Mayor shall have the power to appoint and commission from time to time such other Magistrates as may be found necessary not exceeding three in number.

APPOINTMENT AND TERM. The Mayor shall nominate and with the advice and consent of the Common Council, appoint and commission the respective Executive officials of the City, who shall serve during the pleasure of the Mayor and Common Council.

ELECTION. The election of the Mayor and Common Council shall take place biennially on the second Tuesday in January, and shall be conducted according to the laws governing the election of the National Legislature under such regulations as the Common Council may ordain.

They shall be inaugurated and shall enter upon the discharge of their duties on the fourth Tuesday in January. The Sheriff of the Territory or his deputy shall be required by the Mayor or any other competent authority, at the expense of the Corporation to make all necessary arrangements for and be present during all elections as in the case of National elections. The returns of all elections shall be forwarded to the City Clerk, and the votes shall be counted and the results ascertained by the Common Council. The City Clerk shall thereupon issue notices to the persons receiving a majority or plurality of votes; and the persons so notified shall be Mayor and Common Councilmen. But in the event of any contest the newly elected Council shall determine the election and qualifications of its own Members. The Mayor shall before he enters upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe a solemn oath or affirmation; to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of such office. The Superintendent of the Terri-

tory of Grand Cape Mount shall administer such oath or affirmation; when the Superintendent is unable to attend, the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court of the Territory shall administer said oath or affirmation and the Mayor shall administer the same to the Common Council. Members of the newly elected Council whose seats are contested, shall not be allowed to vote in the event of a contest.

ELECTORS. Only persons owning real Estate in the City of Robertsport shall be allowed to vote.

CITY MARKET. The said Corporation shall have the right to establish a Market to be located on Cape Mount Avenue, on the Waterside of the City between the places now occupied by J. A. H. Jones, and C. W. Houston.

The said Corporation may increase the number of markets from time to time as the necessity of the case demands. Said Corporation shall make such rules and regulations governing said markets, not inconsistent with the Laws of the Republic of Liberia.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATING CHARTER. Any officer of the City Government or any person or persons (the Mayor excepted) employed in any Department thereof, who shall wilfully violate any of the provisions of the Charter, or shall be guilty of any wilful neglect in the discharge of his duty, or misuse or misapply any of the funds of the City or shall convert any of the public property to his own use, or knowingly permit any other person to do so, or shall receive any fees, perquisites or rewards of any kind not authorized by law, for any official act, shall be punishable with a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars, to be recovered by the Territorial Court, of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount or any other court in the Republic of Liberia having competent jurisdiction, or suffer imprisonment for sixty days, or both; except in case of embezzlement, in which case the offender is to suffer the penalty of the Statute Laws of Liberia, and the person shall forfeit his office and be excluded forever thereafter from holding any office under the City.

CITY TO USE JAIL HOUSE OF THE TERRITORY. The Jail of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount shall be at the service of the City, for the confinement of prisoners at any time, that the use thereof shall be deemed necessary by the Mayor or Common Council. And the Jailor or Sheriff of said Territory and their deputies shall be subject to the order of the Mayor in all cases in which the jail of the Territory is used; and they shall be responsible for all City prisoners detained therein, and shall be punishable for their escape as provided by law. But the City shall provide the necessary food for all its prisoners during their detention, and shall have access and control over them at all times for service on public works, or as may be provided by Ordinance of the Common Council.

PROCESS AND ARREST OUTSIDE THE CITY. Any policeman of the City may serve a process anywhere within the City,

REPEALING CLAUSE. All Charters heretofore granted and all laws in conflict with this Charter, are hereby repealed, and this Charter, shall take effect immediately after the passage thereof.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 2nd, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE
THIRTY THIRD LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION 1916.

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

Sec. 1. That the Second Session of the Thirty Third Legislature of the Republic of Liberia, adjourn "Sine die" on the 7th day of November A. D. 1916. Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 3rd 1916.

AN ACT DEFINING HOW THE OATH OR AFFIDAVIT OF A CLAIMANT, SHIPPER, IMPORTER, EXPORTER, CONSIGNOR, OR CONSIGNEE REQUIRED BY THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION DATED JUNE 22ND, A. D. 1916 SHALL BE MADE.

WHEREAS The present system under which claimant, shippers, importers, exporters, consignors and consignees are required to make the above mentioned oath or Affidavit is oppressive in consequence of the Emergency Relief Fund Act and works a hardship upon them and thereby causing great murmuring and dissatisfaction: and

WHEREAS It is not the intention, will nor desire of the Government to oppress her citizens, foreigners nor any one else residing within the Republic; nor to do anything that will have a tendency to thwart or hamper trade and commerce in the slightest degree:

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

Sec. 2. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the oath or affidavit of claimant, shipper, importers, exporters, consignors or consignees required by the President's Proclamation dated June 22nd, A. D. 1916 shall be administered by the Collector of Customs, or in his absence, by the Chief Clerk of Customs of the County or Territory where said oath or affidavit is required, free of all cost or expences to the person or persons applying for same.

Sec. 2. That should any Collector of Customs or Chief Clerk of Customs be found demanding, requiring or receiving any fee or fees or other perquisites of whatever nature for administering the said oath or affidavit, he shall be immediately dismissed from office and prosecuted for obtaining money by false pretences in any of the Courts of competent jurisdiction within the Republic where said offender or offenders reside.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 3rd 1916.

AN ACT DEFINING AND FIXING THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE SETTLEMENTS OF CAREYSBURG, BENSONVILLE, CROZIERVILLE AND WHITE PLAINS.

WHEREAS, there has been a long standing dispute between the Settlements of Careysburg and Bensonville, and White Plains and Crozierville with reference to the boundaries between them; and

WHEREAS they have each petitioned to the National Legislature to declare by Statute the boundary lines which shall separate them,

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the following boundaries are hereby established and fixed on the Caryesburg Road between the Settlements of Careysburg, Bensonville, Crozierville and White Plains: The Northwest boundary of Careysburg, and the Southeast boundary of Bensonville shall be one hundred (100) feet from the Southeast corner of the land of Jas. D. Garnet, which adjoins the Zoda Queah's Reserve, said Reserve shall form a part of Careysburg.

Sec. 2. That the Northwest boundary of Bensonville, and the Southeast boundary Crozierville shall be at what is commonly known as Mrs. Mason's Creek, near the Parade Ground, or Old Receptacle; and the Northwest boundary of Crozier-ville and the Southeast boundary of White Plains shall be at what is known as Bridge No. 2. Zemadu's Creek, it being distinctly understood that White Plains shall not extend eastward further than Milles' or Melvills' Creek; but shall extend in a Southwesterly direction so as to include the place known as Robertsville.

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

Approved November 3rd, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF DECEMBER ENSUING COMMEMORATION DAY AND PROVIDING FOR ITS COMMEMORATION.

WHEREAS the Twenty-Fifth day of December ensuing marks the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the American Colonization Society which founded Liberia; and

WHEREAS out of consideration and thanks to the American Government thru the American Colonization Society, the day should not pass by unnoticed but rather that the said event should be publicly commemorated thru-out 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 after the passage of this Join Resolution, the Twenty-fifth day of December ensuing is hereby declared Commemoration Day and that the

event be publicly commemorated in the several Counties and Territories thru-out Liberia in manner and form as the President may deem proper.

Sec. 2. That the President be and is hereby requested to cause the Secretary of State to make a suitable number of Proclamations to be presented to him for his signature at least one month before the above mentioned date, so that the Nation may have notice thereof.

Sec. 3. This Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 3rd 1916.

AN ACT AMENDING AN ACT DEFINING TREASON AND FIXING THE PUNISHMENT THEREFOR.

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

Sec. 1. That the Criminal Code approved January 24th, 1900 by which Treason is defined and the penalty therefor fixed, be so amended as to read "that the penalty of Treason shall be imprisonment for a period not exceeding twenty years, and confiscation of all property where no death has ensued as a result of such Treasonable acts; and in case where death has ensued, the punishment shall be death by hanging and confiscation of all property"

Sec. 2. In case where a person being indicted shall, with intent to escape Trial, depart the Republic without submitting to such trial, the indictment found against him shall be advertised for the period of three months. If the accused does not within that time put in his appearance, the Court shall thereafter enter a judgment in contumacy and order the real and personal property of the accused within the Republic sequestered. Should the accused not submit to the jurisdiction within twelve months after such order of sequestration, said property shall be declared forfeited to the Republic.

Any law to contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 4th, 1916.

AN ACT SUSPENDING THE ACT ENTITLED "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 COASTWISE BEYOND PORTS OF ENTRY" PASSED AT THE SESSION 1908-1909.

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 passed of this Act, the Act of the Legislature passed at the session of 1908-09 entitled "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 coastwise

beyond Ports of Entry," be and the same is hereby suspended during the period of the present European War and for the definite period of three years thereafter.

Sec. 2. That all foreign Individuals or Firms now established interiorward or coastwise at places that are not ports of Entry be allowed the space of three months from the passage of this Act to wind up their business at said places and withdraw therefrom; and any Foreign Individual or Firm residing or established within this Republic found residing or trading at places other than at regular ports of Entry in this Republic after the time herein prescribed for their withdrawal from said non-ports of Entry shall be prosecuted by the Attorney General in the courts of this Republic for the violation of the port of Entry law and if convicted be fined in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation.

Sec. 3. At the expiration of the time limit for the suspension of the said Act referred to in section 1. of this Act the President shall in his Annual Message to the National Legislature make such recommendations as to its revival or repeal as he in his wisdom and best judgment may then see fit.

Sec. 4. This Act shall, after its passage and approval, be immediately published and circulated in hand-bills, for general information and enforcement. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 6, 1916.

AN ACT SUSPENDING THE BENEFIT OF THE HABEAS CORPUS ACT ON THE KROO COAST AND BETWEEN AND INCLUDING ROCK-CESS AND PICANINI CESS AND FORTY MILES INTERIORWARD IN SAID DISTRICT.

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

Sec. 1. That during the insurrection on the Kroo Coast and pending its complete suppression the benefit of the Writ of Habeas Corpus is hereby suspended for a period of four calendar months from the passage of this act in the districts between and including Rock Cess and Picanini Cess on the Kroo Coast and extending interiorward for a distance of forty miles. And the President is further authorised by means of a Military Commission to inquiry into and settle the troubles on the Kroo Coast aforesaid by any means he may deem advisable in the interest of the Public safety and tranquility.

Sec. 2. This Act shall be published in Hand Bills.
Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved November 7, 1916.

JOINT RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF CUSTOMS RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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

Sec. 1. That the rules and regulations for the collection and administration of

Assigned Revenues which may hereafter be issued by the Customs Receivership in accordance with the provisions of section four (a) paragraph 3, of the Refunding Loan Agreement of 1911, shall when duly published, have the force and effect of law: *provided*, that such rules and regulations so issued by the Receivership shall not be in conflict with the constitution of the Republic of Liberia, or with Statutory Enactments.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that any person or persons violating any of the rules and regulations as above described shall upon conviction before any Court of competent jurisdiction of the Republic be fined in a sum not less than one hundred (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars.

Sec. 3. It is further resolved that all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Joint Resolution be, and the same are hereby repealed.
Approved November 7, 1916.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORISING THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA
TO ENLARGE THE DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BE-
TWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA AND THE BANK OF BRITISH
WEST AFRICA LIMITED MONROVIA, ON THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY
A. D. 1916.

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

Sec. 1. That the President of Liberia be and is hereby authorised and empowered to enter into an agreement with the Bank of British West Africa Limited, enlarging the scope of the depository Agreement made and entered into between the Government of Liberia and the said Bank on the 4th day of February 1916, upon the terms and conditions as set forth and contained in the draft Agreement submitted to the Legislature at its present Session by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 8th, 1916.

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE OF THE EMERGENCY RELIEF
FUND ACT.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this act section one of the Emergency Relief Fund Act approved March 12th, 1915 be so amended as to read:

Sec. 2. "That Act shall be entitled "Emergency Relief Fund Act" and shall be and continue in force during the period of the European War and thereafter for such a period until the residue of the Assigned Revenues payable to the Government by the Customs Receivership under the Loan Agreement shall amount to nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) monthly for six consecutive months, in which event the President of the Republic is hereby authorised and empowered to suspend the operation of the Act by Proclamation. And the President is further authorised and empowered to suspend the operation of this Act should it be shown that the assigned revenues are hereby reduced."

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 8th, 1916.

PUBLIC ACTS
OF THE
THIRTY THIRD LEGISLATURE
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

Passed at the Second Session which was begun and held at the City of Monrovia, in the County of Montserrado, the Third day of December A. D. 1917 and was adjourned *Sine die* on the 5th day of February A. D. 1918.

DANIEL EDWARD HOWARD, PRESIDENT;

SAMUEL GEORGE HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT;

CHARLES BENEDICT DUNBAR, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, *pro tempore*.

JOHN GOTTLIEB AUER RICHARDS, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AN ACT REPEALING AN ACT AMENDATORY TO THE SECOND ARTICLE OF AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE REPUBLIC AND DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES PASSED 1906 PAGE 16.

WHEREAS the the said Act has not rendered satisfaction to the Citizens of the Territory of Marshall and Bassa, and

WHEREAS it is the desire of said Citizens that the Statutory limits should be the boundary of said County and Territory,

Therefore, 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 the said referred to Act be and is hereby repealed and the boundary as set forth in the Liberian Statute Old Blue Book Page 121, shall be hereafter observed as the boundary limits of the said Territory and County of Grand Bassa.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE SOUTHERN NIGERIA COMPANY, OF KROOTOWN, MONROVIA.

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, Gmarue Pargedoe Manager; Fardeh, Assistant Manager; Sebehtee Gedeh, Manageress; Wadayennor Brown Assistant Manageress; J. A. Sawyer, Secretary; G. M. J. Morris, Treasurer; Seekee Bohyennor, Financial Treas.; John Moore, Judge; Dehwenneh Seboe, and Dehbleh Welly, Runners; and other officers who may be elected from time to time together with all other 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 "Southern Nigeria Company" of Krootown Monrovia County of Montserrado, and Republic of Liberia, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may own real and personal property to the value of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) may make bye-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution of Liberia, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intention of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 28, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDATORY AND SUPPLEMENTARY TO JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTING THE TITLE AND PRIVILEGES OF NATIVE AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LEGISLATURE, APPROVED JANUARY 20TH 1903.

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 tax of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be paid by a tribe to entitled said tribe to a Referee in the House of Representatives as provided in the above Joint Resolution shall be payable in gold silver or copper coin and in accordance with the above recited Joint Resolution.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 28, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF KROO TOWN, MONROVIA.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Henry Grimes, Chief Commander; Peter Clay, Second Commander; Bue Shetter, Secretary; Beadie, Chairman; Brighte, Captain; Johnny No. 1, Chief Doctor; Can-too Bah, Assistant Doctor; Nah Lepet, Treasurer; Pine Zlogard, President; Sayneilyard, Collector; Joseph Berry, Quartermaster; Esarway, Second Mate; and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them, be and are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Native African Associated Company of Krootown Monrovia, and by that name may sue, and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and may own real estate to the value

of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) and may enact such bye-laws and rules for the Government of said body not inconsistent with the laws of the Republic of Liberia, and to do all other acts in common with similar bodies corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 28, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE NAVY COMPANY NO. 1. OF KROO-TOWN, MONROVIA.

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, Sardee Pargada, Manager; Judee Kan Kneh, Assistant Manager; Jer Que Gbe, Manageress; Gelar Keen Marsonah, Assistant Manageress; T. W. Magen, Secretary; Gbne-Bee Monah, Treasurer; Juah Tarneh Teysayer, Doctor; Jardee Cee, Collector; Gban-lee Teah, Captain; all of the County of Montserrado, together with all other persons who may hereafter become members of said Company, are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the "Navy Company No. 1. of Krootown Monrovia" and may by that name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of this Republic, May own real and personal estate to the value of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) may make by-laws and regulations not incompatible with the laws of the Republic; and shall do all other acts and things, done in and by similiar corporate bodies not inconsistent with the laws of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1918.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A KROO GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL IN KROOTOWN, MARYLAND COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Sec. 1. That the President of Liberia shall appoint and with the consent and advice of the Senate, commission a discreet person who shall be Governor of Krootown, in Maryland County, Republic of Liberia, who shall hold his office during the pleasure of the President. The said Governor shall have the power of a Justice of the Peace as defined in the Code for the Justice of the Peace (1907), and may try and determine matrimonial cases arising under the customary laws of the Kroos, between residents of Krootown or between residents and strangers. He with his council consisting with six (6) persons to be elected by him, shall have jurisdiction over cases involving violation of the laws of native institutions; all woman palavers, and other misconduct not in accordance with native laws and customs.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28, 1918.

AN ACT TO REVOKE THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN, GRAND BASSA COUNTY 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 Act, the Charter incorporating the City of Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, be, and the same is hereby revoked and declared null and void as completely as though no such Charter had ever existed.

Sec. 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby allowed sixty (60) days to pay off and complete all unfinished business appertaining to the said Corporation. After the expiration of the said sixty days the Mayor shall pay over to the Sub-Treasurer of Grand Bassa County all surplus monies, if any there be, to be held subject to order under the law regulating towns and villages, and see that the City Clerk transmit to the Department of State all the books containing records and transactions of the said Corporation of the City of Buchanan.

Sec. 3. This Act is to take effect at once and be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING GEORGE CAPEHEART OF MONTSE- RADO 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, George Capeheart of Montserrado County, be and 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.

Approved January 31st., 1918.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT OF JANUARY 24, 1900 RELATING TO CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS AND THEIR PUNISHMENTS.

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

Sec. 1 That the definition of smuggling set forth the Act of January 24, 1900, is hereby amended to include the failure to declare any dutiable articles in baggage after having been requested to declare all such articles by any Officer of Customs deputed to examine baggage.

Sec. 2. Any law or part of law in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same is repealed.

Approved January 31, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION REIMBURSING ELIZABETH A. GRIGGS, WIDOW AND THE LEGAL SURVIVING HEIRS OF THE LATE ROBERT L. GRIGGS DE- CEASED OF GRAND BASSA COUNTY, THIRTY ACRES OF BOUNTY LAND.

WHEREAS Elizabeth A. Griggs of Hartford, Grand Bassa County widow of the

late Robert L. Griggs has petitioned the Legislature to reimburse her for one war certificate of her late husband for service rendered in the Cape Palmas Grebo uprising in the year A. D. 1875, amounting to 30 acres of bounty land which was lost by the Superintendent of Grand Bassa County; and

WHEREAS It has been made to appear in the petition, that the said certificate was forwarded through the Superintendent of Grand Bassa to His Excellency, in pursuance of the Joint Resolution calling for all certificates then circulating within this Republic, approved January 3rd A. D. 1895; and
WHEREAS the Act of the Government should prejudice no man;

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

Sec. 1. That after the passage of this Joint Resolution the President be, and he is hereby authorized to grant unto Elizabeth A. Griggs, the said widow and the legal surviving Heirs of the late Robert L. Griggs, thirty acres or bounty land out of any public land not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31st., 1918.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE "JOHNSONVILLE COMPANY" NO. 1 OF KROOTOWN, MONROVIA

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Carka Dehun, Manager; Joe Yonnoh, Assistant Manager; Mrs. Werleh Juah Gbay, Treasurer; Shedeegbedee, Manageress; G. Y. Penner, Recording Secretary; A. T. G. Appleton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Tekler Shardee and officers who may be elected from time to time, together with all other persons who are now or may hereafter become members, be and they hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Johnsonville Company, No. 1, of Krootown Monrovia, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may own personal and real property to the value of (\$4,000.00) Four thousand dollars; may make Bye-laws and other regulations not repugnant to the Laws and constitution of the Republic of Liberia and may do other things necessary to carry into effect the intentions of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31st, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING BOMBO AND DAVID L. ROSE THE RIGHT TO RUN ONE FERRY ACROSS THE LITTLE CAPE MOUNT RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF MONTSEERRADO AND REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution Bombo and David L. Rose and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them be and they are hereby declared a body politic and corporate; under the name and style of Bombo and Rose Limited.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved, that the said Bombo and David L. Rose, shall have the right to run one (1) Ferry across the Little Cape Mount river for the term of 10 years with the privilege of five (5) more to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be capable of holding real and personal property to the value of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500,00).

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

Sec. 4. All transportations across said Ferry by Bombo and Rose, Limited, for Government purposes shall be free of charge.

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

Sec. 6. Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so constructed as to prevent persons from crossing in their own private canoes or boats.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31st, 1918.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH, ARTHINGTON, 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, Rev. R. B. Wicker, Pastor; J. C. Taylor, Sen.; Solomon Hill, Sen.; George Askie, Eli Ponder, Henry Tylor, E. Samuel Moore and Menford F. Smallwood, Deacons, George Askie, Church Clerk, and Thomas H. Tyler, Building Treasurer, 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 St. Pauls Baptist Church, Arthington, County of Montserrado County and Republic of Liberia, 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 Ten Thousand Dollars, (\$10,000.00) may make and enforce such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the of the Republic of Liberia, and do all other such things in common with all other corporated bodies politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 31st., 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING "LIBERIAN UNITY LODGE No. 1." INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS GRAND BASSA.

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

That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, P. A. Thatcher, P. C. P.; J. T. Innis, P. G.; C. H. Johnston, V. G.; E. F. Grante, W. T.; A. P. L. Harris, Conductor; J. S. Wright, I. S. G.; I. H. Payne, E. S.; D. A. Worrell, R. S.; D. T. Harris, Jr., L. S.; J. W. Worrell, H. A. Page, P. N. G.; J. H. B. Ellis, W. G.; R. T. Wilks, W. C.; E. J. White, Warden, J. F. Barlone, O. S. G.; W. S. Mason, P. S.; E. B. S. Johnson, Advocate; S. Davis, R. S.; Hon. J. H. Logan, L. S.; J. J. Harris with all other persons who may become members of said Liberian Unity Lodge No. 1. Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grand Bassa, are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the above name and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and also to own real estate to the value of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) and may make by-laws and regulations that are not repugnant to the laws and Constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 1, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING JOHN F. WRIGHT OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND BASSA TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution John F. Wright, is restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 1, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRTY-THIRD 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 Thirty-Third Legislature of the Republic of Liberia, adjourn *Sine die* on the fifth day of February Anno Domini Nineteen Hundred and Eighteen (A. D. 1918).

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 2, 1918.

AN ACT REPEALING AND ANNULING A CERTAIN PORTION OF "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF DISTRICTS IN THE REPUBLIC INHABITED BY ABORIGINES" APPROVED JANUARY 25, 1905.

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

eight (8) of the above recited Act be and the same is hereby repealed and annulled.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 2, 1918.

AN ACT LEVYING AN EXPORT DUTY ON ALL KOLA-NUTS AND RICE; AND 20 PER CENT, SURTAX ON ALL PRODUCE EXPORTED FROM 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 Act, an export duty of six cents per pound is hereby levied on all Kola-Nuts, and fifty cents, per Cwt. on all rice, exported from the Republic of Liberia payable in gold, silver, or copper coin.

Sec. 2. That a sur-tax of 20 per-cent is hereby levied on all produce exported from the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 1, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING ANNUITIES AND PENSIONS TO SEVERAL PERSONS IN THE REPUBLIC.

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, that the said pension of Two Hundred Dollars per annum formerly granted to Captain John Bettie of Johnsonville during his life-time for valuable service rendered his country during the Cape Palmas Grebo uprising of 1910, in which he was seriously wounded, be and the same is hereby transferred and granted to the legal surviving Heirs of his body during the time of their minority respectively. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for same under warrant of the President out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. That the widow of the said Captain Bettie shall receive and administer the pension above referred to, for the benefit of the said Heirs of Captain John Bettie.

Sec. 3. That the annual pension of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) formerly granted to the late S. A. Neal deceased of Maryland County during her natural life, in consideration of the death of her son occasioned by the said Cape Palmas Grebo uprising of 1910 be, and the same is hereby transferred to Mrs. Rebecca Carpenter of Maryland County the mother of said S. A. Neal deceased who is now about seventy (70) years old during her natural life. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised to draw for same under warrant of the President out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 4. That one hundred and fifty dollars of the annual annuity formerly granted to the late Major-General John H. Tubman deceased of Maryland County during his natural life, be, and the same is hereby transferred and granted to his surviving widow Sarah J. Tubman of said County during her natural life; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised to draw for same under warrant of the President out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 5. That the annual pension of one hundred dollars formerly granted to the late J. W. Baily of Sinoe County during his natural life for valuable service rendered his Country in the Nanna Kroo War, be, and the same is hereby transferred and granted to the legal surviving Heirs of his body until each and every one of them shall reach their majority; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised to draw for same out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 7. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised to draw for same under warrant of the President out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 5, 1918.

AN ACT AMENDING "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION AND REFUNDING OF THE INTERNAL FLOATING INDEBTEDNESS OF LIBERIA", APPROVED AUGUST 7, 1917

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

Sec. 1. That the time limit stated in Section 2, of the Act for the presentation of claims is hereby extended from November 15, 1917, to April 30, 1918

Sec. 2. That in Section 4, line 15, after the word "Commission" there shall be a period and the following words inserted thereafter: If the claimant refuse to accept the findings of the "Commission" so that the Section as amended, shall read:

Sec. 4. The Several Superintendents shall take up all evidences of indebtedness presented to them, under the provisions of this Act, issuing therefor, in triplicate, a form of receipt to be provided by the Secretary of the Treasury. The original receipt shall be given to the claimant, the triplicate retained by the Superintendent and the duplicate forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury at Monrovia by registered mail, together with the evidences of indebtedness covered thereby. The receipt shall not be negotiable or transferable. The Commission shall keep a record of such claim presented, noting the action taken upon each item of claim and stating briefly the reasons for the rejection or disapproval of any item in whole or in part. The findings shall be briefly endorsed upon each of the original evidences of indebtedness. The original statement of the claim shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury and the surrendered documents shall be destroyed by the Commission. If the claimant refuse to accept the findings of the Commission he shall so endorse upon the original statement of the claim, which with the endorsement shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury. In that case no bond shall be authorized, signed, or issued, and the original evidences of indebtedness shall be returned and remain in the possession of the owner,

Sec. 3. That Section 5, be amended as follows:

The Commission shall examine and finally pass upon the validity of the evidences of indebtedness received, and shall issue for the claims found to be valid serially numbered bonds of a form approved by the President of the Republic. Said bonds shall be issued in the denominations of \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, and \$500.00 and shall be negotiable but not receivable by the Government except as herein provided. They shall bear interest at three per centum per annum and mature in twenty years from the date of issue: *Provided*, that the Government reserves the right of redeeming for cash at par on July 1, of each year such numbers of the bonds as may be publicly announced prior to that date. When redeemed, the bonds shall be immediately and completely defaced and a report of all such bonds redeemed shall be made to the Legislature at each regular session.

Sec. 4. The bonds provided for in this Act shall be issued by the Commission on or before June 30, 1918. The Commission is hereby authorized to issue bonds for the arrears of salary accruing on the books of the Treasury Department from July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1918, and to make recommendations regarding the disposition of future arrears.

Sec. 5. All fines, taxes, licenses, Government land sales accruing or accruing on or after June 30, 1918, shall be payable in cash only.

Sec. 6. Any law or part of law in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This law shall be published immediately in hand bills.
Approved February 5, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING RICHARD YATES OF SINOE 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 Richard Yates of Sinoe County be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship in common with all other citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Passed by Limitation.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING LEVI C. TURNER OF SINOE 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 Levi C. Turner, of Sinoe County, be and is hereby restored to all the rights and

privileges of citizenship in common with all other citizens of this Republic.
 Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
 Passed by limitation.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING P. W. ROBERTS OF SINOE COUNTY TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, P. W. Roberts of Sinoe County, is restored to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship.
 Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
 Passed by limitation.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING "THE BOW TIE COMPANY" No 1. OF KROOTOWN, MONROVIA, MONTERRADO COUNTY.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, S. B. Nabby, Manager; Kogbar Nanah, Manageress; Joe-pre-Depay, Assistant Manager; Kambo Joe Wellee, Assistant Manageress; R. C. Brown, Secretary; Weah Gofah, Treasury; Gelarkrow Marseneh, Collector; Nanneh Welle, Doctor; Nagbay Weah, Purser; Jophlah Brown, Joe Tarplah, Kambo Wreah, Judges; Wraeh Tee, General; Ars King, Sampon Tee, Farkarteh, Captains; 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 politic and corporate under the name and style of the Bow Tie Company No. 1. of Krootown, Monrovia, and by that name may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded, in any courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may own real and personal property to the value of Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000.00) may make by-laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of Liberia, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intention of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
 Passed by limitation.

AN ACT GRANTING S. F. BROWN OF VIRGINIA, MONTERRADO COUNTY THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE ST. PAUL RIVER FROM VIRGINIA HALF MILE ABOVE HIS WHARF AND HALF MILE BELOW TO THE OPPOSITE BANK OF THE CALDWELL SIDE OF SAID RIVER HALF MILE ABOVE AND BELOW.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Samuel Ford Brown

of Virginia, Montserrado County and such other persons as may be associated with him his heirs and assigns be and are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of Samuel Ford Brown, Limited.

Sec. 2. That Samuel Ford Brown Limited shall have the right to run a Ferry across the Saint Paul River, from Virginia half a mile above and below his wharf to the opposite bank of the Caldwell side for the purpose of crossing any person or persons who may apply, for a term of ten years with the privilege of a further ten years when the first ten years expire; 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 by purchase real and personal property to the amount of Five (\$500.00) hundred dollars.

Sec. 3. The said corporation shall have the privilege of doing all other things done by similar bodies corporate. The maximum charge for crossing each person to fro shall be six cents. Nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent persons crossing in their own boats and canoes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

AN ACT INCORPORATING "THE SAVING COMPANY No. 1. OF KROO-TOWN," MONROVIA, MONTERRADO COUNTY.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Chea Doe, Manager; Tarney Kay, Assistant Manager; Nimley T. Morton, Secretary; S. B. Nabey, Doctor; Waler Juah Gbae, Manageress; Sackey Bahlee, Treasurer; Sallee Unnah, Collector; and their successors in office are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Saving Company No. 1., of Kroo-town, Monrovia, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may own real and personal property to the value of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) may make by-laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of Liberia, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intention of this organization.

Any law the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING "THE MARY A. SHARP TRAINING COMPANY."

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, Tour Myer Eea, Manager; Fred. W. Cor-Wea, Assistant Manager; Milliam D. Brown, Secretary; Glasgow Blama, Runner; Sawi Dorner, Treasurer; Wale Plee, Doctor; and Corwea Nancy, and such other persons as may become connected with them and their successors in office, are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Mary A. Sharp Training

Company, Krootown, Monrovia, with perpetual succession, with full powers under the above name to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may acquire and hold real and personal property to the value of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) may make by-laws, and other regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of Liberia, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intention of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING GREENVILLE LODGE No. 6003,
G. U. O. of O. F., SINOE 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 C. O. Tuning, P. N. F.; E. A. McCauley, N. F.; Znd B. Russ, P. N. G.; B. J. Turner, N. G.; Richard P. Greene, P. Secretary; J. N. F. Russ, E. Secretary; Isaac Roberts, Worthy Treasurer; C. M. W. Cooper, Worthy Chaplain; Samuel J. Grisby, Advocate; all of the City of Greenville, Sinoe County, and such others as may from time to time become members of said Lodge, be, and they are hereby declared a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of Greenville Lodge No. 6003, G. U. O. of O. F. of the City of Greenville, Sinoe County, Republic of Liberia, and be capable in law to enjoy all the rights and privileges of such other bodies corporate; may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any courts of this Republic, having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal property to the value of (\$10,000.00) Ten Thousand Dollars, and shall do all other acts and things done in and by similar corporate bodies not inconsistent with the laws of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by limitation.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE ST. THOMAS PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, KROO-TOWN, MONROVIA.

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

Sec. 1. That J. G. Coleman, Rector; D. D. Freeman, Senior Warden; W. D. Herman, Junior Warden; K. N. Pyne, T. W. Johnson, Jim Boyle, Pyne Nappay, Peter Warboe, Vestrymen of St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal Church Kroo Town Monrovia, Montserrado County together with all others and their successors in office are hereby declared a body politic with perpetual succession by the name of St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal Church with power to hold, own and enjoy real and personal estate to the value of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) that might 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 of doing all other things done by similar bodies corporate and politic consistent with the rules of worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Republic of Liberia. Provided such rules, by-laws and regulations be not repugnant to the laws and Constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

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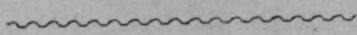
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