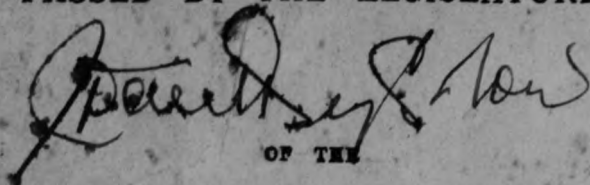


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QUARANTINE ACT.

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 Quarantine Act of 1917.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to the Ports of **Monrovia** and Cape Palmas, but may be extended by Executive order to other Ports of the Republic on the establishment there of approved medical authority and the requisite sanitary facilities.

SEC. 3. In this Act "Disease" shall be taken to mean sleeping sickness, plague, cholera, yellow fever, small pox, and any infectious or contagious disease of a dangerous nature.

SEC. 4. "Infected place" means and includes:—

(a) Any Port or place where disease at any time prevail, and

(b) Any Port or place declared by the President of the Republic by Proclamation to be an infected place.

SEC. 5. Where it is known or suspected that disease prevail at any Port or place without or within the Republic, the President of the Republic may by Proclamation declare such Port or place to be an infected place,

SEC. 6. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent from leaving any Port of the Republic and returning to sea any vessel arriving at said Port from an infected place, if her Master is unwilling to submit to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. The Boarding Officer of the Customs, on discovering that any vessel arriving in Port has either come from an infected Port or place, or has disease on board, shall at once inform the Master of Vessel that Practique cannot be granted, nor communication with the shore allowed until the circumstances have been reported to the Port Health Officer, and the directions of such medical authority obtained. The Port Health Officer shall be the Inspector General of Hygiene or an Officer deputed by him

SEC. 8. Upon receipt of the report of the Boarding Officer the Port Health Officer may proceed to the vessel, and will decide whether cargo, mails, passengers and baggage destined for the Port may be landed with or without restrictions. He may also direct the Master to cause his vessel to proceed to the sanitary Anchorage of the Port, which is hereby determined to be at a point one mile to the west of Cape Messurado and Cape Palmas, and not less than one half mile distant from any part of the shore.

SEC. 9. The Master or Surgeon on board any vessel arriving in port shall be bound to make to the Boarding Officer of the Customs, and when called upon, to the Port Health Officer, a true declaration of any disease which has appeared or occurred on board during the current voyage. All Bills of Health or other certificates as to the state of health at all ports touched at by any vessel arriving in port shall be produced for the inspection of the Boarding Officer of the Customs, and also submitted to the Port Health Officer.

SEC. 10. Vessels deemed by the Port Health Officer to be infected, and vessels arriving from any known infected place, shall during day time fly the flag known as L. International Code, so long as they are anchored in Port; and by night, at the foremast, shall display red light over a green light, at a distance of not more than six or less than four feet, one above the other.

SEC. 11. No boats, canoes, or other crafts shall come within two hundred yards of any vessel deemed infected or from any infected place, save by special permission of the Port Health Officer. No persons except the Port Health Officer, or persons authorized by him, shall go on board or communicate with, or approach within two hundred yards of any vessel displaying the flag or lights as aforesaid; and the persons on board shall not leave such vessels except with the permission of the Port Health Officer, nor shall they communicate with the shore except through him.

SEC. 12. Under the direction of the Port Health Officer, passengers, their baggage, mails and cargo may be landed at the Government Sanitary Station, and there detained until such observations and disinfection as may be deemed necessary by the Port Health Officer shall have been carried out.

SEC. 13. From his observation at the Government Sanitary Station the Port Health Officer may at his discretion, direct the removal of any person under detention therein to the Government Lazaretto. He may also require the transfer from an infected ship to the Lazaretto of any passengers suffering from disease. The Lazaretto shall be deemed a part of the Sanitary Station.

SEC. 14. Any person without the authority of the Port Health Officer going on board any infected ship or ships from an infected place, or entering or landing at the Sanitary Station, or any part of it, shall be detained for such period as the Port Health Officer may deem proper;

and no person who has been detained at the Sanitary Station shall on any account whatsoever leave such Station until permitted to do so by the Port Health Officer.

SEC. 15. A Board of Quarantine, consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Inspector General of Hygiene, and the General Receiver of Customs shall be constituted to deal with the expenditure and receipt in connection with the construction, equipment and maintenance of the Sanitary Station. The Board will be advised by the Inspector General of Hygiene in the drafting of the rules for the proper conduct and control of the Station; the Officer in command of the Frontier Force shall, on being requested by the Port Health Officer, supply the necessary guards required for the enforcement of such rules. The Board is vested with powers to take all such precautions as they may deem necessary for the proper protection of the Public Health of the Republic in respect of vessels from infected places, and vessels that are themselves infected; and to enforce the measures herein laid down.

SEC. 16. The owners, agents and Masters of a vessel shall be held liable to repay to the Government the cost of maintenance of such person or persons as may be landed therefrom at the Sanitary Station, and such costs may be sued for and recovered in the Courts of the Republic at the instance of the Board of Quarantine. In any proceedings for the recovery of such costs, an account signed by the Port Health Officer shall be admitted without proof and shall be prima facie evidence of the amount due.

SEC. 17. The Port Health Officer shall report to the other members of the Board of Quarantine all cases where infected vessel or vessels from infected places have arrived, and he shall also acquaint the Collector of Customs at once with his directions in such cases.

SEC. 18. The Port Health Officer may board any vessel arriving in the waters of the Republic and inspect every person on the vessel. He may if he thinks proper, call for and inspect the Ship's books and papers and he may use every lawful means which may seem expedient to him for ascertaining the Sanitary condition of the ship and all persons therein.

SEC. 19. Parcels excepted, nothing in this Act shall render liable to mutilation or destruction any article being part of any mails conveyed under authority of the Postal Administration of any Government, or shall unduly delay delivery of such mail to the Post Office.

SEC. 20. In the event of a case ending fatally on board any vessel after arrival, the Master shall proceed to sea and bury the body properly weighed, if so directed by the Port Health Officer.

SEC. 21. BILLS OF HEALTH are issued to Masters of vessels and Steamship Agents requiring the same by the Collector of Customs of the Port, and shall in every case be countersigned by the Port Health Officer. Bills of Health issued to any vessel in respect to the Health of the Port without the signature and official seal of the Port Health Officer

shall be regarded as invalid and illegal; and Steamship Agents and Masters of vessels will be liable to the penalties enacted herein for infractions of the provisions of this Act where it is proved that Bills or Certificates of the Health of the Port are supplied to vessels save as required herein; but nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to prevent the signature of the Consular Authority being given to any Bill of Health so signed by the Collector of Customs and countersigned by the Port Health Officer.

SEC. 22. For every Bill of Health issued there shall be paid to the Port Health Officer the sum of Two Dollars; and to the Collector of Customs there shall be paid the sum of Two Dollars; these fees shall be payable by the Master or Steamship Agent requiring such Bill of Health.

SEC. 23. Whoever acts in contravention of the provisions of this Act shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Five hundred dollars or with imprisonment for a period not exceeding Six Months, with or without hard labor.

SEC. 24. All other Acts or regulations with respect to Quarantine and other matters herein dealt with are hereby repealed.

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

Approved August 2nd, 1917.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE REVENUES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, REGULATING DISBURSEMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SEC. 1. All revenues of the Republic from whatever source other than those assigned, shall be deposited in the Government depository to the credit of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall make all disbursements, which shall be directly in discharge, on proper warrant of law or authority. Such disbursements shall be by cheque, as far as practicable in the exact amount and in the name of the person to whom the money is due for services and supplies. Each receipt shall be signed by the person to whom the amount is payable. All sums of money appropriated must be applied solely to the object for which they are respectively made and no other. No money may be expended in one fiscal year in excess of the amount appropriated for that fiscal year, and contracts for the future payment of money in excess of appropriation are prohibited. No property shall be purchased, obligation contracted, service permitted to be rendered or disbursement made, except pursuant to a specific appropriation or the joint consent of the Board of Revision. Disbursing Officers are responsi-

ble for any payment not in pursuance of an appropriation by law or as adjusted by the Board of Revision. All unexpended balances of annual appropriations or continuances of such appropriations shall be immediately covered into the Treasury and accounts and claims presented after the close of the fiscal year may be adjusted only by the Government Auditor.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved August 2nd, 1917.

AN ACT MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF
THE INTERIOR OF LIBERIA, AND AMENDING THE ACTS AP-
PROVED OCTOBER 13, 1914, AND JANUARY 25, 1916.

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

SEC. 1. That the Secretary of the Interior and the Financial Adviser of Liberia shall collaborate in the drafting of a simple, modern, and effective plan of administration of the interior, in which the native customary law shall not be lost sight of but be utilized to the fullest extent practicable and be modified from time to time as experience and efficient administration of native affairs in Liberia would seem to dictate.

SEC. 2. Such plan and modifications shall not be put into operation until they shall have received the written approval of the President of Liberia, and such plan and modification shall be reported to the Legislature at the next session after adoption.

SEC. 3. Any law or part of law in conflict with the provisions of this Act, be and the same is hereby repealed.
Approved August 2nd, 1917.

AN ACT AMALGAMATING THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND COMMON
SCHOOLS.

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 Department of Interior, and of Public Instruction and Common Schools, are hereby amalgamated under the direction and supervision of an official to be styled Secretary of Interior: and all powers, prerogatives and duties heretofore exercised by the officer of Public Instruction and Common Schools, shall in future be exercised and discharged by the Secretary of Interior.

SEC. 2. All Acts required to be done or performed by the Secretary of Public Instruction by the Act Incorporating the Caroline Donovan Normal and Industrial Institute, and the amendments thereto, so far as they relate to the control of the Donovan fund, shall be specifically performed by the Secretary Interior.

SEC. 3. The salary for said officer shall be the Two thousand dollars per annum.

SEC. 4. All laws or part of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved August 2nd, 1917.

AN ACT GRANTING UNTO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CAROLINE DONOVAN NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE FIVE THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND IN THE INTERIOR OF GRAND BASSA COUNTY FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

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

SEC. 1. That the President of Liberia is hereby authorized and empowered to grant a Deed for Five Thousand (5000) acres of land to the Board of Trustees of the Caroline Donovan Normal and Industrial Institute, for industrial purposes, the said land being contiguous to the present, site now occupied by the said Institute, in the Interior of Bassa County.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved August 2nd, 1917.

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SEC. 1. That the office of Superintendent of Montserrado County be and the same is hereby abolished.

SEC. 2. That the civil affairs of the County of Montserrado shall from and after the passage of this Act be administered by the General Government.

SEC. 3. That the Monthly and Probate Court for Montserrado County be and the same is hereby abolished. The jurisdiction heretofore exercised

the said Monthly and Probate Court shall from and immediately after the passage of this Act be attached to the Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit, as the Probate Division thereof; and the duties and powers heretofore discharged and exercised by the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court of Montserrat County shall be exercised and discharged hereafter by the Judge of the Circuit Court resident in Montserrat County in all respects as if they had been originally prescribed for said Judge of the Circuit Court.

SEC. 4. That all records and all causes entered for trial and all cases which having been entered for trial have not at the passage and publication of this Act been disposed of by the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court, shall be transferred to the Circuit Court and shall therein be taken up, tried and disposed of by the Judge of the Circuit Court resident within Montserrat County as if they had been originally entered for trial and disposition in the said Court. The intent and objects of this Act are to transfer the whole jurisdiction and powers of the Monthly and Probate Court for Montserrat County into the Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit. All Acts required by law to be done or performed by a Judge of Probate shall in Montserrat County be discharged by the Judge of the Circuit Court resident therein. All reports of Administrators or Executors of Estates, where they may be required to report, and such other officers who may by law be required to report to the Monthly and Probate Court shall in Montserrat County be made to the Circuit Court in its Probate Division. The law jurisdiction heretofore exercised by the Monthly and Probate Court shall in Montserrat County be attached and exercised by the Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit. The jurisdiction of this latter Court shall in matters of debt extend to all amounts over One hundred dollars and in all actions of debt in which the amount involved or sued for is less than Five hundred dollars the Judge of the Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit shall have authority to try and determine same summarily without a jury.

SEC. 5. The Clerk of the Monthly and Probate Court shall hereafter be styled Assistant Clerk of the Circuit Court and shall be charged specially with keeping the records of the Probate Division, and to assist generally the Clerk in his duties, his pay shall remain as already fixed by Chapter XXIII. of the Acts of 1915-16.

SEC. 6. Any law 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 August 2, 1917.

AN ACT CREATING A GOVERNMENT AUDITOR, PRESCRIBING HIS DUTIES AND AUTHORITY.

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

SEC. 1. That there shall be appointed by the President a Government Auditor who shall be a foreigner of known competence and Governmental experience and who shall act in accordance with the laws of the Republic.

SEC. 2. Such Auditor shall examine, audit, and settle all accounts pertaining to the revenues and receipts from whatever source of the Liberian Government and the Customs Receivership, and he shall audit, according to law and administrative regulations, by the best American practice of Government auditing, all expenditures of funds or property pertaining to the General Government, the Customs Receivership, and the Liberian Frontier Force. He shall bring to the attention of the proper administrative officer expenditures of funds or property which, in his opinion, are irregular, unnecessary, excessive, or extravagant, and may suspend or disallow any account or item in such account if not lawfully and regularly disbursed or expended and accounted for. He may perform a like duty with respect to all Government branches and units.

SEC. 3. Under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury and Financial Adviser, the Auditor shall institute a simple but effective system of bookkeeping and accounting for money and property in all branches of the Government, and may institute similar systems in the counties, townships and municipalities. Reports and accounts of all public money and property shall be regularly and properly rendered to him. He shall preserve and keep all accounts and vouchers after settlement, and as soon after the close of the fiscal year as the accounts of the said year may be examined and adjusted, he shall submit to the Secretary of the Treasury an annual report of the receipts and disbursements of the various Departments and branches, the financial condition of the Republic with recommendations, and make such other reports as may be required of him by the Board of Review, which is hereby created to be composed of the President of Liberia, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Financial Adviser.

SEC. 4. The administrative jurisdiction of the Auditor over accounts, whether of funds or property, and all vouchers and records pertaining thereto, shall be exclusive. With the approval of the Board of Review, he shall from time to time make and promulgate general or special rules and regulations not inconsistent with law covering the method of accounting for public funds and property; *Provided*, that any officer accountable for public funds or property may require such additional reports or returns from his subordinate or others as he may deem necessary for his own information and protection.

SEC. 5. Items of accounts may be suspended by the Auditor within thirty days after receipt. An item suspended may later be disallowed. Ex

Explanation of items disallowed can only be considered by the Board of Review.

SEC. 6. The decision of the Auditor shall be final and conclusive upon the Executive branches of the Government, except that any person feeling himself aggrieved by the action or decision of the Auditor in the settlement of the account or claim may within six months, take an appeal in writing to the Board of Review, which appeal shall specifically set forth the particular action of the Auditor to which exception is taken, together with the papers, reasons, and authorities relied upon for reversing such decision. The decision of the Board shall be final and conclusive, and a certified copy should be sent to the Auditor and appellant. The Auditor is authorized to communicate directly with any person having claims before him for settlement, or with any Department, officer, or person having official relations with his office.

SEC. 7. The Auditor shall be paid a salary of Two (\$2000.00) Thousand dollars per annum from the date of his departure for Liberia and be refunded his passage, from his place of residence to Liberia by the most direct route, and a similar allowance shall be paid him on the termination of his term of service, on due proof that he is about to leave Liberia and return to his place of residence. While travelling on public business in Liberia he shall be allowed his passage to and fro.

SEC. 8. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the Auditor to enter into an agreement with the Republic of Liberia for three years certain, with a provision that said Auditor be granted a leave of absence on half pay of four months after the expiration of two years.

SEC. 9. Any law or part of law in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved August 2nd, 1917.

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT IN SEVERING OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF WAR BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Whereas on the 8th day of May, 1917, the Government of the Republic of Liberia found it necessary in the interest of the Republic to sever official relations with the Government of the German Empire for reasons set forth in the despatch of the Secretary of State to the Representative of the Imperial German Government at Monrovia, and in the Manifesto of the President of the Republic to the people of Liberia dated June 1, 1917; and

Whereas the essential interests of Liberia demand that this Republic should align itself with those powers who, in the world conflict now going on are upholding principles of Humanity, of Public Right and International Conduct, upon which the security of International Society is found, Therefore,

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

SEC. 1. That the action of the President in severing official relations with the Government of the German Empire and all steps in relation thereto already taken by the Executive Department of this Government be and the same are hereby unanimously approved.

SEC. 2. That the President be and he is hereby authorized to deport from the Republic all and every German subject resident within the borders thereof and to sequester and liquidate all German commercial property within the Republic and to denounce all commercial and political understandings heretofore had with the Government of the German Empire.

SEC. 3. That the Legislature of Liberia recognising the duty of this Republic to humanity, to civilization and to assist in the maintenance of the principles of Public Right; and apprecating the necessity for such a Resolution in the interest of the Republic do hereby authorize and approve of the alignment of the Republic with those States who are maintaining the conflict against the German Empire, and in pursuance of said Resolution do declare that a state of war exists between the Republic of Liberia and the Government of the German Empire.

SEC. 4. That the President of the Republic be and he is hereby authorized and fully empowered to take all and every precaution to ensure, and to make every and any necessary provision to maintain the security of the State and its essential interests which the present international condition in his discretion justifies.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved August 4th, 1917.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL OF THE IMPORTATION AND SALE OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND GUNPOWDER.

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 "Fire-arms Traffic Act."

SEC. 2. In this Act unless the context otherwise require it, the term "Firearm" or "Arms" shall mean and include all arms of precision of any nature soever, but shall not include flintlock guns with unrifled barrels.

The term "Ammunition" shall include every and any explosive compound or substance used in procuring the discharge of fire-arms or ordnance.

The term "Large transaction" when used with reference to fire arms shall mean any importation, purchase or sale of more than one rifle, one shot gun and one revolver or pistol in a single transaction.

The term "Large transaction" when used with reference to cartridges shall mean the importation, purchase or sale of any quantity or number of cartridges exceeding five hundred (500) in any one transaction.

The term "Large transaction" when used with reference to gun powder shall mean any quantity of gunpowder in excess of fifteen (15) pounds avoirdupoise imported, sold or purchased in any one transaction.

The term "Large transaction" when used with reference to moulded or chilled shot shall mean any quantity of such shot in excess of twenty-five (25) pounds avoirdupois imported, purchased or sold in any one transaction.

A "Commercial Permit" shall mean any permit for the importation, of the articles contemplated in this Act for the purpose of traffic, or the sale of such articles for profit.

'Government arms and ammunition,, shall mean such arms and ammunition and gun powder as may have been imported, purchased or acquired by the Government for the service of the Republic.

The term "Uncivilized Native" shall mean any aboriginal inhabitant of the Republic who has not adopted civilized habits of life and who does not live within the confines of a civilized settlement.

SEC. 3. That the importation, purchase and sale of fire-arms, ammunition and gun powder otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Act are hereby prohibited.

SEC. 4. That all fire-arms, gun powder, gun caps, shots, cartridges and muniti on of war or sport shall be imported into the Republic only upon a permit of the Department of war, to be procured as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. That any person, firm or Corporation desiring to import arms, ammunition and gun powder into the Republic for the purpose of trade or otherwise shall apply to the Secretary of War for a permit so to do. The grant of such permit shall be discretionary with the Secretary of War subject to the provisions of Section 6 of this Act.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of effectively controlling the traffic in arms and ammunition including gun powder, the General Receiver of Customs shall by the Secretary of War be notified of and consulted with respect to the issuance or grant of all commercial permits and permits involving large transactions within the meaning of this Act.

SEC. 7. All importations of arms, ammunition and gun powder made upon a commercial permit and all importations upon a permit involving large transactions within the meaning of this Act shall be landed only at the Government wharf at Monrovia, and shall be taken over and stored in a Government Warehouse under the control of the Department of War.

SEC. 8. The sale of all arms, ammunition and gun powder stored as provided in the last section, shall be made through the Department of War under such regulations as the Secretary of War shall prescribe.

SEC. 9. It is hereby prohibited to any person whomsoever to sell, trans-

fer or lend to any uncivilized native person any arm or arms of precision. Any person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars or be imprisoned for a period not less than six months nor exceeding three years, and in addition shall pay the cost of prosecution.

SEC. 10. All arms, ammunition and gun powder imported, sold, purchased or transferred in contravention of the prohibitions of this Act shall be seized and forfeited to the Government.

SEC. 11. It is prohibited to any person to import, except by authority of the Government, to sell, or purchase any arms or munitions adopted for the service of the armed forces of the Republic. Any person importing, purchasing or selling any Government arms or munitions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be imprisoned for a period not less than six months and not exceeding two years, or be fined in a sum not less than One Hundred Dollars and not exceeding One Thousand Dollars for each offence, and shall forfeit to the Republic the arms so imported.

SEC. 12. It is prohibited to any person not in the actual military service of the Republic, except by permission of the War Department, to keep or possess any Government arms or munitions. All such Government arms or ammunition shall be seized by any military officer or Justice of the Peace and returned to the Department of War through the nearest military post. Any person found in the possession of Government arms and ammunition who shall refuse or neglect upon demand to surrender such arms or ammunition shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon summary conviction before a Justice of the Peace shall be fined in a sum of twenty five dollars or imprisoned for a period not exceeding one month.

SEC. 13. Within three months from the publication of this Act, any person owning an arm or arms of precision shall present such arm or arms at the Department of War or at the office of the County and Territory Superintendent where they shall be registered by number and description, and a certificate of registration issued to the owner. Every transfer of a privately owned arm shall, by the registered owner, be notified to the Department of War. The person to whom the sale of such privately owned arms has been made shall be required to present the Certificate of the original owner at the Department of War, and procure the issuance of a new certificate in his own name. Any person neglecting within the period of this section, to register a privately owned arm and any person who after the expiry of the period herein prescribed, shall be found possessed of an unregistered arm, shall be fined in a sum of twenty five dollars and be compelled to take out a certificate of registration. Any person who shall counterfeit or forge a certificate of registration shall be punished as provided in Section 15 of this Act.

SEC. 14. Any keeper of an arsenal or other custodian of Government arms or munitions who shall in any manner whatsoever except

upon the order of the Secretary of War or other official authorized to issue surrender, sell, lend, barter, or, otherwise dispose of Government property in his custody, shall upon conviction be imprisoned at hard labour for a period not less than five years and not exceeding ten years and forfeit and pay to the Government twice the value of the articles so disposed of.

SEC. 15. The penalty for violating any of the provisions in this Act contained, except where penalties have hereinbefore been specifically prescribed, shall be a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not exceeding Five thousand dollars, or imprisonment for a period not less than six months nor exceeding ten years or by both fine and imprisonment as the Court in its discretion shall determine.

SEC. 16. Any 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 August 7th, 1917.

AN ACT STIPULATING HOW CONCESSIONS AND FRANCHISES
SHALL BE OBTAINED IN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, AND
AMENDATORY OF ACTS APPROVED JANUARY 18, 1912 AND JAN-
UARY 8, 1913.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, any and all persons, corporations, firms, or syndicates, who may desire to obtain franchises or concessions from the Republic of Liberia, shall file with the Secretary of State of Liberia the proposals or propositions which he or they have to offer, at least sixty days before the meeting of the National Legislature; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State immediately upon the receipt of said proposals or propositions to have the same printed and published at the expense of the party or parties applying for said franchises or concessions for public information, and the Secretary of State shall furnish each member of the Legislature with a copy of said franchise so applied for at least thirty days before the commencement of the next ensuing regular session of the Legislature.

SEC. 2. That in no case shall the Legislature take any action whatsoever upon any proposals or propositions for franchises or concessions unless said proposals or propositions come before it in the manner prescribed in Section 1 of this Act.

SEC. 3. That it is further enacted that any person, firm, corporation or syndicate, applying for a concession or franchise as provided for in Section 1 of this Act, shall, when the concession or franchise is granted,

deposit into the Government depository at Monrovia a sum of money in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature, in cash or its equivalent in Government or other listed bonds at ninety (90%) per cent. at their current market quotation or value, as a guarantee for the operation of said concession or franchise within the time prescribed for the commencement of said operations, and shall enter into an agreement with the Government that the said sum so deposited, shall, upon failure to begin to operate the said concession or franchise within the time prescribed, be forfeited to the Republic of Liberia and the concession or franchise be and remain null and void: *provided*, that such deposit of guarantee may be withdrawn by the guarantee from time to time as the work proceeds, in order that it may be available for further expenditure, such withdrawals to be at the rate of fifty per cent. of the money expended during a period, to be agreed upon, of from one to three months.

SEC. 4. That the granting of concessions and franchises shall be greatly restricted and made only to reliable companies or individuals who intend immediately to work them and not sell or transfer their rights, and then after the most searching inquiry into the financial standing of all applicants, and no monopolies or concessions in perpetuity shall be granted. Each application for concession shall be promptly referred to the Financial Adviser by the Secretary of State for investigation and report which shall be submitted to the Legislature as soon as practicable.

SEC. 5. Any law or part of laws in conflict with the provision of this Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved August 7th, 1917.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION AND REFUNDING OF THE INTERNAL FLOATING INDEBTEDNESS OF LIBERIA.

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

SEC. 1. For the purpose of accurately ascertaining the total internal floating indebtedness of the Republic of Liberia and providing for refunding the same in a practical manner, a Domestic Debt Commission is hereby created to consist of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Financial Adviser of Liberia, who shall ascertain the total amount of such indebtedness of the Republic as of June 30, 1917, and make a report during the next regular session of the Legislature with a practical plan for refunding the same. The actual expenses of the Commission shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury from the General contingent fund, but the members shall serve without additional compensation for their services.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall immediately publish notices throughout the Republic that any party or parties having claims of any nature whatsoever against the Government, originating prior to July,

1917, and payable from revenues other than those assigned, shall deposit the evidence thereof, with the Secretary of the Treasury in Montserrat County or with the Superintendents of the several Counties and territories; and any claim not presented on or before November 15, 1917, shall not be admitted to participation in the settlement under this Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Treasury shall furnish to the respective Superintendents printed forms to be used in making the statements required, which forms shall specify the name and residence of the claimant, the total amount of the claim made, and a list of the items of which, the claim is composed, which items of indebtedness shall accompany and be attached to the statement of the claimant. If the claimant is in the possession of any claim of which he is not the original payee, he shall file a separate statement of such claim with explanations of how he came into possession of same.

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 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. 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 to and remain in the possession of the owner.

SEC. 5. 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 serial numbered bonds of a term approved by the President of the Republic. Said bonds shall be issued in denominations of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$50.00 and \$500.00 and shall not be negotiable or transferable except by inheritance or devise. They shall be acceptable at par for land taxes, fines, licenses, and Government land sales and shall bear interest at three per centum per annum and mature in twelve (12) years from the date of issue: *Provided*, that the Government reserves the right of redeeming for cash at the end of each fiscal year, such bonds as may be offered at the most favourable terms, and when so received or redeemed they shall be immediately and completely defaced by the Commission and a report made to the Legislature at each regular session. For the convenience of bondholders, the commission shall issue bonds in such denominations as may be required by such holders from time to time on surrender of and exchange for their bonds of larger denominations.

SEC. 6. A register shall be kept in the Treasury Department of all bonds issued and shall be signed by the Commission. Bonds issued under the provisions of this Act, when properly registered, shall be signed by the Commission attested by the Seal of the Treasury Department, and transmitted, by registered mail, to the appropriate Superintendents, who shall deliver same to the claimants upon a surrender of the Receipts originally given, and forward the receipts to the Secretary of the Treasury for file with the original statements.

SEC. 7. The Commission shall make and publish such rules, regulations, and instructions, and prescribe such forms and books of accounts as may be necessary to give full and complete force and effect to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. Any law or part of law in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

This Act shall be published immediately in hand-bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved August 7th, 1917.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF AN EXCISE TAX ON PORTABLE SPIRITS MANUFACTURED WITHIN THE REPUBLIC

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

SEC. 1. That the manufacture and sale of portable spirits except within the zone specified by this Act is hereby prohibited, within the Republic.

SEC. 2. The zone within which the manufacture and sale of portable spirits shall be unrestricted shall include all the territory of the Republic extending from the sea coast to the distant of forty miles interiorward.

SEC. 3. The manufacture and sale of portable spirits in the prohibited zone shall be a misdemeanor and any person guilty of such illegal manufacture shall be imprisoned for a period of five years, shall forfeit all stock of liquor so illegally manufactured, and the still or other plant used in such manufacture shall be destroyed.

SEC. 4. That from and after the passage of this Act there shall be levied upon all portable spirits manufactured within the Republic Excise Tax as follows:

- (a) Upon all spirits the strength of which can be ascertained by Trolles Hydrometer when 50 per. cent. proof or under per gallon, one Dollar and Twenty Cents (\$1.20).

- (b) Upon all spirits the strength of which as ascertained by the Hydrometer is above fifty per cent proof, an additional Twenty-Five Cents for each degree or fraction of a degree above 50 per cent, proof.
- (c) Upon spirits so sweetened or obscured that the degree of strength cannot be ascertained by Trolles or Sykes Hydrometer, per gallon, Two Dollars (\$2.00).

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations for the carrying of this Act into effect as may be necessary.

SEC. 6. The Revenue arising under this Act shall form part of the Internal Revenue and its collection shall be supervised by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 7. Any person who shall in any wise attempt to evade payment of the tax herein authorized to be levied and collected, or who shall knowingly sell, or caused to be sold, locally manufactured spirits upon which taxes have not been paid, or who shall act as the agent, clerk or other employee for the sale of such spirits upon which tax has not been paid, shall be guilty of violating the Revenue laws and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not less than Five Hundred Dollars and not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars, or be imprisoned for a period not less than one year nor more than ten years. The judgment in such cases shall authorize confiscation and destruction of all spirits sought to be sold, or manufactured in violation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. That the law of 1879 requiring a Fifty Dollars Tax on Stills be and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved August 8, 1917.

AN ACT FIXING THE ALLOWANCES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE AND THE SALARIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT.

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

Members of the Legislature shall hereafter serve the State without salary, Provided however, that during the regular session of the Legislature each Member thereof shall receive from the Government of Liberia the sum of five (\$500.00) Hundred Dollars as an allowance for the purpose of bearing his expenses whilst attending the National Legislature, and be further paid his mileage to and from his home, which amounts shall not be subjected to the Emergency Mode of Procedure Act in no wise, other than the payment of stamp duty.

SEC. 2. That the salaries of the Cabinet officers shall be fixed as follows:

The Secretary of State	\$ 2,500.00	annually
" " Treasury	2,500.00	"
" Attorney General	2,000.00	"
" Secretary of War	2,000.00	"
" Secretary of Interior & Edn.	2,000.00	"
" Post Master General	2,000.00	"

SEC. 3. That in addition to the salary of the Secretary of State in Section 2nd, of this Act, he shall be entitled to an Entertainment allowance of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) annually, [and the Vice-President Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) annually.]

SEC. 4. That the Officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia shall be paid by the day in keeping with the Act of the National Legislature A. D. 1874.

SEC. 5. It is further enacted that in case a special Session of the Legislature be convoked by the President, each Member of the Legislature shall receive Four Dollars fifty cents (\$4.50) per diem and their mileage to and fro.

SEC. 6. All salaries herein fixed shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury of this Republic without any deduction or retrenchments whatever, except stamp duty.

SEC. 7. That all fees and charges accruing in the various Departments herein mentioned shall be deposited into the Government depository.

SEC. 8. 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 August 15, 1917.

ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

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DURING THE SESSION 1918—1919.

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

Passed at the Fourth Session which was begun and held at the City of Monrovia, in the County of Montserrado, the Second day of December A. D. 1918, and was adjourned without day on Wednesday the twenty-second day of January, A. D. 1919.

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 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE TERMINATION OF HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

WHEREAS the Legislature of Liberia concur in the suggestion of the President of the Republic that Delegates be accredited to the Peace Conference to be held in Europe at the termination of hostilities against the German Empire,

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 he is hereby authorized to appoint a Commission of three discrete persons as Delegates to represent the Republic of Liberia at the Peace Conference to be held in Europe at the conclusion of hostilities against the German Empire.

SEC. 2. That the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the said Delegation.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to pay said sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars out of any moneys in the Public

Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or, if necessary, to negotiate a loan for the said sum either locally or abroad.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 20th, 1918.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE FISHTOWN FERRY-BOAT COMPANY OF THE COUNTY OF MARYLAND, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

SEC. 1. That James N. Collins, Isaac S. Nicholson, Samuel W. Wilson, Jacob Williams, John D. Freeman, James G. Body, of the County of Maryland, Republic of Liberia, and such other persons who may become members of said Company, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of THE FISHTOWN FERRY-BOAT COMPANY; and, as such, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction: may obtain, hold, possess and acquire property, real and personal, to the value of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

SEC. 2. That the said Company is hereby granted the right to run a Ferry over and across the waters between Saby and Cheenarkardy, in the County of Maryland. The fee for crossing each person shall not exceed six cents.

SEC. 3. Said Company shall have the right to do all other things done by similar bodies corporate and politic.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent persons from crossing in their own canoes or boats.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17th, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS TO THE WIDOW AND HEIRS OF THE HONORABLE E. A. STEVENSON, LATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY OF MARYLAND, 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 amount of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars be and the same is hereby granted the widow and heirs of the Honourable E. A. Stevenson late member of the House of Representatives aforesaid, as a mark of appreciation for his valuable services rendered.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed

to draw for the said amount in full out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 17th, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING BENJAMIN F. LEWIS OF THE
TERRITORY OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, RE-
PUBLIC OF LIBERIA, 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, Benjamin F. Lewis of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship; and is authorized to do any and all acts in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 17th, 1919.

AN ACT REVOKING THE CHARTER OF GREENVILLE, WITHIN THE
COUNTY OF SINOE, 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 Greenville, within the County of Sinoe, be and the same is hereby revoked, set aside and made null and void, as if same had never existed.

SEC. 2. The Mayor, City Clerk and other officials of the City of Greenville are allowed sixty (60) days to pay off, and complete all unfinished business appertaining to said Corporation. After the expiration of said sixty days, the Mayor shall pay over to the Sub-Treasurer of Sinoe County all surplus of moneys, if any there be, same to be held subject to orders under the laws governing townships and villages. And that the City Clerk is ordered and commanded to transmit to the Department of State all the books, records and transactions of said City Corporation.

SEC. 3. This Act is to take affect immediately and be published in hand bills

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 17th, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING D. L. CEPHAS, OF MONTSERRADO
COUNTY TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

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That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, D. L. Cephas 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 January 21st, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDATORY TO A "JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING UNTO J. N. WRIGHT & COMPANY OF THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE JUNK BAR," PASSED AND APPROVED JANUARY 15, 1916.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, in Section Five, on second line of the above-cited Joint Resolution, eliminate the word "twelve," and insert in its stead the word "twenty-five."

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the maximum charges for cows or bullocks either way shall be fifty cents; goats, sheep and hogs, twenty-five cents. Horses fifty cents.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING J. C. LEONARD, PRESIDENT, MUHLENBURG MISSION, LIBERIA, ONE (100) HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND SITUATED AT SANOGHIE-GITTING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPENING A NEW STATION FOR MISSIONARY OPERATION.

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, one (100) hundred acres of land situated at Sanoghie-Gitting, in the County of Montserrado, be and the same is hereby granted to J. C. Leonard, President, Muhlenburg Mission, Liberia, for the purpose of opening a new station for Missionary operation.

SEC. 2. The President of the Republic of Liberia be and is hereby authorized to order the survey of the said land and give deed for same in keeping with similar grants; all expenses connected therewith to be met by said mission.

SEC. 3. And the said tract or parcel of land as referred to above, is to be used for no other purpose than that for which it was applied for, otherwise it is to be immediately reverted to the Government with all improvements made thereupon.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

AN ACT PENALIZING ALL SHERIFFS, MARSHALS AND CLERKS OF COURTS FOR NOT REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS IS REQUIRED BY LAW.

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, all Sheriffs, Marshals and Clerks of Courts in the Republic of Liberia, who are required to render quarterly Reports to the Department of Justice under existing laws of the Republic of Liberia, and who shall fail to make said Reports as required shall upon summary proceedings in any of the Circuit Courts of this Republic upon information of the Attorney General be fined in a sum not less than Twenty-Five Dollars nor more than Fifty Dollars for each failure to render said Quarterly Report.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING WILLIAM D. PONDER OF MONTSE-
RADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, 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, William D. Ponder of Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, be, and he is hereby restored to citizenship, with all the rights and privileges in common with all citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENC-
ING FROM OCTOBER 1, 1918, AND ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1919.

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

SEC. 1. That the Budget appropriations for the fiscal year ending October first, Nineteen Hundred and Eighteen, be, and the same is hereby extened to October first, Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.

This Act shall go into effect immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE ACTS
IN OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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 publication of the Statute Laws of the Republic of Liberia shall be made in two distinct divisions, one containing all the public Acts, and one containing all private Acts.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING TO CHARLOTTE S. SANCEA, ALIAS GIBSON, HEIRS OF SANDY AND PATSY GANNAWAY, FIFTEEN ACRES OF FARM LAND IN THE COUNTY OF MARYLAND, R. L.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, fifteen acres of farm land is hereby granted to Charlotte S. Sancea, Alias Gibson, heir of Sandy and Patsay Gannaway, who immigrated into the Republic of Liberia in the year 1872, and who had never received the lands allotted them by the Government.

SEC. 2. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to instruct the Surveyor of Maryland County to survey for the aforesaid Charlotte S. Sancea, Alias Gibson, heir of Sandy and Patsay Gannaway, fifteen acres of farm land from the Public domain in the County of Maryland, agreeably to the laws governing Emigrant Allotments.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING THE GARRAWAY FERRY BOAT COMPANY OF MARYLAND COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA THE RIGHT TO RUN ONE FERRY ACROSS THE PO RIVER.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution Samuel J. Mooney, George D. Natt, Jr., J. S. Williams, George G. Purser, Alexander G. Wreah, and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them their heirs or assigns be and they are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Garraway Ferry Boat Co., Maryland County, Republic of Liberia.

SEC. 2. It is further resolved that the said Company shall have the right to run one (1) ferry across the Po River at the points and space across the Government wharf and Red water on the eastern bank and the points and space opposite these places on the western bank of said river covering and comprising a distance of three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of a mile for the period of twelve (12) years beginning from the passage of this Joint Resolution. They shall have the right to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Re-

public having competent jurisdiction, and shall be capable of holding and possessing personal and real property to the value of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars. The fee for crossing each person shall not exceed (6) cents.

Sec. 3. Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent person or persons from crossing in their own canoes or boats.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, OF ROBERTSPORT IN THE TERRITORY OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT, MONT-SERRADO COUNTY.

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

SEC. 1. That M. W. G. Muhlenburg, Rector, James Dwala, Senior Warden, E. Z. B. Jones, Junior Warden, W. A. Williams, Treasurer, W. B. Gray, Secretary, E. D. W. Shannon, Vestryman, all of Robertsport, Cape Mount, in the Territory of Cape Mount and Republic of Liberia, and their successors in office, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name and style of Irving Memorial Parish P. E. Church, in the Territory of Grand Cape Mount Republic of Liberia, with the power to hold, own and possess real and personal property, that may now or shall hereafter be acquired by purchase or devise with power to sell and convey the provisions and conditions of this Act.

SEC. 2. That the said corporation shall be granted the privilege to sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction and shall be allowed to acquire hold and receive personal estate to the value of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars.

SEC. 3. That the said corporarion is hereby vested with power and authority to make and establish such laws and regulations for their own government, and to do all other acts and things usual to be done by similar bodies politic consistent with the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church universal, and not repugnant to the laws and constitution of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION PENALIZING ANY PERSON OR COMPANY WHO MAY LAND NATIVE LABOURERS RETURNING FROM FOREIGN SERVICES IN COUNTIES OTHER THAN THOSE FROM WHICH THEY WERE SHIPPED.

WHEREAS numerous complaints have been made by several native Chiefs and other citizens to the effect that many native labourers have been taken from their home and landed in Counties other than those from whence they were shipped, and, as a consequence, have been robbed of their wages and deprived of means

of returning to their respective homes by some unscrupulous persons in whose hands they happen to fall,

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution it shall be unlawful for any person or Company to land native labourers returning from foreign services in any County within the Republic other than that from which they were shipped. Any person or Company violating the provisions of this Joint Resolution shall, upon summary investigation and conviction before any Justice of the Peace, be fined in a sum of Fifty Dollars for each labourer so landed with cost of suit, one half of said fine shall be paid to each native labourer thus landed, and the remaining one half paid into the Treasury of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE LIBERIAN CHRISTIAN UNION ASSOCIATION OF KROOTOWN MONRONIA.

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 of this Act, Daem Tugbeh, Conductor; S. B. Nagbee, Vice Conductor; J. J. A. McFoy, Secretary, G. F. Sear, Asst. Secretary; Teah Debech, Treasurer; John Walker, Chairman; E. C. V. Peneard, Judge; See Juepleh, 1st Mother; Luetta Freeman, 2nd Mother; C. A. Clark, 3rd Mother; and such other persons, Officers and Members who hereafter may become members of said Association, be constituted and declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style "The Liberian Christian Union Association of Krootown," 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 (\$5,000.00) Dollars, and may make by-laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the Republic, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intention of this Association.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1919.

AN ACT CHARTERING THE CITY OF LOWER BUCHANAN, GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

WHEREAS: The citizens of Lower Buchanan have petitioned the National Legislature to constitute them a body politic and corporate by ratifying and granting to them a charter by them drawn up and presented, Therefore:

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

SEC. 1. That the inhabitants of the City of Lower Buchanan are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the City Corporation of Lower Buchanan, and, by such name, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and do all other acts that are usually done by such corporate bodies.

SEC. 2. The Common Councilmen shall consist of seven members, residents of the City of Lower Buchanan, in whom all Legislative power shall be vested. One of said members shall be Chairman.

SEC. 3. The corporate bounds of the City shall begin from Mission Pond, running South three miles to the place known as Pepper Town, and East from the Atlantic Seabeach two miles to the boundary of the township of Harlandsville.

SEC. 4. The elective or chartered Officers of the municipal government shall be one Mayor and seven Common Councilmen, all of whom shall hold their office for two years unless vacated by resignation, removal or death. Vacancies shall be supplied by special election to be ordered by the Mayor; and, in case of his resignation, removal or death, by the Chairman of the Common Council, none of whom shall receive compensation for services. No persons shall be eligible to the office of Mayor who is not a resident of the City of Lower Buchanan, and who does not possess unencumbered, real estate to the value of of Two Thousands Dollars.

SEC. 5. The corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to make contracts, 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 necessary acts not incompatible with the general laws of the country.

The poll Taxes within the corporate limits of the City Corporation of Lower Buchanan, be, and are hereby granted to the said City: provided, however, that the Debt Certificates or Statements 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.

SEC. 6. The Corporation aforesaid shall be required to appropriate three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of all moneys arising from taxes, fines and forfeitures, and from all general sources, for improvements of the City or to the purpose of general benefit to the citizens and taxpayers, the amount accruing from liquor license excepted, only one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of which can be used by said Corporation under existing laws the remainder, being one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) 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 Councilman who is not a resident of the City Lower Buchanan, and who does not possess unencumbered, real estate to the value of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200). No person who does not possess real estate in the City of Lower Buchanan shall be allowed to vote.

SEC. 7. 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 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 the said appointed Officers shall be from time to time, as often as the occasion demands, determined and specified by the City Council.

SEC. 8. The first election of Officers shall take place on the first Tuesday in June of the present year. All other elections shall take place the First Tuesday in January, and shall be conducted according to the laws governing the election of State Officers, under such modifications and restrictions as the Common Council may ordain. The Sheriff of Grand Bassa County or his Deputy shall, when required by the Mayor, or other authorized City Officers, at the expense of the Corporation, make all necessary arrangements for, and be present during, all elections as all election returns 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 Second Judicial Circuit of the County of Grand Bassa, 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 provisions of this Charter.

SEC. 9. The stated meetings of the Common Council shall be on the Fourth Tuesday in each month, the occasional meetings to be regulated by its own ordinances. The Council shall have authority to compel the attendance of absent members, fine the members for disorderly behavior, and expel a member by a two-thirds vote. Any member so expelled shall forfeit his rights and powers as a Common Councilman. All ordinances and municipal laws established shall be subject to the approval of the Mayor. If he disapprove, his objections shall be made known to the Common Council within three days; and if such proposed ordinances or municipal laws be not returned within three days, such delay shall not be equal to approval, provided, 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.

SEC. 10. The elective Officers shall be one Mayor and seven Common Councilmen. The Mayor and the 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 the 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. He shall be conservator of the Peace within said City, and shall recommend to the Common Council at its regular sessions all such measures as, in his opinion, would enhance the condition of the streets, highways and public walks, as well as 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 for the suppression of mobs, riots or insurrections of whatever nature, order out the Militia, which shall, by force of arms, compel such insurrections to obedience; the Mayor being responsible for the abuse of such power.

SEC. 11. There shall be a City Court, which shall be presided over by City Magistrate, whose duty it shall be to try and determine the same, excepting those that may be taken therefrom by appeal, as hereinafter provided for. The Chief Magistrate shall within the precincts of the City, exercise the functions of

Justice of the Peace. He shall try and determine all petty offences, but appeal may be had from his decisions to the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit of the County of Grand Bassa. The said City Court shall, by its own Clerk, keep a detailed record of all matters and things which shall come before it a book or books provided for that purpose, which book or books, when full, shall be delivered to the Secretary of State for preservation among the archives of the Republic.

SEC. 12. The County Jail shall be at the disposal 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, the Sheriff of the County and his Deputy being subject to the Mayor in all cases in which the County Jail is thus used; they being also responsible for the prisoners therein detained, and punishable for their escape, as is provided by law. But the City shall provide the necessary food for its prisoners during their detention.

SEC. 13. All ordinances shall commence with the following words: "Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Lower Buchanan." Every Legislative Act of the Common Council shall be ordinance.

SEC. 14. If this Charter, or any of its provisions, be found inconvenient or inadequate in any respect, the same may be repealed, altered or supplemented on representation properly made by the City Authorities upon a Petition to the Legislature of Liberia.

This Charter, and all its provisions shall go into effect on the First Tuesday in June, Nineteen-Nineteen (1919).

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE RED CROSS SOCIETY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

WHEREAS the Red Cross Society has demonstrated by its World-wide activities in times of war and distress in ministering to the needs of suffering humanity that it is the most help agency through which the unfortunate may be reached by his fellowman and relieved; and

WHEREAS such a Society exists in every Christian country and is recognized by the Government of that country as a most potent factor for good; 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 named persons, Walter F. Walker, President. M. A. R. Camphor, Secretary, C. B. Dunbar, Treasurer, C. A. King, Victoria E. Grimes, Cecelia A. Dunbar, Corinna A. McGill, M. H. Faulkner, Anna E. McCritty, I. C. Stevens, Annabel Walker, Thomas J. R. Faulkner, Deborah F. Stubblefield, Matilda A. Howard, G. L. Johnson, C. A. Cassell, and such other persons who are now or may hereafter become members of said Society, be and the same are hereby constituted and declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of THE RED CROSS SOCIETY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA and under

its corporate name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of law or Equity of this Republic with the right to hold and enjoy property of One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE No. 1. JONES' BRASS BAND OF THE CITY OF 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, Joshua Howard, Band Master, E. A. O'Corner, Ass. Band Master, Louis A. Railey, Band Treasurer, James A. Railey, Band Secretary, John Gbabo Kolenky, Band Instructor, Band Patrons, Edwin Barclay, J. F. Copeland, Momo Massaquoi and James W. Cooper, and such other persons as may be hereafter associated with them, be and are hereby declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the No. 1. Jones Brass Band and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, may own and have estate to the value of Five Thousand Dollars, may enact such rules, and by-laws 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 22nd 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, SINOE COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS U. S. A., SEVENTY FIVE (75) ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE VICINITY OF LEXINGTON SINOE COUNTY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A MISSION STATION AND INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL.

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 seventy-five (75) acres of public land situated in the vicinity of Lexington, Sinoe County, Republic of Liberia, be and the same are hereby granted to the Executive Board, Sinoe County, Republic of Liberia, of The Foreign Mission Board of the Missionary Baptist General State Convention of Texas, U. S. A., for the purpose of establishing a Mission Station and Industrial High School.

SEC. 2. The President of the Republic of Liberia be and is hereby authorized to order the survey of said tract or parcel of land and given deed for same in keeping with similar grants; all expenses connected therewith to be met by said Mission.

SEC. 3. And the said tract or parcel of land as referred to above is to be used for no other purpose than that for which it was applied for, otherwise it is to be immediately reverted to the Government with all improvements made thereupon.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY TO PAY THE MILEAGE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE FOR THE YEARS A. D. 1915-16 & 1917.

WHEREAS the Act passed over the Executive veto in the year 1914 does only exclude the payment of the Lay-Days of the Members of the National Legislature, and not their Mileage; and

WHEREAS they have not been paid as provided, nor have said amounts passed to the credits of the members on the books; and

WHEREAS many of the members, in the year 1916, suffered losses in their traveling to and from their homes; and

WHEREAS the Secretary of the Treasury said this amount was not provided for in the approved Budget, and refused to pay same unless he was authorized by a Joint Resolution; therefore

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to pay each Member of the National Legislature and each Officer his Mileage, commencing from the year 1915, 1916 and 1917, in accord with the Act approved at the Call Session in 1917.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING PENSIONS TO SEVERAL PERSONS WITHIN 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 the widow and heirs of the late SAMUEL N. SMITH, District Commissioner, Montserrado County shall receive annually the sum or Two Hundred and Fifty (250.00) dollars as long as said widow shall remain single and until the youngest heir shall have attained his or her majority.

SEC. 2. It further resolved that the widow of Charles Nelson of Caldwell, Montserrado County, shall receive the sum of One hundred (\$100.00) dollars annually as long as she remains widow of the said Charles Nelson.

SEC. 3. That Rufus Knight of Maryland County, who has rendered valuable services as an able seaman on board the several Gun-Boats of the Republic, and who is now aged, disabled and feeble, shall receive annually the sum of One hundred (\$100.00) dollars during his naturally life time.

SEC. 4. It is further resolved that Charles C. Vinton, of Maryland County, who as District Commissioner lost his sight shall receive annually the sum of Seventy five (\$75.00) dollars. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to draw for the above amounts under warrant of the President out of any moneys in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

A JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY FROM LOWER BUCHANAN, TO THE CAROLINE DONOVAN NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE, GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

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

SEC. 1. That after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the sum of Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and Sixty-eight Cents (\$4,380.68) be and the same is hereby appropriated to construct the roadway leading from Lower Buchanan, out to the Caroline Donovan Normal and Industrial Institute.

SEC. 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to draw for the same out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT INCORPORATING THE FERRY BOAT COMPANY OF BUCHANAN, GRAND BASSA COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, PASSED AND APPROVED OCTOBER 12TH, 1916.

SEC. 1. That after Section 2 of the above cited Act the following clause shall be considered as forming a part of said Act to wit: Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to prevent persons crossing in their own boats and canoes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION REIMBURSING ABLE SEAMAN ROBERT FULLER OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY AND SAMUEL A. NORRIS, EX-CAPTAIN OF THE R. L. S. "PRESIDENT HOWARD" OF MARYLAND 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, Robert Fuller of Montserrado County is hereby reimbursed in the sum of \$97.70, and Samuel A. Norris, Ex-Captain of the R. L. S. "President Howard," of Maryland County in the sum of \$72.22 for losses sustained at the torpedoing of the Schooner "President Howard" by the German Submarine on the night of the 10th April 1918, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for said amounts under warrant of the President out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA TO
ACCEPT THE PROFFERED LOAN CREDIT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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

SEC. 1 That the President of the Republic of Liberia be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to accept the proffered Loan Credit of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Government of the United States, and to enter into such Agreements and appoint such additional American Assistants as may be necessary to make the Credit effective and carry the Financial Program into operation for the rehabilitation and development of Liberia.

Any law or parts of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO THE
SECOND REGIMENT, GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

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

SEC. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the above-cited Act, passed and approved September 22, 1914, be, and the same is, hereby repealed and declared null and void; and the former Act, ordering the Quarterly Parades to be held in Edina and Buchanan alternately, is hereby revived.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately, and shall be published in Hand-Bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION REIMBURSING THE O. A. COMPANY FOR LOSSES
SUSTAINED AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG THE BASSA COAST CAUSED
BY THE UPRISING OF THE HOSTILE KROOS.

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 O. A. Company, trading along the Bassa Coast in Liberia, is hereby reimbursed in the

sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$5,739.00) for losses sustained during the Kroo War, on the Liberian Bassa Coast. Said amount shall be paid by installments, beginning with the year Nineteen Nineteen.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION REIMBURSING SUNDRY PERSONS IN SINOE COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

WHEREAS in the late Kroo uprising of 1916 in Sinoe County, the Oost Afrikanische Compagnie, T. J. Feighery and the late J. J. W. Johns suffered losses,

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 following named firms or persons be reimbursed in the amount opposite their respective names viz:

Oost Afrikanische Compagnie, Sinoe	\$ 740.00
T. G. Feighery	3000.00
The Estate J. J. W. Johns	3000.00

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to draw for the same under warrant of the President out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated. This Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1919.

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT TO THE INTERIOR OF THE REPUBLIC.

WHEREAS since the founding of the Republic the seat of Government has been in the City of Monrovia near the sea shore, and

WHEREAS the location of the seat of Government in the Interior or near the boundary will have direct influence for a peaceful Frontier and the development of the Territory of Liberia and a further spread of civilization and industry,

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 Capital of this Republic

shall be removed to the interior within a period of one year from January 1st, 1919 to January 1st, 1920.

SEC. 2. It is further enacted that the President be and he is hereby authorized to direct the Interior Department to instruct the Surveyor to locate within six months from date of the passage of this Act with the assistance of the Officers of the Liberian Frontier Force, a suitable site for the location and establishment of a modern city, especially as to grade of streets, drainage and water supply essential to the health of the inhabitants. The location of said site shall not be more than sixty miles from the Atlantic Ocean direct, and shall be as near as possible midway between the stretch of land from Robertsport on the north and Maryland on the south.

SEC. 3. After the location has been sited, made known and accepted by the Executive Government, it shall be laid before the Legislature for approval not later than January 1st, 1920, after which the Interior Department shall be instructed to commence the survey for the roads running direct from the various Counties and Territories to the chosen capital. A Commission shall be created by the Legislature at its next session for the purpose of laying off the City, selecting sites, laying off public squares, buildings dividing the City into lots and numbering the same.

SEC. 4. It is further enacted that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (3,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to meet the expense of said Commission whose duty it shall be to submit plans and costs of construction of public buildings to the Executive Government for approval who shall ask for tenders for the construction of the proposed buildings from any individuals or firms; the same being made and accepted by the Executive Government shall enter upon a tentative agreement, said agreement shall contain a stipulation on the part of the contractors that the buildings are completed and turned over to the Executive Government for occupation.

SEC. 5. The name of the proposed City shall be "ASHMUN".

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 17th, 1919.

JOINT RESOLUTION FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE FOURTH 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 Fourth Session of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *Sine Die* on the twenty-second day of January, Anno Domini Nineteen Nineteen. (A. D. 1919.)

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

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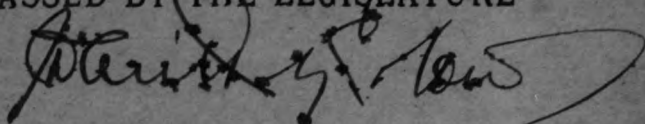
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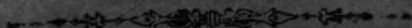


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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

Passed at their First Session which was begun and held at the City of Monrovia County of Montserrado, the First Monday in December A. D. 1919 and was adjourned without day on Saturday, the 14th day of February, A. D. 1920.

CHAPTER I.

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA TO CALL AN ELECTION IN SINOE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A SENATOR AND THREE REPRESENTATIVES.

Dec. 11, 1919
(S. No. 1.)

Whereas both Branches of the Legislature, on account of violence employed at most of the polls in Sinoe County, have declared the last Quadriennial Election held in that County, May 6th, 1919, null and void, THEREFORE:

Preamble

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

That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the President of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized to call an Election in Sinoe County for the purpose of electing a Senator and three Representatives, to fill the vacancies in the Legislature.

Call Election Sinoe
County

This resolution shall take effect immediately and be published in Hand Bills.

Take effect immediately

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding
Approved December 11th, 1919.

CHAPTER II,

AN ACT TO DEFINE THE PROPERTY QUALIFICATION OF
ANY PERSON OR PERSONS WHO MAY BECOME LABOUR
RECRUITING AGENTS.Dec. 30, 1919
(S. No. 2.).Qualification Labour
Recruiting Agent*It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:*

That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, no person or persons, firm or corporation, shall be allowed to take out license for the recruiting of labourers for parts without the Republic of Liberia who does not own real and unencumbered estate in Republic to the value of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars.

when effective

This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in Hand Bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 30th, 1919.

CHAPTER III.

JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE ENSUING INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Dec. 30, 1919
(H. R. No. 2.)

Inauguration expenses

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000.00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the ensuing Inauguration of the President and Vice President of the Republic of Liberia.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 30th, 1919.

payment authorized

CHAPTER IV.

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE TREATY OF PEACE BETWEEN THE ALLIED AND ASSOCIATED POWERS AND GERMANY, SIGNED AT VERSAILLES, FRANCE, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN.

January 5, 1920
(Senate No. 3)*It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:*

That the Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated powers and Germany, concluded at Versailles, France, and signed

Ratification of Peace
Treaty

by the Representatives of the Two parties respectively on the Twenty-eighth day of June, A. D. Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, be and is hereby ratified and confirmed by the Senate to all intents and purposes.

It is further resolved that Republic of Liberia, on her part will not apply Section Three, part Ten and the annex thereto, concerning clearing offices with respect to debts.

Reservation

It is further resolved that the President of the Republic of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized to do all other Acts necessary to be done to put into effect this Resolution.

President authorized to put ratification into effect

Approved January 5th, 1920.

CHAPTER V.

AN ACT REPEALING AN ACT AMALGAMATING THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND COMMON SCHOOLS

Jan. 19th, 1920
(H. R. No. 6.)

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the above recited Act be and the same is hereby repealed; and the Department of Public Instruction and Common Schools shall be separate and distinct in conformity with the law creating the aforesaid Department.

Department of Public Instruction and Common Schools separate and distinct

Sec. 2. That all laws or parts of laws defining the powers and duties of the Secretary of Public Instructions be and are hereby revived. The salary of the Secretary of Public Instruction shall be \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) per annum.

Powers of Secretary of Public Instruction revived

Salary

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect immediately after the passage thereof and be published in Hand Bills.

When effective

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 19th, 1920.

CHAPTER VI.

JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING THE OFFICE OF TYPIST IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

January 19, 1920.
(H. R. No. 4.)

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution there shall be elected in the Senate and House of Representatives, in addition to the staff of Clerical Officers, a Typist whose salary shall be (\$2.66 $\frac{2}{3}$) Two dollars Sixty six and two third cents per diem respectively during each session.

Creation of office of Typist.
Salary

Payment authorized

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

Take effect immediately
publish Hand Bills

This Act shall take effect immediately and be publish in Hand Bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 19th, 1920.

CHAPTER VII.

January 22, 1920
H. R. No. 4,

AN ACT AMENDATORY AND SUPPLEMENTARY TO AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CRIMINAL CODE APPROVED OCTOBER 14TH, 1914.

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

Sec. 1. That the Crime House breaking is hereby defined as follows:—

House breaking
defined

Any person breaking and entering any dwelling house in the day time (which is here intended to include all that part of the day not included in the word night as construed in Burglary) and steal therein shall be guilty of house breaking.

Other Houses same
punishment

Sec. 2. Any person breaking and entering a shop, store, warehouse not a dwelling house and stealing therefrom, when convicted, shall suffer the same punishment that for house breaking.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1920.

CHAPTER VIII.

January 28, 1920
House No. 14.

JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE THE REPAIRS OF THE GREENVILLE POST OFFICE, IN THE COUNTY OF SINOE, AND THE COURT HOUSE AND JAIL HOUSE OF THE TERRITORY OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT ALSO THE COURT HOUSE AND JAIL HOUSE IN THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL, COUNTY OF MONTERRADO, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Sec. 1. That the sum of (\$1,000.00) ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS be, and the same is hereby appropriated to repair the Post Office, in Greenville, in the County of Sinoe, and TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for the repairs of the Court and Jail of the Territory of Grand Cape Mount, and TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2000.00) to build the Court House and Jail in the Territory of Marshall, County of Monterrado, Republic of Liberia.

Expenditure authorized

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28th, 1920.

Payment authorized.

CHAPTER IX.

AN ACT FIXING THE DAILY ALLOWANCES OF THE PAGES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

January 28, 1920
House No. 16

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 Pages of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, shall be allowed \$0.50 (Fifty cents) per diem while in Session.

Appropriation wages
for Pages of Legislature

Sec. 2 That the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized to pay same out of any money of the said Republic not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 28th, 1920.

Payment authorized.

CHAPTER X.

JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDATORY TO A JOINT RESOLUTION FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC, PASSED JANUARY 15TH, 1920.

January 29th, 1920
H. R. No. 17

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

Sec. 1. That the above cited Joint Resolution be so amended as to read, that the First Session of the Thirty Fourth Legislature will adjourn sine die, February 14th, 1920.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Adjournment date of

CHAPTER XI.

JOINT RESOLUTION FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

January 29, 1920
H. R. No. 7.

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-fourth Legislature of the

Adjournment Legislature

Republic of Liberia, adjourn *sine die* on the thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1920.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER XII.

January 25, 1920
H. R. No. 13.

AN ACT CHARTERING THE SAINT JOHN RIVER CITY OF GRAND BASSA COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

Whereas the Citizens of the Settlements on the Saint John River of Grand Bassa County, Republic of Liberia, have petitioned the National Legislature to constitute them a body politic and corporate by granting to them a Charter by them drawn up and presented, therefore,

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

Corporate Name and Style

Sec. 1. That the inhabitants of the settlements on the Saint John River are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Saint John River City Corporation of Grand Bassa County, Republic of Liberia, 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.

City Council Chairman

Sec. 2. The Common Council shall consist of seven members, residents of the Saint John River City, in whom all Legislative powers shall be vested. One of the said members shall be Chairman.

Corporate Limits

Sec. 3. The Corporate bounds of the City shall commence from the Eastern boundary of the Settlement of Farmersetta and including all that part or portion of the Settlements formerly known as Bexly Hartford, Fortsville, and Harrisville.

Elective Officers

Sec. 4. The elected or chartered Officers of the municipal government shall be one Mayor and seven Common Councilmen all of whom shall hold their office for two years unless vacated by resignation, removal or death, vacancies shall be supplied by special election to be ordered by the Mayor; and in case of his resignation, removal or death, by the Chairman of the Common Council. No persons shall be eligible to the office of Mayor who is not a resident of the City of Saint John River, and who does not possess unencumbered and real estate to the value of Six Hundred dollars.

Vacancies how filled

Qualification

Powers and authority Property value,

Sec. 5. The Corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to make contracts, take and hold real and personal estate to the value of Fifty Thousand Dollars; 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 necessary acts not incompatible with the general laws of the country. The poll taxes within the corporate limits of

Levy Taxes etc.

the City Corporation of Saint John River, be, and are hereby granted to the said City; provided however, that the debt certificates or statements of 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 debt of the Republic.

Grant of Poll Tax Government obligatio if collected to be de sited in Govt. Treas

Sec. 6. The Corporation aforesaid shall be required to appropriate three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of all moneys arising from taxes, fines and forfeitures, and from all general sources, for improvements of the City or to the purpose of general benefit to the Citizens and tax payers, sums accruing from liquor license excepted, only one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of which can be used by said Corporation under existing laws, the remainder being one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the revenue, may, if necessary be supplied to the compensation of the appointed officers of the Municipal Government. No person shall be eligible to the office of common councilman who is not a resident of the City of Saint John River, and who does not possess unencumbered, real estate to the value of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). No person who does not posses real estate in the City of Saint John River City, shall be allowed to vote.

Apportionment of C Revenue.

Qualification of Coune men. Suffrage quali cation.

Sec. 7. The appointed officers of the Municipal government shall be one Auditor, one Recorder, 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 commissioned annually appointed and by the Mayor. The duties of the said officers shall be from time to time, as often as the occasion demands, determined and specified by City Council.

Appointed Officers.

Appointment how mad

Term of office

Duties by whom fixe

First election

Election held.

Sheriff's election duty

Election returns wher d-positied.

Notices of apparent ele tions by whom issue City Council determin election returns and d clare same.

Sec. 8. The first election of officers shall take place on the first Tuesday in June of the present year. All other elections shall take place on the first Tuesday in January and shall be conducted according to the laws governing the election of State officers under such modifications and restrictions as the Common Council may ordain. The Sheriff of Grand Bassa County of his Deputy shall when required by the Mayor, or other authorized City officers, at the expense of the Corporation, make all necessary arrangements for, and be present during all elections as all election returns shall be forwarded to the first election, which shall be sent to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit of the County of Grand Bassa, 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 votes for the Mayor, and declare who is thereby elected according to the provision of this Charter.

Sec. 9. The stated meeting of the Common Council shall be on the fourth Tuesday in each month, the occasional meetings to be regulated by its own ordinances. The Council shall have the authority to compel the attendance of absent members, fine the

Meetings of City Coun cil powers over the members

Expulsion of members**Ordinances by whom approved.****Mayor's Veto.****Passage by limitation:**

for disorderly behaviour or expel a member by a two-third vote. Any member so expelled shall forfeit his right and power as Common Councilman. All ordinances and municipal laws established shall be subject to the approval of the Mayor. If he disapprove, his objection shall be made known to the Common Councilmen within three days, and if such proposed Ordinances or Municipal laws be not returned within three days, such delay shall be equal to approval, provided, however, such delay not be occasioned by the adjournment of the Common Councilmen. The Common Council may nevertheless, by a two-third vote of its members pass any law independent of the Mayor's approval.

Elective Officers. Powers.**Mayor's duties and powers.**

Sec. 10. The elective officers shall be one Mayor, seven Common Councilmen. The Mayor and Common Councilmen shall have the power to lay out Streets, Highways, and Public walks or Paths, and shall have the power to appoint all Inspectors of Weights and Measures. The Mayor of the 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. He shall be conservator of the peace within the said City and shall recommend to the Common Council at its regular session all such measures as in his opinion would enhance the condition of the Streets, Highways, and the walks, as well as point out all nuisances of whatever kind, and recommend measures for their renovation. He shall, when actually necessary for the preservation of public peace or the suppression of mobs, or riots, or insurrections of whatever nature, order; the militia, which shall, by force of arms, compel such insurrection to obedience; the Mayor being responsible for the abuse of such power.

**Judiciary Department
City Magistrate. City Clerk.****Court records deposited.**

Sec. 11. There shall be a City Court, which shall be presided over by a City Magistrate, whose duty it shall be to try and determine the same exception to that may be taken therefrom by appeal, as provided for. The City Magistrate shall within the precincts of the City, exercise the function of a Justice of the Peace. He shall and determine all petty offenses but appeal may be had from his decision to the Circuit Court of the Second Judiciary Circuit of the County of Grand Bassa. The said City Court shall, by its own clerk, keep a detail record of all matters and things which shall come before it in a book or books when full, shall be delivered to the Secretary of State for preservation among the Archives of the Republic.

County Jail use of**Maintain prisoners.**

Sec. 12. The County Jail shall be at the disposal of the City for the confinement of prisoners at any time that the use thereof shall be deemed necessary by the Mayor or Common Councilmen the Sheriff of the County and his Deputy being subject to the Mayor in all cases in which the County Jail is used they being also responsible for the prisoners therein detained, and punishable for their escape as is provided by law. But the City shall provide the necessary food for its prisoners during their detention.

City Ordinances how commenced.

Sec. 13. All ordinances shall commence with the following words:—"Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Saint John River." Every Legislative Act of the Common Council shall be ordained.

Sec. 14. If this Charter, or any of its provisions be found inconvenient or inadequate in any respect the same may be repealed, altered or supplemented on representation properly made by the City Authorities upon a petition to the Legislature of Liberia. This Charter, and all its provisions shall go into effect on the first Tuesday in June, 1920.

Charter amendment.

when effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding
Approved January 29, 1920.

CHAPTER XIII

JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDATORY TO THE ACT APPROVED JANUARY 12, 1897, RELATING TO CONSULAR FEES.

February 13th, 1920.
Senates No. 107

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

Consular fees.

Sec. 1. That the fees enumerated and fixed in section one of the Act Approved January 12, 1897, be and the same are hereby repealed in so far as they relate to Liberian Citizens appointed as Consuls or Consuls-General residing in Europe or in the United States of America, and that the fee allowed for verification of invoices shall be one per centum of the total amount of invoice.

Sec. 2. That section 2 of the said Act be amended as to read:
"It is further enacted that one half of the above named fee shall be retained by the Consul verifying invoices or rendering other service for which a fee is payable, and the other half shall be paid quarterly to the Consul-General and by him passed to the credit of Government. The Secretary of the State may nevertheless, where the needs of the service shall require, with the approval of the President, authorise any Consul to retain the total amount of fees collected at his office."

Appropriation of fees

Secretary of State's discretion

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,
Approved: February 13th., 1920.

CHAPTER XIV.

AN ACT GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA TO SUSPEND THE EMERGENCY MODE OF PROCEDURE ACT AND THE AMENDMENT THERETO APPROVED MARCH 12, 1915.

February 14, 1920
Senates No. 9

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 is hereby given authority by Executive Order or Proclamation, to suspend or annul the Act Approved March 12, 1915, entitled the Emergency Mode of Pro-

Emergency mode of procedure Act suspended

cedure Act and the Act supplementary to the Emergency Mode of Procedure Act of the same date.

Report to Legislature

Sec. 2. Any action taken hereunder shall be reported to the Legislature at its next Session.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved February 14th., 1920.

CHAPTER XV.

February 15, 1920.
Senates No. 11

AN ACT DECLARING A CESSATION OF THE STATE OF WAR BETWEEN THE GERMAN EMPIRE AND THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

Preamble

Whereas the Senate of the Republic of Liberia has ratified the Peace Treaty, signed at Versailles June 28, 1919, between the Allied and Associated Powers and the German Empire,

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

Cessation of War.

Sec. 1 That the state of war between the German Empire and the Republic of Liberia has come to an end.

To be Proclaimed

Sec. 2. That the President of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized to issue Proclamation to that effect.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved February 15th, 1920.

CHAPTER XVI

January 29th 1920.
(H. R. No. 1 15)

JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDATORY TO A RESOLUTION APPROVED JANUARY 22ND, 1919, AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA TO ACCEPT THE PROFFERED LOAN CREDIT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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

American Loan agreement Legislative approval

Sec. 1. That the Joint Resolution approved January 22nd, 1919, be amended so as to read as follows: that on the fourth line after the word Agreement, insert the following: "That such Agreement as shall be made by the President of Liberia and the United States Government, shall be submitted to the Legislature for their approval."

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved January 29th, 1920.

CHAPTER XVII.

AN ACT CREATING AND INSTITUTING AN ORDER OF MERIT STYLED "THE ORDER OF THE STAR OF AFRICA"

February 13, 1920.
(H. R. No. 16)

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

Sec. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to establish and institute a Meritorious Order to be styled "THE ORDER OF THE STAR OF AFRICA", which, subject to the provision of section (4) four of this Act, shall be conferred only upon such Liberian citizens, male and female who have rendered distinguished service to the Republic or to Africa, in the public service, in Literature, Art or Science.

Order authorized

Membership

Sec. 2. The Order shall be divided into five grades namely:

Grades

- 1st. Chevalier
- 2nd. Officer
- 3rd. Commander
- 4th. Grand Commander with Star
- 5th. Grand Band.

Sec. 3. The membership of the Order shall be limited in number to two hundred and distributed as follows:

Grand Band	Ten Members
Grand Commander.....	Twenty-three Members
Commanders.....	Thirty-five Members
Officers.....	Forty-seven Members
Chevaliers	Eight-five Members

Distribution of members

When the membership actually registered shall have reached the limit of Two Hundred hereinbefore fixed, no further membership excluding honorary membership, can be conferred except upon the death of a permanent member; nor can the membership limit in each of the grades be exceeded.

Limitation membership

Sec. 4. Honorary membership may be conferred upon such distinguished foreigners not to exceed fifty who in International politics, in science, arts and literature have rendered distinguished service to the World or to Africa,

Honorary members

Sec. 5. The Officers of the Order shall be a Grand Master, a Chancellor, and a Master of Cermonies. These shall be assisted by a Governing Council, composed of one member elected from each grade and nominated by the Grand Master. The President of the Republic for the time being shall be ex-officio Grand Master, and the Secretary of State, for the time being ex-officio Chancellor.

Officers

Governing Council

Sec. 6. The Grand Master and Governing Council shall prescribe the design of the decoration of the Order, and the manner in which it shall be worn by the Members of each grade, and shall appoint the Officers herein provided.

Decoration

Powers of the order.

Sec. 7. The Order is hereby empowered and fully authorized to formulate, make and enforce such Statutes and Regulations as may from time to time be necessary for its government, and to amend, enlarge or modify its regulations or statutes in such a manner as may best effect the purposes of the Order, provided such statutes are not in conflict with the general laws of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved February 13th, 1929.

CHAPTER XVIII,

February 13, 1920,
Senate's No. 12

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO ESTABLISH AT WASHINGTON
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
A LEGATION AND TO APPOINT THERETO A DIPLOMATIC
REPRESENTATIVE.

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

Legation, Liberia at
Washington U. S. A.
authorized

Sec. 1. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to establish at Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, a Legation and to appoint thereto a Diplomatic Representative, who shall be a Liberian

Salary

Sec. 2. That the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated in full compensation annually for the services of said Representative out of any money in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved February 13th, 1920.

CHAPTER XIX.

February 15, 1920.
H. R. No. 25

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT GRANTING ANNUITIES TO EX-PRESIDENTS AND EX-VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA. APPROVED JANUARY 11, 1911

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

Annuities President
and Vice President ex-
tended to their widows

Sec. 1. That after the last word in Section One of an Act granting Annuities to Ex-Presidents and Ex-Vice Presidents of the Republic of Liberia, Approved January 11, 1911, add, and that at the death of said Ex-presidents and Ex-Vice Presidents of the Republic said annuities shall be paid to their wives respectively as long as she remains the widow of the said ex-President and ex-Vice President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved, February 15, 1920.

CHAPTER XX

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO CREDIT THE ACCOUNTS OF THOS. G. FULLER EX-GENERAL TREASURER OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, FOR MONIES STOLEN FROM THE OFFICE OF GENERAL TREASURER ON THE NIGHT OF FIRST OF MARCH A. D. 1919.

February 15, 1920.
H. R. No. 26

Whereas on the night of the 1st. of March. A. D. 1919, thieves broke into the Treasury Department, and into the General Treasury with keys opened the Government safe, and stole therefrom the sum of Two Hundred and Thirteen Dollars and Twelve cents: (\$213.12) moneys belonging to the Government.

Preamble

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Auditor of the accounts of the Republic of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized to credit the Account of Thos. G. Fuller, ex-General Treasurer of the Republic of Liberia in the sum of Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$213.12) moneys stolen from the government safe on the night of 1st. of March A. D. 1919.

Credit Authorized

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved, February 15, 1920.

CHAPTER XXI.

JOINT RESOLUTION FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE AUDITOR, THE INTERIOR COMMISSIONER—GENERAL, DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER OFFICERS.

February 16, 1920
H. R. No. 28

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

Sec. 1. That all contracts entered into by the Executive Department of the Government during the year 1919 with foreign officers employed in the service of the Republic of Liberia be and the same are hereby confirmed, and all sums of money expended by the Treasury, or the Receivership in pursuance of and in conformity with the terms of said contracts be and the same are hereby approved.

Contracts and Expenditure thereunder approved.

Sec. 2. That the pay and allowance of officers in the Interior Service shall be as follows:

Pay and allowance

Commissioner-General's pay not to exceed \$4,000.00 per annum and allowances not to exceed \$1,000.00 per annum.

Commissioner General

District Commissioners of the First Class: Pay not to exceed \$3,000.00 per annum and allowance not to exceed \$750.00 annually.

Commissioners first class

Commissioners second
class

District Commissioners of the Second Class: Pay not to exceed \$2,000.00 per annum and allowance not to exceed \$500.00 annually.

Commissioners third
class

District Commissioners of the Third Class: Pay not to exceed \$1,000.00 per annum with allowance not to exceed \$500.00 annually.

Agricultural and Edu-
cational Advisers.

Sec. 3. The pay of the Agricultural Expert and Educational Adviser shall be \$3,500.00 per annum respectively.

Auditor

Sec. 4. It is further resolved that the salary of the Government Auditor fixed in the Seventh Section of the Act approved August 2, 1919, entitled "An Act Creating a Government Auditor prescribing his duties and authority," be and the same is hereby increased to \$4,000.00 per annum.

Secretary of the
Treasury authorized
to pay.

Sec. 5. The Secretary of Treasury is hereby authorized to pay these salaries out of any money in the public treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 26, 1920.

PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

CHAPTER XXII.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING JOSIAH E. B. RICKS OF
THE COUNTY OF GRAND PASSA, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

Sec. 7. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Josiah E. B. Ricks, be and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship, and is authorized to do any and all acts in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: December 30, 1920.

December 30, 1919
M. R. No. 1

Restoration Josiah E.
B. Ricks, to citizenship

CHAPTER XXIII.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE LIBERIAN MANUFACTURING AND DEVELOPING COMPANY OF MARYLAND COUNTY, LIBERIA.

January 21st 1920,
Senate No. 4.*It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:*

Sec. 1. That Samuel G. Andrews, Theophilus M. Gardiner, Robert A. Massey, Alexander B. Stevens, Cornelius A. Lincoln, Franklin J. Harris, Napoleon G. Weaver, Chas. C. Perry, Granville A. Howard, Charles B. Cooper, William P. Young, John A. Harris, James B. Gray, William V. S. Tubman, Cerinthus E. Gibson, Anthony D. Wilsons Sr., John H. Smith, and other such person or persons that may become members of said company be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Liberian Manufacturing and Developing Company, and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of the Republic having competent Jurisdiction; and may obtain, hold, possess and acquire real and personal property to the value of Fifty thousand dollars.

Corporate name, style
and powers.

Sec. 2. That said Company is hereby granted the right to import into the County of Maryland any kind of machinery for the sawing of timber and planks and for the manufacturing of the other native products free of all customs dues.

Import Machinery duty
free.

Sec. 3. That said Company is hereby granted five hundred acres of any public lands in the County of Maryland to operate on for the space of ten calendar years. After the expiration of the time herein stated, the Company has the exclusive right to purchase said lands from the Republic by paying five dollars in coin per acre into the Treasury.

Grant acres of public
land.

Right to purchase.

Sec. 4. That said Company is herein expressly prohibited from transferring any of the property right acquired by this Act to any foreign person or persons, firm or company by sale, lease or mortgage.

Right to transfer.

Sec. 5. Said Company shall have the right to do all such other things as are done by similar corporate bodies.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st. 1920.

CHAPTER XXIV.

JOINT RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING THE PENSION OF GEORGE SMITH OF BREWERVILLE, AND AUGMENTING THE PENSION OF GENERAL G. STANLEY PADMORE OF MONTSEERDO COUNTY.

January 21, 1920.
Senate No. 6*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 pension of Fifty dollars formerly given to

Transferring Pension of
George Smith

George Smith Brewerville, be transferred to his widow and heirs and until the youngest child shall come of age.

Augmenting Pension of
General Padmore

Sec. 2. That General G. Stanley Padmore shall receive the sum of Two Hundred dollars in addition to the pension of Two Hundred Dollars already granted him, making a total of Four Hundred Dollars, during his natural life.

Payment authorised.

Sec. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised to draw for same, under warrant of the President out of any monies in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21st, 1920.

CHAPTER XXV.

January 22nd, 1920
H. R. No. 11

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING TO JANE BERRY, WIDOW OF THE LATE EDWARD BERRY OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, THE ANNUAL PENSION OF HER DECEASED HUSBAND.

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

Pension grant to Jane
Berry

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the amount of \$100.00, one half of the annual pension granted by the Government of Liberia to the late Edward Berry be and the same is hereby granted to his widow Jane Berry during her life.

Payment authorised.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1920.

CHAPTER XXVI

January 22, 1920
(H. R. No. 5.)

JOINT RESOLUTION RE-EMBURSING W. H. BLAINE OF SCHIEFFLIN, EX-SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL FOR LOSSES SUSTAINED.

Preamble

Whereas W. H. Blaine, ex-Superintendent of the Territory of Marshall has petitioned the National Legislature showing that during his incumbency as Superintendent of the Territory of Marshall that an appropriation of FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS per annum was made by the National Legislature for stationery for the office of said Superintendent, and that for two years said amount had

not been placed on the roll, which prevented his receiving the same from the Government and consequently he was compelled to use his private money to supply said office:

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution the sum of ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS be, and the same is hereby appropriated to re-emburse W. H. Blaine for losses sustained while serving as Superintendent of the Territory of Marshall.

Re-embursement
to W. H. Blaine of
\$100.00

Sec. 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized under warrant of the President, to draw for same out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Authorization to Secretary of Treasury to

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22nd, 1920.

CHAPTER XXVII.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING PENSIONS TO C. R. TYLER OF GRAND BASSA AND ALFRED MORRIS OF SINOE COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

January 30, 1920
Senate No. 5

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, C. R. Tyler, widow of William F. Tyler of Grand Bassa County, be and she is hereby granted the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as an annual pension during her widowhood.

Grant of Pension [to] C. R. Tyler

Sec. 2. That the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) be and is hereby granted as an annual pension to Alfred Morris of Sinoe County during the term of his natural life. And the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to draw for same, under warrant of the President, out of any moneys in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Pension Grant to Alfred Morris and Authorization to Secretary of Treasury to draw

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th, 1920.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

AN ACT CHARTERING THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, MONROVIA.

January 30, 1920
Senate No. 8.

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, R. V. Richards, Pastor; John H. Smythe, Superintendent;

Corporate Name	Anna E. W. Howard, First Assistant Superintendent; Henry W. Dennis, Secretary; Fannie E. Dennis, Treasurer; Daniel E. Howard, Benjamin J. K. Anderson and B. W. Payne, Sunday School Committee; together with the officers and teachers of the said Sunday School and their successors in office, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate to be known as the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Monrovia, in perpetuity, and as such may hold and enjoy property, real and otherwise, to the amount Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more and as such may sue and be sued, plead and impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent Jurisdiction.
Value of Real Estate	
Corporate power granted	Sec. 2. Said Corporate Sunday School may have a seal and may elect such officers and teachers as are usually elected by Sunday schools, and carry on Missionary and other benevolent enterprises as they deem necessary for the spread of christianity and Education in any part of Liberia.
May make By-Laws and Constitution	Sec. 3. Said Sunday School shall have power to make a constitution and By-Laws for its Government and to enforce the same and to do every and all thing usually done by said corporate bodies which it may deem necessary, provided always that same do not conflict with the laws of the Republic. Any law the contrary notwithstanding. Approved January 30th, 1920.

CHAPTER XXIX,

January 30, 1920
Senate No. 7

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING S. E. McCAREY, SON & CO. LTD., OF THE CITY MOROVIA, COUNTY OF MONTSERRO, THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE ST. PAUL RIVER NEAR THE BAR MOUTH OF SAID ST. PAUL RIVER.

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

S. E. McCarey Son and Company

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, S. E. McCarey, Son and Company, Ltd., and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them, their heirs and assigns, be and are hereby declared a body politic under the name and style of S. E. McCarey, Son and Company, Ltd.

Right to run Ferry across St. Paul River for 10 years and Value of real estate held.

Sec. 2. It is also resolved that the said S. E. McCarey, Son and Company, Limited, shall have the right to run a ferry across the St. Paul River near the Bar-mouth of said River 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, shall be capable of holding real and personal property to the value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

Corporate powers granted

Sec. 3. It is further resolved that the said Company shall have the privilege of doing all other things done by similar bodies corporate.

Sec. 4. It is further resolved that all transportation across the St. Paul River, near the Bar-mouth of the said St. Paul River in said Ferry by the said Company, for Government, shall be free of charge.

Transportation free of charge to Government

Sec. 5. It is further resolved that the maximum charge for each person, either way, shall be six cents.

Charge not to exceed 6 cents

Sec. 6. It is further resolved that nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent persons from crossing in their private boats or canoes.

Persons may used their own canoe or boats

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 30th, 1920.

CHAPTER XXX.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING TO SUNDRY MISSIONARY INSTITUTIONS PUBLIC LANDS FOR MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES IN THE COUNTY OF MONT-SERRADO, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

February 13th, 1920.
Senate No. 11

Whereas George B. Gale, Superintendent of the Christ Missionary School at Jubloom in the District of Careysberg operating under the auspices of the Lott Carey Board of Foreign Mission of the United States of America, L. G. Jordan Secretary, General Board of Foreign Mission of the National Baptist Convention United States of America operating at Suenh known as the Suenh Industrial Mission, both of the County of Montserrado, having petitioned the National Legislature for a grant of public land for Missionary and Educational purposes among the native population etc, etc and;—

Preamble.

Whereas it is the intention of the Government to assist and promote the Gospel of Christ in every conceivable manner:—

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Christ Mission School at Jubloom District of Careysberg, the Suenh Industrial Mission at Suenh both of the County of Montserrado are hereby granted, (50) Five Acres of public land respectively for Missionary and Educational purposes.

Grant of land

Sec. 2. That the said grant of public land to Christ Mission School at Jubloom, District of Careysburg shall be from any public lands in said District that shall not take in, or in anywise interfere with Native Town sites or farms reserves.

Grant shall not interfere with native Town sites

Sec. 3. It is further resolved that when the said Missionary Institutions cease to operate, the land shall revert to the Government of Liberia.

Land to revert to Gov when

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 14, 1920.

CHAPTER XXXI.

February 14 1920.
No. 21.

AN ACT REIMBURSING HENRY B. WILLIAMS FOR THE LOSS OF A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT BY FIRE.

preamble

Whereas there was a balance due Henry B. Williams for services rendered as Typist to the Honorable House of Representatives, Republic of Liberia, from 1912-1916, for which the Secretary of Treasury issued a statement of Account to the value (\$83.13) Eighty Three dollars and Thirteen cents; which by accident was destroyed by fire as is set forth in a petition supported by an Affidavit.

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

Reimbursement to H.
B. Williams \$ 83.13

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Henry B. Williams shall be reimbursed in the sum of (\$83.13) Eighty Three Dollars and Thirteen cents.

Sec. 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds for same under warrant of the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, February 14, 1920.

CHAPTER XXXII.

February 13 1920.
H. R. No. 20.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE LIBERIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION, LIMITED

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

Corporate name and style

Sec. 1. That Arthur Barclay, President; J. H. P. Tate, Secretary; B. J. K. Anderson, Business Manager; R. J. Clarke, P.O. Gray and Jno. W. Cooper, their heirs assigns, their successors in office, and such other persons as may, from time to time, be connected and associated with them, be, and they are hereby incorporated a body politic, under the name and style of THE LIBERIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION, LIMITED; and, under such name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Corporate rights

Sec. 2. Said ASSOCIATION shall be privileged to acquire, hold and possess property, real and personal, to the value of Twenty Thousand Dollars; and may do and perform any and all things in prosecution of the object of its founding, not conflicting with the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved February 13th, 1920.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

AN ACT GRANTING TO THE COMPAGNIE DES CABLES SUD-AMERICAINS THE RIGHTS TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE AN AERIAL LINE OF TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TERRITORY OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND BLIERON IN THE FRENCH IVORY COAST.

February 15th, 1920
H. R. No. 27

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

Sec. 1. In this Act each of the terms "Robertsport" "Monrovia" or "Harper," means the City in Liberia so called or the Territory or County of which said City forms a part.

Terms defined
H. R. No. 27

Sec. 2. That the Compagnie des Cables Sud-Americains (hereafter called the Company) be and the same is hereby granted the right to construct and operate between Harper, in the County of Maryland Republic of Liberia and Blieron in the French Ivory Coast at the Company's own expense an Aerial Line of Telegraphic Communication. This grant shall be exercised and shall be valid for the period of Thirty-five (35) years from the date of the passage of this Act; and at the expiration of said period of thirty-five years or any earlier termination of the operations and rights, hereby and herein granted and authorized, the said Telegraphic Line so far as it extends or lies in Liberian Territory shall be surrendered by the Company to the Liberian Government free of charge.

Grant of right

Duration of franchise

Revert to Government

Sec. 3. For and in consideration of the grant made in the second section of this Act, the said Compagnie des Cables Sud-Americains shall construct and maintain at their own expense for and in behalf of the Government of Liberia an aerial line of Telegraphic communication between Monrovia and Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount, and between Monrovia and Harper, County of Maryland. The section of the overland telegraph between Monrovia and Grand Bassa and the section between Harper and Blieron shall be constructed simultaneously and shall both be completed on or before the 31st day of July A. D. 1921. The section of the line Monrovia-Robertsport shall be completed on or before the 31st day of July A. D. 1922, and whole overland line Robertsport-Harper shall be completed on or before the 31st day of December, A. D. 1922, under penalty of a forfeiture of rights herein and hereby granted.

Obligation of Company

Construction of sections

Completion of line

Forfeiture of right

Sec. 4. All section of the line from Robertsport to Harper, shall be maintained and operated by the Compagnie des Cables Sud-Americains at their own cost, saving to the Government of Liberia an extra charge of (2) two cents per word on ordinary traffic and provided that the Government of Liberia may at any time take over from the Compagnie des cables Sud Americains the said overland lines their apparatus, fittings and attachments free of any charge, claim or demand at which time all obligations of the Company with respect to maintenance, operation and upkeep shall terminate

Line operated at Company's cost

Government Tax

Government option to take over line etc. Termination of Company's obligation

All Government matter transmitted over the Harper-Blieron

Government messages priority

Charges for

section of Telegraph line shall take priority and shall be charged for at 50 % of the ordinary rate for private despatches or messages.

Accounts settled by Company and Post Office Department

Sec. 6. All accounts growing out of the operations of the telegraph franchise hereby granted shall be settled in Monrovia by the Company's Agent and the Postmaster General.

Post Offices as telegraph Office

Sec. 7. The Post Office buildings and employees may, where practicable, be utilised by the Company for working of the telegraph, but the Company shall bear and discharge all expense incurred in this service. It is also required that the staff to be employed on the Robertsport-Harper line shall be absolutely Liberian in nationality.

Expenses borne by Company**Nationality of staff**

Sec. 8. Pending the completion of the whole overland line the Company and the General Post Office shall be and they are hereby authorised jointly to maintain an express and regular service of messengers between the Counties of Maryland and Sinoe and between Sinoe and Grand Bassa. This service shall be utilised exclusively for transmission of telegrams and for express mails.

Express service**Employment Alien Operators subject to Government approval.**

Sec. 9. In case where the requirement that the staff of the overland system shall be absolutely Liberian in nationality cannot be immediately realised, alien operators may be employed in said service, provided the approval in writing of the Liberian Government be given to this effect. This right of approval shall extend equally to the number of foreign employees and to the acceptability of individual operators or employees.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved February 15th, 1920.

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