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**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

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OF THE  
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CHAPTER I.

AN ACT REPEALING AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE EMERGENCY MODE OF PROCEDURE ACT APPROVED MARCH 12th, 1915.

Public Act No. 1.  
January 17, 1923.

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

Sect. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the above mentioned Act approved March 12, 1915 be and is hereby repealed.

Act of 1915 repealed.

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

To be published in hand bills

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, January 17th, 1923.

CHAPTER II.

AN ACT REPEALING AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SHIPMENT OF LABOURERS FROM THE COUNTY OF GRAND BASSA TO FOREIGN COLONIES.

Public Act No. 2.  
January 17, 1923

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

Act repealed

Sect. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the above mentioned Act be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Shall take effect immediately.

This Act shall take effect immediately after its passage and be published in hand-bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 17, 1923.

CHAPTER III.

January 24, 1923  
Public No. 3.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF TRADING AREAS INTERIORWARD BEYOND PORTS OF ENTRY AND REGULATING THE TRADE OF FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND COMPANIES WITHIN SUCH AREAS.

Preamble.

Whereas the law of 1909 entitled an Act Permitting Foreign Individuals or Firms, irrespective of nationality, established at any of the regular Ports of Entry of this Republic, to trade interiorward or coastwise beyond Ports of Entry was suspended by Executive Order, which suspension, was confirmed by an Act of the Legislature, approved November 6, 1916, by which it was provided that for the period of the World War and for two years thereafter, the rights granted by the Act of 1909 aforesaid should be suspended and that thereafter the President should recommend for Legislative action such amendments as would be necessary in the premises for the interest of the Country,

∴ THEREFORE for the purpose of developing the trade of the Republic and its revenues:

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

Act of 1909 repealed.

Section 1. That the Act of 1909 entitled an Act permitting Foreign Individuals or Firms irrespective of nationality, established at any of the regular Ports of Entry of this Republic, to trade interiorward or coastwise beyond Ports of Entry, and the Act approved November 6, 1916, suspending the aforesaid Act of 1909 be and the same are hereby repealed.

President is authorized to make proclamation.

Section 2. That the President be and he is hereby authorized, subject to the provisions of the present Act in his discretion, from time to time, as the public interest might require, to proclaim

such areas interiorward beyond Ports of Entry as he may determine and define in such Proclamation, open to the trade of Foreign Individuals, Firms or Corporation. He is also authorized, such as the public safety requires, to declare any area which may have been proclaimed a trading area within the meaning of this Act excluded from the operation or benefit of this Act either permanently or for a specified period.

President may exclude any area from the benefit of this act.

Sec. 3. All Individuals, Corporations, Associations, Partnerships and Companies not citizens of Liberia, nor organized under the laws of the Republic of Liberia hereafter known and referred to as foreign Traders, may establish factories for trading purpose within any area declared to be a trading area within the meaning of this Act.

Foreigners may operate under this act

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for any Foreign Trader to lease one acre of land upon which to erect buildings for the establishment of his trading factory in any area which may hereafter be declared a trading area; and his employees shall have the right to go to and from his factories or the factories of other Foreign Traders within the area specified as trading areas to transport lawful goods and merchandise from their trading factories and for this purpose may use the public roads and waterways.

Foreigners may lease one acre of land for buildings

Sec. 5. It is hereby specifically provided that the rights granted by this Act do not grant to any Foreign Trader the right to build a railroad or to establish, maintain and operate as common carriers any system of transportation, nor the right to erect, maintain and operate any telephone or telegraph lines or system, nor to install or operate any wireless or telegraph or telephone under colour of the provisions of this Act.

Railway, Telegraph and Telephone lines excluded.

Sec. 6. No goods shall be imported into or exported from the Republic by any Foreign Trader established in any trading area pursuant to the provisions of this Act except that such goods shall have been landed at or shipped from one of the Maritime Ports of Entry of the Republic. Any violation of this provision shall constitute, cause for the forfeiture of the license hereinafter prescribed, and no new license shall be issued to any trader violating this provision except after a period of three years from the date of the cancellation of his previous license. The Secretary of the Treasury may in his discretion refuse to grant a new license to any trader who has suffered forfeiture under the provisions of this Section.

All goods imported or exported must be landed or shipped from port of entry.

Sec. 7. Any Foreign Trader desiring to establish himself within the trading area shall for this purpose first make to the

Must procure license to trade.

Secretary of the Treasury an application in writing in which shall be set forth his acceptance of the following conditions precedent to the grant of the license; and no action shall be commenced in any Court for any claim against the Government which is based upon the exercise by the Government of

Causes for cancellation of trading license.

(a) The right to cancel the license without notice for illegally trading in beverages or other portable spirits, firearms, gun-powder, arms and ammunitions and other explosives.

(b) The right to cancel the license for inciting inhabitants of any trading area or areas to insurrection against the Government, or inducing them or assisting them directly or indirectly to disobey the law or authority of the Republic.

(c) The right to cancel the license for wilful and continued defrauding and cheating of the inhabitants by short weights and measures, or in some or any other flagrant manner.

(d) The right to suspend or withdraw a license pending or during any uprising or tribal war.

(e) The right to order out of the interior or to expell therefrom any, Foreign Trader or any employee of a Foreign Trader, who shall be convicted of improper conduct that will disturb the social organization of the tribe, violate tribal law or disturb the peace and security of the Republic. Such an application expressly excepting the conditions above enumerated shall be endorsed by the Consul for the Government of which said Foreign Trader shall be a citizen, or if a Corporation or Association, then by the Consul of the Government under whose laws such Corporation or Association shall be authorised and acting.

Duplicate of application must be filed in State Department.

A duplicate of said application endorsed as above prescribed shall also be filed in the Department of State of the Republic. Upon the filing of such an application should there be no objections to the applicant the Secretary of the Treasury will authorise the issuance of the license in accordance with the provisions of the license laws and regulations in force at the time in Ports of Entry.

Foreign Traders cannot engage in Mining or other

Section 8. That no Foreign Trader by virtue of the License to trade and to establish factories for trading purposes within any trading area established under the provisions of this Act, shall be

authorised by virtue of such license when obtained to engage in mining, or any other pursuits unless the same shall be specified in the license when issued. pursuit unless so licensed.

Section 9. A Foreign Trader may employ at any factory opened by virtue of the provisions of this Act any person whether a foreigner or a Liberian who such Foreign Trader shall deem proper to place in charge of his factory or factories, provided however, that for every Foreign Citizen so employed he shall also employ in addition not less than three Liberian Citizens as Agent, Sub-agent or clerk at the same place. The Liberian Citizen within the meaning of this Act shall be a person who is a citizen of the Republic by birth or a person who being a naturalized citizen shall have taken out his naturalization papers five years previous to his being employed, and is at the same time the owner of real estate within the Republic of the value of \$500.00. Violation of this Section shall automatically cancel the license granted to Foreign Traders. Must employ any person to have charge of factory.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding. ]

Approved: January 24, 1923,

CHAPTER IV.

AN ACT FIXING PORT AND HARBOUR DUES.

Public Act No. 4.

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

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, in addition to the free transportation of mails to and from the Republic of Liberia, there shall be levied and collected from all vessels anchoring in the harbours of Monrovia, Buchanan and Harper a Port Tax of Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) for each anchorage; and those anchoring at the Port of Greenville, a Port Tax of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each anchorage; and at all other Ports of Entry a Port Tax of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Port tax levied.

Monrovia, Buchanan, and Harper  
Thirty-five Dollars

Greenville twenty-five Dollars for others ten Dollars.

Section 2. It is further enacted that the above taxes shall be collected by the Customs authorities at each Port under the supervision of the General Receiver of Customs. Said collection shall constitute a separate and distinct fund known as "Port and Harbour Dues", and shall be drawn by the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President of Liberia for the maintenance and improvements of said Ports only. To be collected by Custom authorities.

shall constitute a separate fund

Collection how made.

Section 3. The collection shall be made in the following manner:

Shall be paid in advance quarterly

Each shipping Line having vessels stopping at Liberian Ports shall be billed as soon after the first day of January of each and every calendar year, for an estimate amount to become due and payable during the ensuing year: said estimate being based upon the number of vessels of each Line calling at Liberian Ports in the previous year. The amount estimated to become due shall be payable in advance quarterly. Any adjustment becoming necessary by reason of the difference in numbers of ships actually calling from the number estimated to call, shall be credited or debited against the estimate for the next calendar year when made.

Regulation shall be by Executive Orders

Section 4. Any necessary regulation to carry out and enforce the Provisions of this Act, shall be by Executive Orders, which, when made, shall be deemed part of this Act.

Section 5. The Secretary of the Treasury, in making expenditure for the maintenance and improvements of the Ports of the Republic as provided for in Section 2. of this Act shall be guided in so far as is possible by the following directions:

Shall repair and maintain Light houses.

(a) He shall repair and modernize Light Houses at the ports of Monrovia, Buchanan and Harper, and shall reserve sufficient funds to provide for their maintenance, for the year,

From unexpended balance shall provide Light houses

(b) Thereafter from any fund unexpended, he shall provide light houses for Ports of the Second class in order of their revenue; commencing with Greenville until all of the Ports of the Republic are provided with light houses and funds for their maintenance.

Shall provide anchorage marking and bouys

(c) After all the light houses shall have been established and funds reserved for their maintenance, the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the necessary anchorage, markings and bouys at each and every Port.

Surplus shall revert to Government funds.

(d) Thereafter any surplus remaining above the necessary cost of maintenance and repairs shall revert to the general funds of the Government at the end of each and every fiscal year.

Unexpended balances shall be reported to Legislature.

Section 6. At the end of each calendar year, any unexpended and uncontracted for balance on deposit shall be reported to the Legislature and shall revert to the funds of the Government.

Any person or persons failing to comply with the provision

of sections One and Three of this Act shall become liable to a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each violation in addition to the charges and expenses incurred by reason of each violation recoverable before any Court having competent jurisdiction.

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

Penalty for violation \$100.00 and expenses of Court

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 24, 1923.

#### CHAPTER V.

### AN ACT REGULATING A DETECTIVE SERVICE CORPS FOR THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND PROVIDING FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE SAME.

Public Act No. 5.  
February 8, 1923.

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

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act a Detective Service shall be organized under the direction and supervision of the Attorney General which shall be commenced in the County of Montserrado, and shall gradually extend throughout the Republic at such time to such places, and in such manner as the Attorney General may direct. It shall, for the time being, consist of one Chief of the Detective Service who shall be commissioned by the President; not more than five Sergeants, and not more than twenty Privates, who shall act and be known as Detective Officers.

Detective Service organized

Under direction of Attorney General.

Of whom to consist

Sec. 2. The several Detective Officers are hereby required to devote their attention, to the best of their ability, (a) to the confidential inquiry into the misconduct of agents of Government towards the natives; (b) to the investigation of offences committed against the Republic such as crimes and misdemeanours, or offences against the revenue laws of the land whether in the collection or assessment of revenue, numbering of huts &; (c) to the investigation of any matter by the Heads of Departments through the Department of Justice; and (d) to the investigation of complaints preferred by any person whomsoever who shall report to any one of them the commission of any offence; in all of which cases he shall strive to the utmost of his powers to obtain the evidence necessary to convict the offender.

Duties of Detective service corps

The Chief Detective shall obey and cause the Detective Officers under him to obey the rules and regulations for the governance

Chief Detective shall obey and

of said Corps, and see that they perform their duties promptly and faithfully, and direct their movements and operations in the discharge of their duties. He shall attend at the Detective office at such time as may be prescribed by the Detective Regulation, and shall keep and cause to be kept and made, all such records, registers, books and reports concerning the operations and activities of the service as may be designated by, in the manner, and at the time required by, the said regulations or the Attorney General.

Cause his subordinates to obey rule.

He shall keep records.

Chief of Corps shall be a Liberian Citizen

Sec. 3. The Chief of the Detective Corps shall be a Liberian citizen, and he and the members of the Corps shall be in subordination to the Attorney General. He shall have power in his discretion at any time in the interest of the service to suspend any of the Sergeants or Privates, and whenever any appointed officer shall be notified of such suspension he shall immediately deliver over to the Chief Detective or other person who shall deliver the notice, his badge, or other article or property appertaining to his office and shall not be entitled to receive payment for any services performed thereafter. The Chief Detective shall immediately make a detailed report of his actions to the Attorney General, who may reinstate, sustain the suspension or remove from office or take such actions in the premises as he may deem just and right. The Chief of the Detective Service shall conduct a school, and all Liberian youths of good character shall be admitted to said school. The manual for said school shall be those adopted by the Detective Departments of New York and London.

Shall make detailed report to Atty. General

Shall conduct a school for Liberian youths.

How promotions are to be made

Sec. 4. Each student upon completion of the course of said school, shall be entered upon the list of eligibles; and enlistments of privates into the said service shall be made preferentially from the aforementioned list; and promotion to the grade of Sergeants shall be made from the ranks of the enlisted privates and shall be based solely upon merit and efficiency upon the recommendation of the Chief Detective and the confirmation of the Attorney General. All other promotions in the service shall be by gradation only and every person so appointed shall continue in office during good behaviour.

Detective officers shall give attention to their duties.

May arrest with or without warrant.

Sec. 5. The several Detective Officers shall devote their time and attention to the discharge of their duties according to the regulations of the Detective Service approved by the Attorney General; and in the investigation provided for in section 2 hereof shall have power to arrest or cause to be arrested with or without warrant all persons in the act of violating any law, or aiding and abetting in any such violation, or who may reason-

ably be suspected of having committed any crime, and have such person or persons taken before some competent tribunal which may commit such persons, or admit them to bail as the facts in the case may warrant; and while executing or serving or assisting in the execution or serving of an arrest, shall be vested with, and have all powers and authority conferred on constables at common law and by the laws of Liberia.

Sec. 6 The several Police Departments, Constabulary Forces and Sheriffs throughout the Republic of Liberia shall, when called upon, co-operate with the Detective Officers in preserving and enforcing the laws of Liberia.

**Police, Constabulary force and sheriffs shall co-operate with Detective officers when called upon.**

Sec. 7 The Chief of the Detective Service is hereby authorized and required to make and establish, such regulations to be styled "Detective Regulations", not inconsistent with the laws of Liberia, for the governance and control of the Detective Officers as may be deemed expedient and proper to carry out the objects of this Act, and with a view to making the Detective Service and all Officers and agents appointed under it prompt and useful to the Government.

**Chief of Detective service shall make Detective service regulations.**

Sec. 8 The Chief of the Detective Service shall have power to prescribe the uniform, badges, and insignia to be worn by Detective Officers; and may provide regulations concerning the time and manner of wearing the same, subject to the approval of the Attorney General; and any person who shall falsely represent any of the Detective Officers, use or imitate any of the signs, signal badges or devices adopted and used by the Detective Service, or who after having been removed or suspended from the service shall falsely represent any of the Detectives, or use or imitate any of the signs, signals, badges or devices adopted by the Detective Service shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and upon conviction shall be subject to not less than \$50, nor more than \$200

**Chief authorized to prescribe uniform badges etc subject to approval of the Attorney General.**

Sec. 9 The Chief Detective or any other Detective Officer who shall neglect or refuse to perform any duty required of him by this Act or the Detective Regulation, or who shall in the discharge of his official duties be guilty of any fraud, extortion, expression, favouritism, partiality, wilful wrong or injustice shall be guilty of official misconduct, and upon conviction punished as provided by Sec. 8

**Any neglect or refusal to perform duty or partiality shown shall be punished.**

Sec. 10 Whoever shall resist any Detective Officer in the discharge of his duty or shall in any way interfere with, hinder or

prevent him from discharging his duty as such officer and whoever shall in any manner assist any person in custody of any duly qualified officer to escape or attempt to rescue any person so in custody, shall be guilty of assaulting or obstructing a Peace Officer or of escape as the case may be upon conviction be punished by the law now in force.

Sec. 11 The salary of the Chief of the Detective Service shall be \$600.00 six hundred dollars per annum. The sergeants and privates shall receive such remunerations by the way of fees as shall be from time to time specified in the Detective Regulations and as the service develops in efficiency and usefulness to the country; such salaries as may be created by the budgetary appropriations.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, February 8th, 1923.

#### CHAPTER V.

### JOINT RESOLUTION REPEALING JOINT RESOLUTION ENTITLED JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE RELIEF OF OFFICERS, PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND CREDITORS OF THE REPUBLIC. PASSED AND APPROVED MARCH 12, 1915.

*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 above mentioned Joint Resolution approved March 12, 1915 be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall immediately publish notices throughout the Republic that any party or parties having statements of indebtedness shall present same to the Treasury Department, Republic of Liberia, and receive therefor Liberian 3 per cent Bonds which the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised and empowered to issue; and any claim not presented on or before September 30th, 1923 shall not be admitted to participation under this Joint Resolution.

Sec. 3. General publicity of this Joint Resolution shall be given through the Treasury Department by placarding notices in the several counties and Territories of this Republic.

Sec. 4. This Act shall be published in Hand-bills and take effect immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1923.

Public Act  
Jan. 26, 1923

Repeal of joint resolution of March 12, 1915.

Secretary of Treasury to publish notices throughout the country.

Claims must be presented on or before Sept. 30th, 1923.

Treasury Department shall publish notices.

Shall be printed in hand-bills.

## CHAPTER VI.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTING AND ENLARGING  
THE STAMP ACT APPROVED MARCH 12, 1915.

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

Public Act  
Jan. 24, 1923.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Section 1. of the above referred to Act be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following is substituted therefor to be known and referred to as the Stamp Act of 1923, and the undermentioned documents are subjected to the taxation enumerated below to be paid in Revenue Stamps by holders of such documents whose duty it shall be to affix same to wit:-

Repealing Stamp  
Act of March 12,  
1915

Conveyance and Agreement.....	\$ 1.00
Powers of Attorney.....	" 2 50
Affidavits, Declarations, Certificates, and Bonds.....	" .25
Bills of Lading Export.....	" .05
Bills of Health.....	" .60
Notorial Acts of any kind.....	" .50
All Writs of Summons from whatever source.....	" .10
Licenses, except Lawyers, Wholesales and Commission.....	" .25
License (Marriage).....	" 2.50
All application for Remedial and other processes which must be in writing.....	" .10
All Cablegrams, per word.....	" .01
All Wireless Message, per word.....	" .01
Drafts at sight or otherwise up to £ 5 or \$24.....	" .05
Over £5..... to £10 or \$48.....	" .10
Over £10..... to £20 or \$96.....	" .15
Over £20..... to £40 or \$192.....	" .20
Over £40..... to £60 or \$288.....	" .25
Over £60..... to £80 or \$384.....	" .30
Over £80..... to £100. or \$ 480.....	" .35
Over £100.....	" .50

## RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENT OF MONEY OR IN KIND

Receipts for payments of £1. or \$ 4.80.....	\$ .02
" " " " 20. or 96.00 ..	" .05
" " " " Money above \$96.00.....	" .10
Certificate of Admission to the Bar of any Court.....	" 5.00
Lawyers, Physicians and Alien Artisan.....	" 1.00

Auctioneers, Wholesale and Commission annual license.....	\$ 1.00
Permits of Residence.....	5.00
Inventory of Estates \$ 50.00 and under.....	0.10
"    "    "    100.00    "    "    .....	0.25
"    "    "    200.00    "    "    .....	0.35
"    "    "    500.00    "    "    .....	1.25
"    "    "    1000.00    "    "    .....	2.50
All other amounts.....	5.00
Awards in Arbitration Proceedings.....	1.25
Indentures.....	0.25
Local Permits for purchase of Powder.....	0.05
Letters-Testamentary of Administration and of Guardianship..	1.00
Local Permits for Importation per 1000 lbs. Powder.....	10.00
Permits for exportation of feed.....	.10

**Penalty.** Section 2. The Penalty for neglect to affix the required stamp shall in each case be \$ 50.00 provided the omission is not rectified within 48 hours.

**Stamps shall be issued by Treasury Department**  
**No document valid without stamp.**  
 Section 3. The necessary revenue stamps shall be issued and controlled by the Treasury Department. No document upon which these duties are required shall be considered of Legal validity, unless a revenue stamp of required value shall be thereto affixed. Postage Stamps shall not be interchangeable with the Revenue Stamps.

Section 4. The Secretary of the Treasury shall issue such regulations and when approved by the President, shall have the force and effect of Law.

All Law or part of Laws conflicting with the foregoing Act are hereby repealed.

**Shall go into effect immediately.** This Act shall go into effect immediately and be published in hand-bills

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24, 1923.

AN ACT AMENDING AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND PROVIDING FOR A SURVEYOR, PASSED MARCH 10, 1910.

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

Public Act  
January 24, 1923.

Sec. 1. That the Act creating the Department of Public Works, and providing for a Surveyor of Public Works, passed March 10, 1910, be and the same is hereby repealed in so far as it conflicts with the provisions of this Act.

The Act of March 10, 1910 repealed. So far as it conflicts with this Act.

Sec. 2. That the word "Department" in the Act referred to above in the title or where else found, shall be eliminated, and the words BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS be inserted instead.

Board of Public works created

Sec. 3. That the said Board hereinafter constituted by the provision of this Act shall be composed of the Secretary of the Treasury, Chairman, Secretary of Interior, Financial Adviser, and two Liberian Citizens, as the central organization at the seat of the Government; in each County, the Superintendent and two members of the Legislature; in the Territories and Districts, the Superintendent, a member of the Legislature and two other citizens shall compose the Local Board, and the duties of said Director of Public Works referred to in the said Act, shall be executed and exercised by the said Board. The members constituting the said Board not named shall be appointed by the President of the Republic.

Of whom constituted.

Sec. 4. That the members of the said Board who are not salaried officers shall receive a compensation of five dollars per day each, for actual services rendered and travelling allowance when a necessity arises.

Unsalariated members shall receive when on duty \$5.00 per day and travelling expenses.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.  
Approved: January 24, 1923.

## CHAPTER VIII.

AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF SOLICITOR GENERAL  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.Public Act  
January 24, 1923.*It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled*Creating a Sollici-  
tor General.

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, there shall be in the Department of Justice, an officer learned in the law to assist the Attorney-General in the performance of his duties, called the Solicitor-General, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice of the Senate and shall be entitled to a salary of \$1,200.00 per annum.

Salary of \$1,200  
per annumShall have power  
to act as Attorney  
General in his  
absence or dis-  
ability.

Sec. 2. That in the case of vacancy in the office of the Attorney-General, or his absence or disability, the Solicitor-General shall have the power to exercise all of the duties and functions of that office.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 24; 1923.

## CHAPTER IX.

AN ACT CREATING AN ANNUAL SALARY OF THE NAT-  
IONAL LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.Public Act  
January 24, 1923*It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled.*Salary of Legisla-  
ture shall be \$1,  
200.00 per annum  
payable monthly.

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the Salaries of the members of the National Legislature of the Republic of Liberia shall be, One Thousand and Two hundred dollars (\$1,200 00) per annum, payable monthly.

Sec. 2. This Act shall be published in hand Bills and take effect immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved, January 24th, 1923.

## CHAPTER X.

JOINT RESOLUTION FIXING THE PAY OF JURORS PER  
DIEM

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

Public Act  
January 24, 1923

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution the Jurors of the various Counties and Territory of Grand Cape Mount shall receive on service rendered \$ 1.25 per diem without any retrenchment.

Pay of Jurors  
\$ 1.25 per day  
without retrench-  
ment.

Section 2. And the Secretary of the Treasury under a warrant of the President shall draw for same out of any monies in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Secretary of  
Treasury autho-  
rized to draw.

Section 3. This Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately and be published in hand Bills.

Any law to the contrary not withstanding.

Approved: January 24, 1923.

## CHAPTER XI.

AN ACT CHARTERING THE CITY OF CAREYSBURG  
MONTSEERRADO COUNTY.

Whereas the Citizens of Careysburg have petitioned the National Legislature to constitute them a Body politic and corporate by granting them a Charter.

Public Act.

*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 Careysburg are hereby constituted a Body politic and corporate under the name and style of Mayor, Common Councilmen and free men of Careysburg and by such name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded and do all other Acts, usually done by such corporate bodies.

Township of  
Careysburg creat-  
ed a City Corpora-  
tion.

Sec. 2. The Common Councilmen shall consist of Seven members, residents of the City of Careysburg in whom all Legislative power

Common Council  
shall consist of  
Seven members.

shall be vested; one of said men shall be Chairman.

**Defining Corporate bounds.**

Sec. 3. The Corporate bounds of said City shall be the present boundaries of the Settlement of Careysburg within which the City Authority shall exercise jurisdiction and execute the laws of the corporation. In case it shall be necessary to execute lawful process without the bonds of the corporation, then and in that case any Justice of the Peace residing within the County of Montserrat may issue Judicial process on representation from any City Officer and the same shall be executed by a Constable.

**How legal process without the bounds of the City shall be executed.**

Sec. 4. The Elective or Chartered Officers of the Municipal Government, shall be one Mayor and five (5) Common Councilmen, all of whom shall hold their office for two years unless vacated by resignation, removal or death; vacancies shall be supplied by a special election to be ordered by the Mayor, and in case of his resignation, removal or death, by the Chairman of the Common Council. None of whom shall receive any compensation for service. No person shall be eligible to the Office of Mayor who is not a resident of the City of Careysburg, and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of one thousand (\$1000.00).

**Shall serve without compensation.**

Sec 5. The Corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to make and fulfill contracts, take and hold real estate and personal estate, to the value of (\$50,000) Dollars, and levy all such taxes as may be necessary for City purposes, and shall pass all necessary laws and ordinances. Said body politic shall have power to settle its own rules and proceedings, to appoint its own Officers, regulate their fees and do all other necessary acts not incompatible with the general laws of the Country.

**Corporation have power to make and fulfil contracts, levy taxes and hold estate to the value of \$50,000.00.**

**Three-fourths of all moneys accruing to the city shall be for general improvement except Liquor License.**

Sec. 6. The Corporation Aforesaid shall be required to appropriate threefourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of all monies arising from taxes, fines and forfeitures, and from all general sources, for improvement in the City, or for the purpose of general benefit to the Citizens, and Tax payers; the amount accruing from liquor License excepted, one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of which can only be used by the said corporation, under the present existing law, the remainder being one fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the net 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 Councilmen who is not a resident of the City of Careysburg, and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of (\$200.00) Two Hundred Dollars. No person who does not possess real estate and reside in the City of Careysburg, shall be allowed to vote.

**One-fourth may be applied to compensation of appointed officers.**

**No one can vote unless he possess real estate in the city.**

Section 7. The appointed Officers of the Municipal Govern

ment shall be one Auditor, one Recorder, one Solicitor, one Treasurer, one or more Tax Collectors, one or more City Magistrates, one Clerk, one or more Street Inspectors, One Inspector of weights and measures, and a suitable number of policemen, who shall be nominated with the advice and consent of the City Council who shall annually be appointed and commissioned by the Mayor; the duties of said appointed Officers shall be from time to time as often as the occasion demands determined by the City Council.

Sec. 8. The first election of Officers shall take place on the first Tuesday in July 1923 and all other elections shall take place the first Tuesday in January in each year, and shall be conducted according to laws governing elections for State Officers under such modification and restrictions as the Common Council may ordain. The Sheriff of Montserratado County or his deputy when required by the Mayor or other authorized City Officers at the expense of the Corporation shall make all necessary arrangement to, and be present during all elections as required in elections under general Government. The returns of all elections shall be forwarded to the Recorder excepting the returns of the first which shall be to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit of the County of Montserratado, who shall issue notices to persons apparently elected as Mayor and Common Councilmen; and the Common Councilmen so notified shall on the ensuing Tuesday convene and determine the election of its own members, count the votes for Mayor and declare who is thereby elected according to the provision of this Charter.

First Election shall take place the first Tuesday in July 1923. All other elections 1st Tuesday in January.

Returns to whom forwarded.

Sec. 9. The stated meetings of the City Council shall be on the second Tuesday in each month and the occasional meetings to be regulated by its own ordinances. The Council shall have authority to compel the attendance of absent members, to fine the members for disorderly behavior; and to expell a member by a two third vote; and a member so expelled forfeits all his rights and powers as a Common Councilman. All ordinances, and Municipal laws established by the Common Council shall be subject to the approval, or disapproval of the Mayor: if disapproved his objections shall be made to the Common Council within three days and if not returned within said three days, such delay, shall be equal to approval, providing however such delay shall not be occasioned by the adjournment of the Common Council. The Common Council may nevertheless by a two third vote of its members pass any law independent of the Mayor's approval.

Stated meetings on second Tuesday in each month

All ordinances must be approved or disapproved by Mayor.

Sec. 10. The Elective Officers shall be one Mayor and Seven Common Councilmen. The Common Council shall consist of seven members.

Elective officers

Shall have power to make streets etc.

Sec. 11. The Mayor and Common Council shall have power to lay out streets, highways, and public walks or paths, and shall have power to appoint all inspectors of weights and measures.

Mayor shall enforce law and order, and keep the Peace.

Sec. 12. The Mayor of said City shall be the Chief Executive Magistrate thereof, it shall be his duty to be vigilant, and active in causing the laws thereof to be executed and enforced, and shall be the conservator of the Peace, within the City. He shall recommend to the City Council at its regular session all such measures as in his opinion would enhance the condition of streets, highways and public walks of the same, as well as to point out all nuisance of whatever kind and recommend measures for their removal. He shall when actually necessary for the preservation of the Public peace or for the suspension of Mob riots, quarreling or insurrection of what ever nature, order out the Militia which shall by force of arms compell such insurrection to obedience, the Mayor alone being responsible for the abuse of power.

Mayor may order out Militia.

City Court

Sec. 13. There shall be a City Court which shall be presided over by a City Magistrate, whose duty it shall be to try and determine all cases coming into the same, except those as may be taken therefrom by appeal, as is hereinafter provided for. The Chief Magistrate shall within the precincts of the City exercise the function of the Justice of the peace whose duty it shall be to try and determine all petty-offences: but appeal may be had from his decision to the Circuit Court Montserrado County. The said City Court shall by its own Clerk keep detailed records of all matters and things which shall come before it in a book or books provided for that purpose which when full shall be delivered to the Secretary of State for preservation among the Archives of the Republic.

Shall keep detail records.

Sec. 14. If this Charter or any of these provisions shall be found inconvenient or nadequate in any respect, the same may be revoked, altered or supplemented on representation properly made by said Authority by petition to the Legislature of Liberia.

Shall take effect first Monday in July 1923.

Sec. 15. This Charter and all of its provisions shall go into effect on the first Monday in July, 1923.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 26, 1923.

## CHAPTER XII.

AN ACT CREATING A COMMERCIAL DIVISION  
TO THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Public Act January 26, 1923

WHEREAS by reason of the frequent practice of certain agents, managers, representatives and employees of Companies, and associations, operating under the pretext of having obtained trading licenses, traveling from place to place under disguise, have been prospecting, digging analysing mineral products and exercising other rights and privileges without reference to the Government, under the trading licenses which legal interpretation could not consistently admit of; and

Preamble

TO better protect Government's interest, as well as to control, regulate and supervise the overlapping of rights and privileges exercised not granted by licenses nor special legislation, by all firms, companies, corporations, associations now engaged in mercantile commercial and industrial operations, or may hereafter operate or be engaged in such pursuits in spirit, and meaning of this Act within the Territorial limits of Liberia,

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

Sect. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, there shall be created and operated a Commercial Division, and its auxiliaries in connection with the Treasury Department of the Republic of Liberia under the management and control of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Commercial Division Treasury Department created

Sect. 2. That this Division and its auxiliaries shall supervise and control all of the mercantile, commercial and industrial activities operating within the territorial boundaries of the Republic of Liberia, and the duties and powers established in the Board of Trade Act of 1872 shall be exercised by the said Commercial Division created by this enactment and shall be so construed.

Shall supervise and control all mercantile commercial and industrial activities

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, January 26, 1923.

CHAPTER XIII

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY  
OF THE TREASURY TO PUT INTO CIRCULATION  
LIBERIAN SILVER COINS

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

Public act  
January 26, 1923.

Secretary of the  
Treasury author-  
ized to put into  
circulation Liberi-  
an silver coin.

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, The Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby authorized to put into Circulation Seventy Five Thousand Dollars Liberian Silver Coins in Liberian Monetary denominations out of a sufficient quantity of five franc Coins Collected through the Internal Revenue Department.

Shall be published  
in hand bills.

Sec. 2. This Act shall be published in hand Bills and take effect immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, January 26, 1923

# TARIFF.

## CHAPTER XIV.

AN ACT REVISING THE TARIFF ON GOODS, WARES, MERCHANDISE AND PRODUCE IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, IN AND OUT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Public Act January 20, 1922.

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

Section 1. That the Act creating the Tariff passed and approved March 10, 1910, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following shall have the full force of law.

Act of March 10, 1910, repealed.

Section 2. That from January 31, 1923, all goods imported into the Republic of Liberia, are subject to a duty of fifteen per centum ad-valorem, save and except such goods as are specified in Section A. & C. herein provided. The articles of African production liable to export duties are enumerated in Section B.

Section 3. Duties are payable in gold, when in excess of the smallest gold coin circulation, otherwise in current silver or copper coin.

Shall be paid in gold when in excess of the smallest gold coin circulation.

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

## SECTION A.

Articles	Unit of weight or measurement	Rate of Duty
Arested and mineral Waters	Reputed pt. hots.....	\$ 0.02
	qt. ....	\$ 0.04
Ale, Beer and Stout	.....	\$ 0.06
Arms and ammunitions breech loading single or double barrel guns or rifles.	advo. with fixed minimum at \$4.80 per piece	
Bacon	per pound..	0.02
Beef	bbl, 100 lbs.	1.25
Beef Tongues	100 "	2.00
Basins, earthen ware 12 in. and under	" dozen.....	0.12
For every additional in	" inch .....	0.01
Biscuit fancy	" pound.....	0.04
" cabin, pilot or ship bread .....		ad-valorem
Brass Ketties and Basins, weight of handles included whether brass or other metal	per pound..	0.08
Brass Pans and Rods	" .....	0.08
Brady	" gallon.....	3.00
Boas, whale	" each.....	50.00
butter	" per pound.....	0.08
Candy confectionery and sweet meats of every de- scription	" .....	0.25
Candles	" .....	0.10
Cottons of all kinds	" .....	ad-valorem
Cigars	" hundred.....	1.00
Cigarettes	" .....	0.50
Champange	" gallon.....	2.00
Cordinals and Liquers	" .....	3.00
Clothing ready made of all kinds	.....	ad-valorem
Cement in barrels or bags all sizes	bbls. ....	1.50



Lead in any form	per pound.....	\$ 0.03
Margarine	" "	0.08
Oil-bensine, petrol. & all other flamable for lighting or moto purposes	" gallon.....	0.05
Lubricating.....	" "	0.10
Paint and Turpentine		ad-valorem
Onions		ad-valorem
Pigs feet & heads	per brl. 200 lbs.....	2.00
Plates for sale not in sets per dozen.....		0.12
Potatoes, Irish		ad-valorem
Percussion caps	" thousand.....	2.00
Pork	" brl. 200 lbs.....	2.00
Quaker Oats		ad-valorem
Quilts		ad-valorem
Rice, white	" 100 lbs.....	0.50
Rope		ad-valorem
Rugs		ad-valorem
Revolvers & Pistols other) than flint locks )	minimum \$ 2.00	ad-valorem
Salt, common trade	per cwt.....	0.20
" rable	" ".....	0.30
" rock or fish	" ".....	0.10
Stout	" quart.....	0.06
Sony, Common	" pound.....	0.02
Perfume or toilet	" ".....	0.25
Starch	" ".....	0.08
Silk, sateen & Satin		ad-valorem
Scantling, or boards for sale	per board foot.....	0.01
Sugar, brown	" pound.....	0.06
" white	" ".....	0.02

Spirits:—Upon all Spirits and strong waters the strength of which can be ascertained by Trollers Hydrometer, such as common Trade Rum or Gin, when under the strength of 50 per centum of pure alcohol per gallon ..... 2.50  
And an additional duty of 25 cents per each degree or fraction of a degree above 50 per centum. Upon spirits so sweetened or obscured that, the degree of strength cannot be ascertained by Trollers Hydrometer.

Such liquor or bitters	per gallon	2.50
Coffee	per pound	0.10
Tea, Postum, Cocoa and kindred products		0.20
Tobacco, leaf		0.12
" manufactured and cut	per pound	0.10
Wines: - Claret	per gallon	0.37
Medicinal, Wincarnis, Beef, Iron, and Saint Raphael, Kola and Ginger	per gallon	1.50
Syrup: Raspberry, Lemon, Vinegar, Cider and all other fruit or other trade wines of low alcoholic strength	per quart	0.12
Wines: - Not to exceed 8 gills imperial reputed pints	per pint	0.06
Port & Sherry	per gallon	1.50
Whiskey: - Old Tom Gin and Rum other than ordinary trade Rum	per gallon	3.00
Wearing Apparel: - Costumes, Dresses, Blouses Jackets of every description and material made for women and girls		ad-valorem

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SECTION B.

Articles	Unit of weight or measurement	Rate of Duty.
Fibre	per pound	0.01
Ivory	"	0.10
Palm Kernels	bushel	0.02
Palm oil Bochina	gallon	0.01
" " Nechina	"	0.10
Piassava	pound	0.01
Kola Nuts	"	0.02

**Mining Products:** All products mined, such as minerals, metals, or oil, which are produced from any mine operated within the Republic are to pay a royalty in the form of export duty of 20 per centum, on a sum represented by the difference between the actual cost of production and the selling price. Cost to be figured only to point of dispatch in Liberia.

### FREE GOODS LIST 1923

#### IMPORTS

#### SECTION "C"

Agricultural Implements, not for sale, Bags, empty for shipment of produce, Twines, for shipment of produce, Boat fittings not for sale, Boards and Scantlings for private use, Books not for sale, Corrugated iron, for private use, Cotton Samples, of no Commercial value, Desks, for schools, Diplomatic Officers goods, for office and private use, Judicial and Surgical Supplies including patent medicines, Hoop, iron, Horticultural Implements, for personal use of importer.

Ice, Fresh Meats, Games, and Fresh Fruits, Immigrants' goods Machinery and Mining Tools, Material, for school houses, Colleges and Churches, Material, Clothing for free gifts missionary purposes, Monrovia City goods, and all other city goods, for improvements, Musical instruments, not for sale, Nets and Seines, not for sale, Wire and Rope for exporting Piassava, Labels for Piassava, Printed matter, photographs, and Moving Picture Films for exchange, Provisions:—Free entry may be allowed for provisions to be used in such colleges and schools as are maintained by Missionary or Charitable organizations provided that the original shipping documents are in the name of such college or school, and that such college or school shall first have filed a statement with the Secretary of the Treasury setting forth:—

Particulars to be placed in statements.

1. The name of the college or school and the person in charge thereof in Liberia.
2. By whom maintained.
3. Its purpose.
4. That there are enrolled and in regular attendance more than twenty-five pupils.

5. That no fees are charged and that the provisions imported are to be given free of charge to pupils, and not to be bartered, sold, exchanged, nor used for any other purpose.

It being hereby provided that upon the foregoing statement being filed to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury a certified copy shall be delivered to the Chief of the Customs Service approved by the Secretary: and that thereupon free entry may be granted on all provisions so imported, which may be received in Liberia after the date of delivery of the approved copy to the Customs, for such college or school.

**Statement must be made to Secretary Treasury who may grant free entry.**

It being further provided that every such certificate must be renewed within ten days after the first of January of each calendar year, otherwise the rights of importation hereby granted will become null and void until such certificate is filed and permission renewed.

**Certificates to be renewed every year.**

Ready made clothing for free gifts

Rivets

School Books

Scientific Instruments

Seeds and Specimens

Sewing Machines, not for sale

Wire netting and fencing, for personal use

Shooks

Tenter Hooks

Thread, sewing

Tools, not for sale

Anneto seeds, Calabar beans, Cocoa, Coffee, Ginger for planting,

Vegetables.

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

**Passengers baggage excluding liquor and tobacco, duty free.**

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

**Spirits and perfumes, under one pound weight free**

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,

Approved January 26, 1922

## CHAPTER XV.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REPEALING A JOINT RESOLUTION FIXING THE ADJOURNMENT BILL OF THE 4TH SESSION OF THE 34TH LEGISLATURE FROM THE 25TH OF JANUARY A. D. 1923 TO THE 31ST DAY OF JANUARY A. D. 1923

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

Public Act  
January 26, 1923.

Adjournment Bill  
4th Session 34th  
Legislature.

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the Joint Resolution fixing the adjournment day of the 34th Legislature of the Republic of Liberia 4th Session A. D. 1922-1923, be, and the same is hereby repealed

Sec. 2. That it is further resolved that the 34th Legislature of the Republic of Liberia 4th Session will adjourn sine die January 31, A. D. 1923

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.  
Approved January 26, 1923.

## CHAPTER XVI.

AN ACT REPEALING SECTIONS 3, 4, AND 5 OF THE ACT ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. APPROVED AUGUST 2, 1917.

Public Act  
January 24, 1923

*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 Sections 3 4 and 5 of the above cited Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. The President is hereby authorized to appoint a Judge and Clerk of the Monthly and Probate Court, Montserrado County.

Sec. 3. The Salary of the Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court shall be (750.00) Seven hundred and fifty dollars)

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 24, 1923.

President authorized to appoint a Judge and Clerk of the Monthly and Probate Court

Salary of judge

## CHAPTER XVII

## AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND USE OF A CUSTOMS REVENUE FLAG.

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

Public Act January 26 1923.

Sec. 1. That the Customs Service of the Republic of Liberia shall hereafter use and display at the Customs Houses and Buildings and on the Customs boats a Customs Revenue Flag which shall be in form and design as follows:—

Customs Flag.

A. A flag of the same shape and proportion as the National Flag with five vertical red stripes and six vertical white stripes and in the upper field a square of white with a single blue star.

Form of flag.

Sec. 2. That the use of this shall be as follows:—

A All boarding boats shall fly the Customs flag in the bow and the National flag in the stern.

How flag shall be used.

B All Customs Houses shall fly the Customs Flag on the same staff beneath the National Flag.

C All Customs Houses or Stations may fly the Customs Flag as provided in sub-section B. above.

Sec. 3. It is provided that no other person or persons may display the Customs flag except as provided in Sec. 2. and any person or persons violating the provisions of this Act by unlawfully using or displaying a Customs Flag shall be subject to a fine of \$50 for each offence which fine may be imposed by any court of competent jurisdiction upon proof.

Persons authorized to use flag.

Penalty.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.  
Approved: January 26, 1923.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDATORY AND SUPPLEMENTAL  
TO A JOINT RESOLUTION REGULATING THE OPENING  
OF ELECTION POLLS WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA,  
PASSED BY LIMITATION FEBRUARY, 1910.

Public Act No.  
January 26, 1928.

Line sixteen—  
Section one of  
original act  
amended.

President autho-  
rized to open  
additional polls  
by Proclamation.

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

Sec. 1. That on line sixteen in section one, after the word  
Robersport of said Resolution, insert the following:

That His Excellency the President is hereby authorized to open  
any additional polls by Proclamation

Sec. 2. This Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately  
and be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved; January, 26, 1928.

## CHAPTER XIX

AN ACT REPEALING AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT AMEN-  
DATORY TO AN ACT RELATING TO EMBEZZLEMENT"

Preamble.

Whereas the Act Amendatory to an Act relating to Embezzle-  
ment passed and approved January 20th A D. 1914, prohibits,  
the institution of Criminal Prosecution being brought against Clerks,  
Factors and other persons entrusted with money by employers  
other than the Republic of Liberia.

And whereas the effect of such Act is to permit employees  
of persons other than the Government of Liberia to misappropriate  
the property of their employers with impunity.

Public Acts No. 6  
January 21, 1928

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

Section 1. That the aforementioned Act is hereby repealed.

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Section. 2. (a) That from and immediately after the passage of this Act any person who whilst employed by another shall by virtue of such employment, receive and take into his custody money or other articles of value, and intentionally, fraudulently and feloniously convert them to his own use, or

The embezzlement Act of January 20, 1914, repealed.

(b) Who, whether for reward or not, shall receive money or other articles of value to deliver to another, and during the continuance of the bailment shall intentionally, fraudulently and feloniously convert the whole or any part thereof, to his own use, shall be guilty of embezzlement.

Sec. 3. That any person convicted of said offence, shall be punished by making restitution, and paying a fine of not more than five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and imprisonment not less than three (3) months nor more than two (2) years according to the gravity of the offence.

Punishment for Violation of the Act, fine and imprisonment.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.  
Approved: January 24, 1923.

#### CHAPTER XX

### JOINT RESOLUTION REMOVING FROM OFFICE R. E. DIXON JUDGE OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT MONT-SERRADO COUNTY.

Whereas R. E. Dixon Judge of the First Judicial Circuit Court Montserrado County is guilty of gross, immoral and unbecoming conduct thereby bringing a great scandle upon the Judiciary. Therefore,

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

Public act No. 10  
Pass by limitation

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution the President is hereby requested to remove from Office the said R. E. Dixon and to appoint another in his stead.

Judge R.E. Dixon removed from office.

Sec. 2. It is further agreed that this Joint Reselution passed by a two third vote of both houses shall constitute the Joint address for the removal of a Judge in accordance with the Constitution of this Republic.

Joint resolution shall constitute Joint address.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

**PRIVATE ACTS**  
OF THE  
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.**

CHAPTER XXI.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE BANK OF LIBERIA LIMITED.

Whereas the Legislature of Liberia believe that the Bank of Liberia Limited now established will be of great economic value to the people of Liberia, and will materially assist in the development of the Republic. Therefore,

Preamble.

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

Private Act No. 1.  
January 17, 1923

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury under the direction of the President of the Republic is hereby authorized to purchase for the Republic Ten Thousand Shares in said Institution to be taken in such quantities and such periods as the Executive Government may deem best; provided that Two Thousand Shares shall be purchased as soon as possible after the approval of this Act.

Secretary of the Treasury authorized to purchase Two Thousand Shares.

Sec. 2. The said Bank shall have the exclusive privilege of issuing and circulating Bank notes of suitable denominations up to Ten Dollars; provided that for the redemption of such notes there must be at all times a specie reserve of 75 per cent of their value. These notes shall be Legal tender up to One Hundred Dollars except for customs.

Exclusive privilege of issuing & circulating Bank notes. Must have specie reserve of 75 per cent.

Bank shall have the privilege to mint silver. But under direction of Government

33 per cent of nett coinage to Republic

Books and Securities shall be inspected semi-annually by Auditors.

report of Auditors to be submitted to Legislature

Privilege to make coin granted for period of twenty years

Sec. 3. Said Bank shall also have the privilege of minting and issuing silver coin under the sole direction of the Government of Liberia. The value respectively of Ten cents, Twenty five and Fifty cents which shall be of equal fineness with current English or American coin, and shall be Legal tender in this Republic until a Gold standard is established by law. 33 per cent of the nett profit from the said coinage shall belong to the Republic.

Sec. 4. The Books and Securities of the Bank shall be inspected Semi-annually by the Auditor of the Treasury Department of the Republic of Liberia, jointly with the Auditor appointed by the Board of Directors. Said report shall be submitted annually to the Legislature, and on failure to so do, a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) shall be imposed by the Legislature and paid immediately into the Treasury Department of the Republic. Their Certificates shall be a necessary requisite of the annual report of the Board of Directors

Sec. 5. The privilege of issuing notes and making silver coin is granted for a period of twenty years from the date of approval of this act.

any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 26, 1923.

## CHAPTER XXII

### A JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING JOHN WESLEY TIPPITT OF MARYLAND COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO CITIZENSHIP.

Private Act No. 2  
January 17, 1924

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

John Wesley Tippitt restored to citizenship

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution John Wesley Tippitt of Maryland 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 17, 1923.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING NECODA ROSS OF BREWERVILLE, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

Private Act No. 3  
January 24 1923.

Section. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Necoda Samuel Ross, of Brewerville, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship in common with the other citizens of this Republic.

Necoda Samuel  
Ross restored to  
citizenship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, January 24, 1923.

## CHAPTER XXIV

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING THE WEDABO FERRY BOAT COMPANY OF MARYLAND COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE WEDABO RIVER.

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

Private Act No. 4  
January 24, 1923

Sec. 1 That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution Wouplu, Sebeh, Walley, John B. Delany, George W. Cox and others as may hereafter be associated with them, their heirs or assigns be, and they are hereby declared a body politic and incorporated under the name and style of the Wedabo Ferry Boat Company, Maryland County, Republic of Liberia.

Incorporation of  
the Wedabo Ferry  
Boat Company

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that the said Company shall have the right to run said Ferry across the Wedabo River starting from the Bar mouth to quarter of a mile beyond the point known as the Davis landing, for the period of twelve 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 courts of this

Extent of time  
and place

Property valuation  
\$5000.00

Republic having competent jurisdiction and shall be capable of holding and possessing personal and real property to the value of five thousand dollars. The fee for crossing each person shall not exceed six cents.

Sec. 3. Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent any person or persons from crossing in their own canoes or boats and Government carriers free of charges.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved: January 24, 1923.

#### CHAPTER XXV.

### JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING LOUIS A GRIMES, THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS MCGILL'S CREEK, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Private Act No. 5  
January 21, 1923

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

Name of Company

Sec. 1. That Louis A. Grimes, of the County of Montserrado, and such other persons who may be associated with him be and are hereby constituted a body politic under the name and style of "L. A. Grimes, Limited", and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may possess real and personal property to the value of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00).

Property valuation  
\$5000.00.

Name of place  
where the ferry  
said Ferry.

Sec. 2 The said company is hereby granted the right to run a ferry across McGill's Creek over that part of said Creek that flows parallel with the land owned by the said Louis A. Grimes, situated and lying on Bushrod Island, in Montserrado County, said right is for the period of Ten (10) years, with right of renewal for a further period of Five (5) years, beginning from the approval of this Joint Resolution. The fee for crossing each person shall not exceed four (4) cents.

Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall prevent any person or persons crossing in his or her own canoe.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 24, 1923.

## CHAPTER XXVI

## AN ACT INCORPORATING THE CATHOLIC MISSION, 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, John Ozer, Prefect Apostolic, and such other persons as shall from time to time be associated with him, be and are hereby constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Catholic Mission" Liberia, and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; they shall have power to acquire, possess, hold and enjoy real and personal estate of the value of Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500,000) and shall make or amend rules, regulations and bye-laws for the governance of said Mission, provided such rules, regulations or bye laws are not repugnant to the Constitution and the existing laws of this Republic; and may do any or all the acts or things as are usually done by similar bodies political and corporate.

Private Act No. 6  
January 21, 1923.

Catholic Mission  
Liberia constituted.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 21, 1923.

## CHAPTER XXVII

## A JOINT RESOLUTION REPEALING A JOINT RESOLUTION REVIVING THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE AND REPEALING ALL LAWS CREATING GREENVILLE SINOE COUNTY A CITY.

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution all laws or parts of laws creating or reviving the City Charter of the City of Greenville, Sinoe County, of the Republic of Liberia, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That this Joint Resolution be published in hand bills to take effect immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 24th, 1923.

Private Act No. 7  
January 24, 1923.

Charter of City of  
Greenville revoked.

## CHAPTER XXVIII.

## JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL ANNUITY TO EX PRESIDENT ARTHUR BARCLAY OF MONT-SERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Preamble

WHEREAS it is the policy of the Government to compensate any worthy Citizen or Citizens who rendered valuable services to the Government, and,

WHEREAS Ex President Arthur Barclay of the County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, rendered most valuable services to this Government as President; and during which time he received a salary of only (\$2,500.00) per annum, and,

WHEREAS the said Arthur Barclay is still rendering valuable services to this Government by giving advice, assistance and hearty support to the present Administration of its affairs,

Private Act No. 8  
January 25, 1923.

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

Ex-President  
A. Barclay granted  
an additional annuity  
of \$1,000.00

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution Arthur Barclay Ex-President of the Republic of Liberia be, and he is hereby granted an additional Annuity of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per annum. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised under warrant of the President to draw for the same out of any money or monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.  
Approved: January 25, 1923.

## CHAPTER XXIX.

## JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING TO HENRY JOHNSON OF MASS-TOWN IN THE COUNTY OF MONT-SERRADO AN ANNUITY.

Private Act No.  
January 26, 1923.

*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 sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) be and the same is hereby

granted the said Henry Johnson of Sassa-Town, Montserrat County as an Annuity.

Henry Johnson  
granted Annuity

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury, be, and he is hereby authorised to draw for same out of any monies in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1923.

### CHAPTER XXX.

## JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING THE NATIONAL BAPTIST BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TWO HUNDRED (200) ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND IN THE DISTRICT OF CAREYSBURG, COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO, FOR MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

Whereas the National Baptist Board of Foreign Missions of Louisville Kentucky, United States of America operating in Liberia has through their General Superintendent of Missions Rev. E. B. Hubbard, petitioned the National Legislature of Liberia showing that they have already begun missionary and educational operation on a certain parcel of public land in the District of Careysburg, in the County and Republic aforesaid, on a small scale, and whereas they desire to operate on a more constructive plan but for the want of sufficient land for operation, have therefore petitioned the Legislature for a grant of public land in the aforesaid district. And whereas it is the policy of the Government to foster and encourage all enterprises which tend to promote public good.

Preamble

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

Private Act No. 10  
January 26, 1923

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution two hundred (200) acres of public land is hereby granted to the National Baptist Board of Foreign Missions of Louisville Kentucky, United States of America operating in the District of Careysburg in the County and Republic aforesaid for Educational and Missionary purposes.

Board of Foreign  
Missions

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that the said Foreign Mission Board and their successors shall possess and hold the aforesaid mentioned two hundred acres of land so long as the said land is used for the purpose herein specified. When the said land ceases to be used as aforesaid, it shall revert to the Government of the Republic of Liberia with all and singular the improvements thereon made.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 26, 1923.

CHAPTER XXXI

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING UNTO THE HEIRS OF THE LATE ARTENCE MARCH, FORMERLY ARTENCE BERNARD, FERRY RIGHTS FORMERLY OWNED BY HER RUNNING FROM THE MARKET WHARF TO VEY TOWN MONROVIA IN THE COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO FOR (10) TEN YEARS, AND ALSO EXTENDING SAID RIGHT FOR A FURTHER TEN YEARS.

WHEREAS Emma M. F. Bernard and M. J. Bernard heirs of the late Artence March, formerly Artence Bernard having petitioned the National Legislature of the Republic of Liberia praying the grant of ferry Rights formerly owned by the former during the period of (10) ten years, and also pray for the extension of the time for a period of a further (10) ten years, the time having nearly expired.

Preamble

Private Act No. 1  
January 26, 1922.

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

That from and after the passage of this joint resolution the Ferry Rights formerly granted and owned by the aforesaid Artence March formerly Artence Bernard be and the same is hereby granted to Emma M. F. Bernard and M. J. Bernard, heirs of the late Artence March formerly Artence Bernard with all the rights and privileges as set forth in similar and former grants with a further grant of [10] ten years after the expiration of the former ten years.

Granting Ferry rights to Emma F. and M. J. Bernard

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved; January. 26, 1923.

To be used for mission purposes only.

Shall revert to Government when ceased to be so used.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE ACCORDEON SOCIETY OF HALF CAVALLIA, MARYLAND COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Private Act No. 18.  
January 24, 1923

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Vedeba Gyde, Chairman, Hedo Gyude, Vice Chairman, Tedo Wea, Neme Hodo, and such others as may from time to time become members of said Society, be and are hereby declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Accordeon Society of Half Cavalla, Maryland County, and shall be capable in law of enjoying all the rights and privileges as are usually enjoyed by other similar bodies corporate.

Incorporating the  
Accordeon Society

Sec. 2. That the said Society may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any of the Courts of the Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire, possess and hold real and personal property to the value of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars, and shall do all other acts and things done by similar bodies corporate, provided, such acts and things are not inconsistent with the Constitution and existing Laws of the Republic of Liberia.

Allowed real and  
personal property  
to the value of two  
thousand dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 24, 1923

## CHAPTER XXXIII

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN AFRICA REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TWO-HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND IN THE REAR OF THEIR PRESENT MISSION STATION AT GRASSDALE, FARMINGTON RIVER IN THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONTSEERRADO, FOR MISSIONARY PURPOSES.

WHEREAS the Presbytery of Western Africa in the Republic of Liberia through their Moderator R. A. M. Deputie and members having petitioned the National Legislature of the Republic of Liberia showing that they are carrying on missionary operations at Grassdale, Farmington River in the Territory of Marshall, and

Preamble

WHEREAS they desire to operate on a more constructive plan but for the need of more land and space have petitioned the Legislature for a grant of two hundred acres of public land in said Territory in the rear of their present missionary plant, And whereas it is the policy of the Government to foster and encourage all missionary and educational enterprises which point to public good,

**Preamble**

Private Act No. 13  
January 26, 1923.

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

Two hundred Acres of land granted the Presbytery of Western Africa

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution two hundred acres of public land is hereby granted the Presbytery of Western Africa at Grassdale, Farmington River in the Territory of Marshall to be used for missionary and educational purposes. Care shall be taken that no special Government Reserves nor land held and occupied permanently by the natives for an indefinite number of years shall be surveyed for said Mission under this grant except by special consent of the natives obtained through the Government or from the Government direct in case of special reserves.

Shall revert to Government when ceased to be used for Mission purposes

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that the said Presbytery shall possess and hold said premises appropriated. The Presbytery aforesaid bearing all expenses of survey.

Shall revert to Government when ceased to be used for Mission purposes

Sec. 3. It is further resolved that the Presbytery of Western Africa shall possess and hold said premises subject to the laws governing similar grants, to wit: that when the Presbytery as aforesaid ceases its operation and abandon the place the land shall revert to the Government with all and singular the improvements thereon made.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved : January 26 1923.

CHAPTER XXXIV

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING SIX HUNDRED AND FIVE ACRES OF LAND IN MARYLAND COUNTY TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, U. S. A. FOR MISSIONARY PURPOSES.

Private Act No. 14  
January 26, 1923

*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 Six Hundred and Five acres of land in Maryland

County, Republic of Liberia, be and the same is hereby granted to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America for missionary purposes.

Sec. 2. That the President of the Republic of Liberia be, and is hereby authorized to grant a deed for Six Hundred and Five acres of land to the said Board of Foreign Missions under the terms and for the purposes named in this Joint Resolution out of any public lands in Maryland County, not otherwise appropriated.

Six hundred and five acres of land granted to M. E. Mission.

Sec. 3. That the said Six Hundred and five (605) acres of land shall be apportioned in the several places in said County in manner following to wit:

Apportionment of same.

In the City of Harper	Five (5) acres.
" " settlement of Garraway	One Hundred (100) acres.
" " " " Grand Cess	" (100) "
" " " " Picanini Cess	" (100) "
" " " " Barraka	" (100) "
" " " " Wissika	" (100) "
" " " " Wedabo	" (100) "

So much of the above grants shall comprehend and include the places now occupied by said Mission in each place, and the remainder to be had in such other parts of such places or towns as may be practicable and not otherwise appropriated.

Shall include that now occupied.

Sec. 4. That the said Board of Foreign Missions and their successors shall possess and hold the aforementioned Six Hundred and five (605) acres of land as long as the said land is used for the purposes herein above specified. When the said land ceases to be so used, it shall revert to the Republic. The said Board shall pay the expenses of the survey of the said parcels of lands.

upon ceasing to be used for Mission purposes shall revert to Government.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 26, 1923.

## CHAPTER XXXV

JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TIME TO FIVE (5) YEARS FROM THE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING CORPORATIONS NAMELY:-- THE ENTERPRISE MINING COMPANY OF GRAND BASSA COUNTY, THE MOUNTAIN MINING COMPANY, SINOE COUNTY AND THE EXCELSIOR COMPANY LIMITED OF MARYLAND COUNTY REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Private Act No. 15

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

Charters revived.

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution the respective Charters of the aforesaid Companies are hereby revived, and the time for the commencement of their respective operations is hereby extended to five (5) years from date hereof.

Gauge of Railway, two feet.

Sec. 2. That the gauge of the Railway contemplated in the Charter of the Excelsior Mining Company, Limited, shall be two feet (2) which may be increased in width as the traffic thereupon shall require.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding  
Passed by Limitation.

## CHAPTER XXXVI

A JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING TO JOHN C. TUBMAN AND STELLA G. TUBMAN, HEIRS OF THE LATE GENERAL JOHN H. TUBMAN, THE ANNUITY GRANTED THEIR FATHER.

Private Act No. 16

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

John C. and Stella G. Tubman given annuity of late father.

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, John C. Tubman and Stella G. Tubman, two of the surviving heirs of the late John H. Tubman, are granted the Annuity that by Law was paid their late father.

Sec. 2. That it is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay same out of any moneys in the Public Treasury under warrant signed by the President, not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding,  
Passed by Limitation.

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CHAPTER XXXVII.

JOINT RESOLUTION REIMBURSING COLSTON M. W. COOPER, SR OF SINOE COUNTY, FOR PUBLIC SERVICES RENDERED.

Preamble.

Whereas Colston M. W. Cooper, Sr. has shown to the Legislature by Petition and vouchers that the Government is justly indebted to him for services rendered as Inspector of Schools, Sinoe County, Republic of Liberia, and

Private Act No 17  
January 24, 1923.

Whereas it is not the purpose of the Government to withhold its legal claims of its citizens.

*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 Colston M. W. Cooper, Sr. be reimbursed in the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-four Dollars (\$234.00) out of any monies in the Treasury Department of this Republic not otherwise appropriated.

C. M. W. Cooper  
reimbursed.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24, 1923.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE BOY SCOUTS OF LIBERIA, AND GRANTING THEM THE RIGHT AND POWER TO PROTECT THEIR INSIGNIA BADGE.

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

Private Act No. 18  
January 26, 1923.

Sec. 1. That Benjamin W. Payne, President, John G. Richards, Vice President, Thomas J. R. Faulkner, Treasurer, James A. Gittens, Secretary, T. Elwood Davies, National Director and other such person or persons that are or may become members of said organization, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of "Boy Scouts of Liberia", and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of the Republic having competent

Boy Scouts incorporated.

jurisdiction, and may acquire, obtain, hold and possess property, real and personal to the value of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

Granted right to  
organize other  
branches

Sec. 2. That the said organization known as "Boy Scouts of Liberia", is hereby granted the right and privilege to form, organize and maintain similar branch organizations in any or all of the Counties and Territories of this Republic, and to appoint such officers and receive such members in connection therewith as they may see fit.

Right to obtain  
and use Insignia  
Badge.

Sec. 3. That the said organization is hereby granted the sole right and privilege to obtain and use an Insignia Badge described as follows:

form of badge

A metal Trefvil Badge with the Liberian shield and the motto, "Be Prepared" inscribed thereon, and the right and power to protect said Badge against the intrusion and illegal use by any person or persons whomsoever within the limits of this Republic.

Sec. 4. That said organization 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 26, 1923.

#### CHAPTER XXXIX.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION PENSIONING JOHN T. BANKS, BREVET GENERAL, LIBERIAN ARMY

Private Act No 19  
January 24, 1923

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

General John T.  
Banks pensioned.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, John T. Banks, Brevet General, Liberian Army, of Frewerville, Montserrado County, be and is hereby allowed an annual Pension of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.) during his natural life.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 24, 1923.

## CHAPTER XL.

## JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE No. 1. BRASS BAND OF VIRGINIA, MONTSERRADO COUNTY IN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Private Act No. 20  
January 26, 1923.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution William H. Johnson, Sr. President, David A. Snorton, First Vice-President, Washington Seafah, Second Vice-President, W. H. Johnson Jr Band Secretary, D. F. Snorton, Band Master, Fred H. Marshall, Assistant Band Master, William B. Richardson, Band Leader, Charles Williams, Assistant Band Leader, D. A. Snorton, Legal Advisor, Jerome B. Hayes, Band Instructor, and Hon. C. D. B. King, Grand Patron; all of the County of Montserrado and of the Republic aforesaid and such other persons as may from time to time become members of said Band, be, and the same are hereby declared a Body Politic and coporate by the name and style of the No. 1. Brass Band of Virginia Montserrado County, and shall be capable in law to enjoy all the rights and privileges of any such other Body Corporate.

Virginia Band incorporated

Section 2. That the said Corporation may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Courts of this Republic having competent Jurisdiction and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal property to the value of Two Tho and (\$2,000.00) Dollars, and to do all other Acts and things done by similar Corporate Bodies, not inconsistent with the laws of this Republic.

May hold property to the value of \$ 2,000.00.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 26, 1923.

## CHAPTER XLI.

## JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING HANNAH HOWARD OF THE COUNTY OF MARYLAND TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

Private Act No. 21  
January 24, 1923.

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Hannah Howard of the County of Maryland is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship in common with all good Citizens of this Republic.

Hannah Howard restored to citizenship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 24, 1923.

## CHAPTER XLII.

JOINT RESOLUTION REIMBURSING WILLIAM U. CUMMINGS, SR. OF MARYLAND COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, FOR SERVICES RENDERED AS CUSTOMS CASHIER IN THE YEARS 1914 to 1915.

*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 U. Cummings Sr. of Maryland County, Republic of Liberia, is hereby reimbursed for services rendered as Customs Cashier at the Port of Harper, County of Maryland in the years 1914-1915, partial payment being made leaving the balance of \$250.00 said amount is by this Joint Resolution granted.

Sec. 2. It is further resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury under warrant of the President is authorized to draw for the amount now due the said William U. Cummings, Sr. of Maryland County out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

## CHAPTER XLIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING TO THE CITIZENS OF BREWERVILLE AND VIRGINIA IN MONTSERRADO COUNTY REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, ONE ACRE OF PUBLIC LAND SITUATED ALONG THE RIGHT BANK OF THE ST. PAUL RIVER AND KNOWN AS THE LANDING WHARF OF BREWERVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING WAREHOUSE OR WAREHOUSES FOR STORING PURPOSES TO AND FROM SAID SETTLEMENTS.

*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 citizens of Brewerville and Virginia shall be given the free use of one acre of public land situated along the right bank of Logan's Creek ascending from the St. Paul River, on which said acre of land the said citizens may erect warehouse or warehouses for storing purposes in travelling to and from said settlement.

Private Act No. 22

W. U. Cumming  
reimbursed.

Private Act No. 23  
January 21, 1923.

Citizens of  
Brewerville and  
Virginia given one  
acre of public land.

Sec. 2. This Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately and be published in hand-bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.  
Approved January 21, 1923.

#### CHAPTER XLIV

### JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE LIBERIAN LITERARY, SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC UNION MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

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

Private Act No. 24  
January 26, 1923

Sec. 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Doughba Carmo Carranda, President; C. Lorenzo Simpson, Vice President; J. Auzell Gittens, Secretary; Benjamin T. Collins, Assistant Secretary; M. Oliver Coleman, Financial Secretary; W. L. Turner, Treasurer; J. Pitman Harmon, Chaplain, W. Monroe Phelps, D. R. Horton and Nathaniel Puo Spear, Censors; Thomas R. G. Roberts, Walter P. Davison and W. O. D. Bright, Jr. Official Stenographic Reporters, Thomas H. Barnes, Librarian; together with all such officers and members of the Liberian Literary Social and Athletic Union, Montserrado County, Liberia, are hereby declared a body politic and corporate by the above name; and by the name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, also own real and personal property to the value of Ten thousand dollars (10,000.00) and may make constitution, bye-laws and regulations that are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Republic; and to do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this organization.

May own real and  
personal property  
to the value of  
\$ 10, 000 00

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved: January 26, 1923.

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