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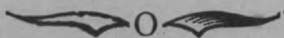
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OF THE

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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PUBLIC ACTS
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Passed at their Second Session which was begun and held at the City of Monrovia, County of Montserrado, the second Monday in October A. D. 1928 and was adjourned without day on the 23rd day of November A. D. 1928.

CHAPTER I.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT EXPENSES.

October 23, 1928.
H. 1.

Whereas, Fiscal years of the Republic of Liberia terminate prior to the legal date of the assembly of the Senate and House of Representatives in regular session, and no provision for ad interim payments exists, and

Preamble.

Whereas, it is necessary to continue the payment of salaries of Officials and employees of the Republic of Liberia, the ordinary operating and other lawful expenses of the Government, pending the appropriation of the enactment of an Appropriation Act for the fiscal year then current,

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

How ordinary expenses shall be paid until Budget is enacted.

Section 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and empowered, under warrant of the President, to pay from existing balances in the Treasury, ordinary operating expenses; salaries of Officials and employees of the Government; and expenses required to be made because of fixed obligations of the Government, until such time as the Legislature Assembled shall enact the regular Budget of Appropriations for the fiscal year then current;

Limitation of payments.

Provided however, that the Secretary of the Treasury shall be limited in the payments he shall make for any one month on account ordinary operating expenses and salaries to an amount not exceeding one-twelfth of the total amount of the Budget appropriation for similar items for the last preceeding fiscal year, and

Provided further, that in determination of

the aforesaid one-twelfth amount, no payment shall be made for any purpose not provided for in the National Budget Law of the last preceeding fiscal year. Scope of payments.

Section 2. That the provisions of this Act shall be effective as of midnight of September 30 last preceeding the regular assembly date of the Legislature, and continue in force and effect until date of the enactment of the National Budget Law for the fiscal year then current. When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 25, 1928.

CHAPTER II.

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POSTMASTER GENERAL TO OPEN AND ESTABLISH A POST OFFICE AT FOYA ON THE ANGLO-LIBERIAN BOUNDARY. ALSO TO ISSUE OR CAUSE TO BE ISSUED CERTAIN DENOMINATION OF STAMPS, STAMP CARDS AND STAMPS ENVELOPES.

November 12, 1928.
H. 7.

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

Section 1. That from and immediately after the

Post Office to be
opened at Foya.

passage of this Joint Resolution the Post Master General of the Republic of Liberia is hereby fully authorized and empowered to open and established a Post Office at Foya on the Anglo-Liberian Boundary, and to issue and cause to be issued the following denominations of stamps: 20 cts., 25 cts., 30 cts. and 50 cts., also Postal Cards and Stamps Envelopes for Postal Service.

When effective.

Section 2. This Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER III.

November 12, 1928.
H. 4.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY R. L., TO PURCHASE THE BUILDINGS AND THE LAND NOW OCCUPIED BY THE EXECUTIVE MANSION; AND THE CORNER LOT SITUATED ON ASHMUN AND RANDALL STREETS NEAR THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to be spread

over a period of four years payment of five Thousand Dollars yearly, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of the buildings and land now occupied by the Executive Mansion.

Purchase of buildings and land occupied by Executive Mansion.

Section 2. That the Sum of Seven hundred and Twenty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of the corner lot situated on Ashmun and Randall Streets near the Executive Mansion.

Corner lot to be purchased.

Section 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for same out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated under warrant of the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER IV.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, R. L., TO PURCHASE THE BUILDINGS AND LAND NOW OCCUPIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SITUATED ON ASHMUN AND RANDALL STREETS, OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA.

November 12, 1928.
H. 5.

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the sum of twelve thousand

Purchase of buildings and land occupied by the State Department.

dollars, so be spread over a period of four years payment of three thousand dollars yearly, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of the buildings and land now occupied by the State Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to draw for same out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated under warrant of the President.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER V.

November 12, 1928.
H. 8.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY TO PURCHASE SUFFICIENT LAND, ON THE MAINLAND, NEAR PROVIDENCE ISLAND, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING WARE-HOUSES FOR STORING INFLAMABLE, COMBUSTIBLE, AND EXPLOSIVE FUELS AND OILS.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the importation of inflammable, combustible and explosive fuels and oils is yearly increasing, and

Whereas, the storing of all such products on the customs premises and at other private warehouses

within the city limits is unsafe to the community and the general interest of the merchants, in the absence of proper management and the case of accident;

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

- Section 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized to acquire and purchase sufficient land, on the mainland, near Providence Island for the purpose of erecting warehouses for storing inflammable, combustible and explosive fuels and oils of a dangerous nature, which may be hereafter imported at the Port of Monrovia. Purchase of land near Providence Island for erecting warehouses.
- Section 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized to draw the sum of \$600.00 under warrant of the President out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.
- Section 3. This Act shall take effect immediately after its passage, and shall be published in handbills. When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER VI.

November 12, 1928.
H. 6.

AN ACT GIVING THE PROVISIONAL MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT, TERRITORY OF MARSHALL, JURISDICTION OVER THE ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTION, AND PAYMENT OF ALL INTERNAL REVENUE OF SAID TERRITORY, AND GRANTING THE SAID COURT THE SAME JURISDICTION AS THE REVENUE COURTS CREATED AND ESTABLISHED IN THE COUNTIES OF THE REPUBLIC, UNDER THE ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, APPROVED JANUARY 31st. 1928.

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

Provisional Monthly and Probate Court of Marshall has same jurisdiction as a Revenue Court.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Provisional Monthly and Probate Court of the Territory of Marshall shall have full jurisdiction over all the Internal Revenue of whatever kind of the said Territory as all other Revenue Courts created and established in the Counties of the Republic, and shall meet in regular session on Tuesday in each week and continue in session so long as there is business according to Section 4, of the Revenue Act approved January 31st, 1928.

Section 2. The Probate jurisdiction of said Court

is the same, and shall hold its regular Monthly Sessions on the third Monday in each month during the year.

Same Probate jurisdiction.

Section 3. That the salaries of the Officers of the said Court shall be fixed at the following rates:

Salaries.

Judge's salary.....	\$600. 00
Prosecuting Attorney.....	500. 00
Clerk of said Court.....	350. 00
Sheriff.....	400. 00

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER VII.

AN ACT REVISING THE TARIFF ON GOODS, WARES, MERCHANDISE, AND PRODUCE IMPORTED AND EXPORTED IN AND OUT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, APPROVED JANUARY 26, 1923, AS FAR AS IT RELATES TO ALE, BEER, STOUT, OR WINTER AND TRADE GIN OR RUM.

November 9, 1928.
S. 8.

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, the Act creating

Act of January 26,
1923 creating the
Tariff revised.

Amendment.

the Tariff passed and approved January 26, 1923, be and the same is hereby revised, subject to the following amendments; Viz:--That section "A" as far as it relates to Ale, Beer, Stout or Porter be altered and amended as to read:--Ale, Beer, Stout or Porter at the rate of seven cents (7 cts.) per quart bottle, and three and a half cents (3½ cts.) per pint bottle.

Section 2.

Amendment.

And that trade gin or rum under the strength of fifty per centum 500/0 of pure alcohol, be at the rate of three dollars (\$3.00) per imperial gallon, and an additional duty of twelve cents (12 cts.) per each degree or fraction of a degree above fifty per centum (500/0) of pure alcohol.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER VIII.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT
OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS IN CASE OF ILL-
NESS, ABSENCE FROM THE REPUBLIC OR
OTHER INABILITY OF ANY OF THE JUDGES
OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS.

November 20, 1928.
S. 17.

Whereas in the reorganization of the Judicial Preamble.
service of the Republic by

- (1) Changing from the Courts of
Quarterly Session and Common Pleas
to the system of Circuit Courts, and
- (2) By causing the day of meeting
of the several terms of the said Cir-
cuit Courts to synchronize, no pro-
vision was made for the illness, ab-
sence from the Republic, or other
inability of one of the Circuit Judges
in commission to attend upon any
one of the Circuit Courts at a given
Session, thereby rendering it possible
for one of the Circuits to be without
a Judge for a whole term: Therefore,

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of
this Act, should a Circuit Judge be unable to attend
a Circuit to which he shall have been assigned for
any of the reasons mentioned in the preamble of

Inability of a Cir-
cuit Judge to at-
tend a Circuit.

Chief Justice shall
assign an Associate
Justice to preside.

this Act, he shall immediately notify, or cause to be notified, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia of the said inability and the cause thereof, and upon said notification, the Chief Justice shall be authorized to assign one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court to preside within that Circuit for said term just as any other regularly appointed Circuit Judge.

Duty of Associate
Justice so assigned

Section 2. It is hereby made the duty of any Associate Justice so assigned to proceed forthwith to the said Circuit and perform all of the duties which by law are incumbent upon any Circuit Judge thus assigned.

How far disqualified
to sit upon Bench of
Supreme Court.

Section 3. Any Associate Justice thus assigned shall not be permitted to sit upon the Bench of the Supreme Court or deliberate with his Colleagues or assist in the decision of any case which may have been disposed of, or upon which he may have given any ruling or opinion, during the time that he was functioning as a Trial Judge.

Chief Justice to be
notified of absence
of a Circuit Judge.

Section 4. Should a Circuit Judge be absent from his Circuit for any of the reasons mentioned in Section 1, hereof, and for any reason he shall have failed to notify the Chief Justice as in said Section contemplated, then and in that case the local prosecuting Attorney shall bring said fact to the knowledge of the Department of Justice, and the duty of so notifying the Chief Justice shall then devolve upon the Head of said Department;

whereupon the Chief Justice shall proceed to make an assignment as provided in said Section 1.

Section 5. Any Associate Justice assigned to preside over a Circuit in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall serve without any additional compensation save the travelling expenses provided for Circuit Judges, and he shall also be subject to the same penalties for non-compliance as a Circuit Judge.

No additional compensation save travelling expenses.

Non-compliance.

Section 6. This Act shall be published in hand bills for the purpose of becoming immediately operative and effective.

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 22, 1928.

CHAPTER IX.

JOINT RESOLUTION RETIRING THE HONOURABLE JOSEPH R. CRAYTON, JUDGE OF THE MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT SINOE COUNTY, AND GRANTING HIM AN ANNUITY.

November 16, 1928.
H. 17.

That Whereas His Honour Joseph R. Crayton, Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court, Sinoe County, is

Preamble.

disable to perform the duties of his office, growing out of the fact of his extreme and continuous sickness, therefore.

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

Judge Joseph R. Crayton retired to private life.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, The Honourable Joseph R. Crayton, Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court, Sinoe County, be and he is hereby retired to private life in consequence of continuous ill-health.

President authorized to appoint another Judge.

Section 2. That the President is hereby authorized to appoint by and with the consent of the Senate, a Judge for the said Monthly and Probate Court Sinoe County.

Annuity granted.

Section 3. That the said Joseph R. Crayton is granted the sum of Three Hundred Dollars as annuity during his natural life time, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay over to the said Joseph R. Crayton under warrant of the President, the said sum of money out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in regular monthly installments.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 22, 1928.

CHAPTER X.

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PORTION OF November 20, 1928.
 AN ACT REGULATING THE QUARTERLY H. 21.
 PARADE IN THE COUNTY OF SINOE, PASSED
 AND APPROVED DURING THE YEAR 1896.

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, the Act regulating the Quarterly Drill or Quarterly Parade in the County of Sinoe, A nendment. be so amended as to read, that the November Parade of each year shall be held in the settlement of Louisiana in the said County.

Any law or parts of laws conflicting with this Act, Conflicting law repealed. is hereby repealed.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 22, 1928.

CHAPTER XI.

November 21, 1928.
S. 18.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TRAVELLING
EXPENSES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA WHEN EN ROUTE
FOR SESSION.

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

Travelling allow-
ance for the Vice
President.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the Vice President shall be allowed an annual travelling allowance, when en route for Session to the amount of (\$150.00) one hundred and fifty dollars.

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

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 22, 1928.

CHAPTER XII.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF LIBERIA AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 16, 1928 ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CREATE A SIXTH AND SEVENTH REGIMENTS IN THE MILITIA OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND FIXING THE TIME OF PARADE OF THE TWO REGIMENTS ALSO THAT OF THE FIRST REGIMENT."

November 16, 1928.
H. 20.

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, that the Act passed and approved February 16, 1928 be so amended as to read:

Section 2. That the hours for drill shall be from 7 o'clock a. m. to 11 o'clock a. m., and from 2 o'clock p. m., to 5 o'clock p. m. Amendment.

Section 3. That the morning hours shall be taken up in instructions, as the Commanding Officer may deem necessary; and the afternoon hours shall be taken up in Ceremonies if found necessary; or in manner prescribed by the Commanding Officer. Amendment.

Section 4. That the Wednesday preceeding each of these regular drills shall be Officers' Drill, and shall commence at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., to 5 o'clock p. m. Officers' drill.

Section 5. Nothing in this Act shall be construed

Monthly drills.

as to cancel the monthly drills already prescribed by law.

When effective.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 22, 1928.

CHAPTER XIII.

November 19, 1928.
S. 15.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTING AND ENLARGING
THE STAMP ACT APPROVED JANUARY 24, 1923,
IN SO FAR AS IT RELATES TO "PERMITS OF
RESIDENCE."

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

Amendment.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Section 1, of the above mentioned Act, on line thirteen from bottom to be so amended and enlarged as to read that "Permits of Residence" to reside in the Republic of Liberia from one to six months shall bear Revenue Stamps to the amount of Five dollars and from six months and upwards Ten dollars.

Same Penalty.

Section 2. The penalty for neglecting or refusing to affix the amount of Revenue Stamps as required in Section 1, hereof, shall be the same as provided for in Sections 2 and 3 of the above cited Act.

Section 3. This Act shall go into effect immediately and be published in handbills. When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding. 7

Approved November 20, 1928.

CHAPTER XIV.

AN ACT REGULATING THE LAW OF
ALIMONY.

November 19, 1928.
H. 19.

Whereas there is no statute referring to Alimony, but that the Courts of this Republic has heretofore acted upon the Common Law Procedure; and

Preamble.

Whereas the Common Law Procedure has been in many instances detrimental to the interest of the male citizens of the Republic, when they are compelled to institute Actions of Divorce against their wives for the breach of their matrimonial covenants and vows; and

Whereas, various decisions rendered against those husbands in such cases are not just equitable when the surrounding circumstances are taken in consideration, Therefore

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

Section 1.

That any married woman who for any just causes hereinafter stated in the

When shall a married woman be entitled to an alimony.

Amount to be awarded. Section 2.

When shall alimony automatically dissolve.

When is a wife not entitled to an alimony. Section 3.

Exceptions.

Third Section of this Act be compelled to leave her husband's home and live apart from him, shall be entitled to receive a portion of his earnings for her maintenance which shall be hereinafter styled an "Alimony."

In no case shall the amount or sum awarded by any Court or Judge thereof exceed one-third of the husband's income, neither shall the amount awarded by the Court or Judge as Alimony exist after a divorce has been duly granted by the Court or Judge, and subsequently, the husband shall remove the difficulty for which his wife abandoned his home, and shall in good faith make reconciliations with his wife and ask her to return home, that fact being made known to some Court or Judge having competent jurisdiction therein and the wife shall thereupon refuse to return, in such cases Alimony shall automatically dissolve.

In no case shall the wife abandoning her husband's home be entitled to an Alimony except for the reasons which shall be considered good causes:- habitual and continuous drunkenness which results into perpetual annoyance and an unhappy

home; incompatibility of temper creating a regular nuisance to the community and endangering the life of the wife; open and outrageous immorality against the good morals of the community and for which the wife would be entitled to a divorce. In all such cases as above enumerated it shall be the duty of the Court or Judge to see that the cause or omission is actually traced to the conduct of the husband, and the wife absolutely exonerated from guilt.

Duty of the Court
or Judge.

Section 4.

That where an action of divorce is instituted by the husband against the wife, and where the presumption of guilt on part of the wife is great, she shall not be entitled to receive an Alimony upon a suit brought by her.

Action of divorce
by the husband.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 22, 1928.

CHAPTER XV.

November 19, 1928,
H. 16.

JOINT RESOLUTION REMOVING JAMES N.
F. RUSS, JUDGE OF THE REVENUE COURT,
SINOE COUNTY, FROM OFFICE.

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

Judge James N. F.
Russ removed from
office.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Joint Resolution, James N. F. Russ, Judge of the Revenue Court, Sinoe County, be and he is hereby removed from office for official misconduct; and the President is hereby requested to appoint another in his place.

President to ap-
point another in
his place.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 22, 1928.

CHAPTER XVI.

November 16, 1928.
S. 12.

AN ACT TO DEFINE THE RANK OF THE
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS FOR THE SENATE AND
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RE-
PUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this

Act, the Sergeant at Arms, of the Senate and House of Representatives, shall have the Military Rank of Colonel.

Rank of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate and House.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 20, 1928.

CHAPTER XVII.

AN ACT TO REPEAL ALL EXISTING ACTS REGULATING DRY GOODS LICENSES AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A SYSTEM OF GRADUATED LICENSES.

November 23, 1928.
S. 20.

WHEREAS, the present existing system by which a trader carrying a small stock of Dry Goods is required to pay the same amount for a license as that which a merchant or firm carrying a larger stock is required to pay, is unfair and inequitable, which must necessarily be a handicap and disadvantage to the smaller trader-said disadvantage having been pointed out in the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury to the Legislature for the fiscal year 1928, and in order that this state of affairs should be remedied, a system of Graded Licenses should be adopted whereby the amount carried by any trader, merchant, or firm, would regulate the basis upon which the licenses are to be paid; *Therefore*,

Preamble.

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

Section 1. That this Act shall have full force of law

Conflicting laws repealed.

and all existing laws or parts of laws referring to trading license in conflict with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Title of Act.

Section 2. This Act shall be known and referred to as the "Graded Act of 1928".

Capital stock.

Section 3. Capital stock when used in this connection with mercantile operation shall mean and imply all imported Dry Goods, Wares, and merchandise, exclusive of all description valued at cost prices including Customs Duty.

Sworn declaration of maximum value of stock to be filed.

Section 4. That every person, firm, or merchant, is required to file a sworn declaration of the maximum value of their stock in goods of the previous year in the Bureau of Trade and Commerce of the Treasury, and in places distant from this Central office, with the representatives of the Bureau; persons, firms and merchants, who shall begin mercantile operations newly after the publication of this Act, shall respectively file a sworn declaration of the maximum value of their stock which they intend to begin business with.

To whom shall this Act not apply.

Section 5. This Act shall not apply to any person or persons, merchant or merchants, firm or firms, who have at the beginning of the current fiscal year, paid and secured their licenses under the law hereby repealed.

Licenses on graded system.

Section 6. Licenses shall be granted on the following graded system:

- (a) Every person, firm or merchant, whose stock in goods values five thousand dollars or over shall be required to pay one hundred dollars

- per annum, including whole-sale and Retail
- (b) Every person, firm, or merchant whose stock values three thousand dollars and upwards to six thousand dollars shall be required to pay fifty dollars per annum, including whole-sale and Retail.
 - (c) Every person or person, firm or firms, whose stock in goods values two thousand dollars and upwards to three thousand dollars, shall be required to pay twenty-five dollars per annum, including whole-sale and Retail.
 - (d) Every person, firm or merchant, whose stock in goods values five hundred dollars and upwards to two thousand dollars shall be required to pay twelve dollars and fifty cents per annum including whole-sale and Retail.
 - (e) Every person, firm, or merchant, whose stock in goods, values under one hundred dollars, shall be required to get a Pedler's license, which they or he shall be required to pay six dollars per annum.

Section 7. That should any person or persons, firm or firms, be found by the Government falsifying a stock by carrying more merchandise than is declared, such action will subject the offender to a penalty of fifty dollars for the first offence, one hundred dollars for the second, and two hundred dollars for the third.

Falsifying a stock.

Penalty.

Section 8. In no case shall one license comprehend more than one business place.

One license comprehends one business place.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 28, 1928.

CHAPTER XVIII.

November 22, 1928,
S. 21.

AN ACT RELATING TO STEAM, MOTOR
BOAT OR BOATS.

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

Owners of boats to
obtain license.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, all person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations owning steam, Motor boat or boats shall pay the sum of twelve dollars each per annum, and obtain a license from the Internal Revenue Bureau agreeable with the law governing Licenses; upon failure so to do, shall be fined in the sum of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offence, cognizable before any of the Courts of this Republic as in other cases for non-payment of Licenses so made and provided.

Penalty.

When effective.

Section. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 28, 1928.

CHAPTER XIX.

JOINT RESOLUTION RETIRING JAMES H. MARSHALL OF THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL FROM ACTUAL SERVICE AND GRANTING THE SAID JAMES H. MARSHALL AN ANNUITY FOR AND DURING HIS NATURAL LIFE.

November 15, 1928
H. 14.

Whereas, James H. Marshall, Judge of the Monthly and Probate Court of the Territory of Marshall has for the last fifty-four years been in actual service of the Government, and

Preamble.

Whereas, the said James H. Marshall having at the age of eighty-two years, and on account of the failing of his health is not able to do any actual manual labour and his strength seems to fail him, and

Whereas, it is not the intention of the Government to see its Citizens who have rendered faithful services in her interest to go without consideration, therefore

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, the said James H. Marshall of the Territory of Marshall be and he is hereby retired to private life, and the President is hereby authorized to appoint a Judge in his stead for the said Territory of Marshall.

Judge James H. Marshall retired to private life

President authorized to appoint another Judge.

Section 2. That in consequence of the faithful service rendered by the said James H. Marshall for the last fifty-four years and, in consideration of his ill health, the said James H. Marshall as aforesaid is hereby granted a sum of Two hundred Dollars as an annuity during his natural life, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, under warrant of the President of Liberia, to pay over to the said James H. Marshall the sum proportionally in monthly installments out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Annuity granted.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 20, 1928.

PRIVATE ACTS
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

CHAPTER XX.

**AN ACT TO CHARTER MONROVIA COLLEGE
AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOL.**

October 25, 1928.
H. 3.

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

Section 1. That W. Sampson Brooks, presiding
Bishop of the Sixteenth Episcopal Dis-
trict of the African Methodist Episcopal
Church and President of the Board of
Trustees; Lorenz B. Graham, Secretary;
William H. Ketter, Assistant Secretary;
Allen N. Yancy; F. E. R. Johnson; S. G.
Harmon; Samuel A. Ross; W. V. S. Tub-
man; W. J. McBourrough; R. A. Sher-
man; Dixon Brown; Frank Cheno-

Trustees of Monrovia
College and Indus-
trial Training School
Incorporated.

May hold property
to the amount of
\$100,000.

weth; Mrs. Helen Curtis; Mrs. Emma Ingram; S. B. A. Campbell; S. A. Gabbidon; J. L. Miller; Cephas Acolatse; R. L. Grimes; and such persons as shall be appointed from time to time to succeed them are hereby created and constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and title of the "Trustees of Monrovia College and Industrial Training School" and henceforth shall be styled and known by that name, and by that name and style to remain and have perpetual succession, with power and authority to contract, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, to hold and purchase and convey as well as mortgage or hypothecate property, real, personal and mixed to the amount of One hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00); to have and use a common seal and after the same at pleasure, to make and alter from time to time such bye-laws as they may deem necessary for the government of said institution and its officers.

Section 2.

It is further enacted that the Home and Foreign Missionary Department of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, an incorporated institution of the State of New York in the United States of

America, its officers and Board of Trustees together with the presiding Bishop of the Sixteenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Church, is hereby constituted a Board of Trustees of Monrovia College and Industrial Training School in the United States of America acting conjointly with the Board of Liberia.

Board of Trustees in America.

Section 3.

It is further enacted that the Trustees in Liberia shall have the power to fix the time and place of their regular meeting, to elect the usual officers in such corporate bodies and to make all necessary bye-laws for the regulations of their business meetings. There shall be appointed by the President of the Board an Executive Committee consisting of five members of the Board of Trustees.

Trustees in Liberia to regulate their meetings and make bye-laws.

Executive Committee.

Section 4.

The President of the College shall be ex-officio chairman of said committee. The said committee shall supervise such affairs as pertain to the general welfare of the College, and which require special consideration during the interim of the regular meetings of the Board, except in matters of instruction and discipline or other matters that legitimately

To supervise affairs during the interim of regular meetings of the Board.

Exception.

Board of Trustees to
be divided into
three classes.

Section 5.

fall within the purview of the Faculty.

It is further enacted that there shall be twenty-one regular members of the Board of Trustees, besides the presiding Bishop hereinbefore named. The persons hereinbefore named shall constitute the first Board of Trustees and in them and their successors conjointly with the Board of Trustees in the United States of America, all power is hereby vested. The Board of Trustees in Liberia after the approval of this Act shall by lot be divided into three classes of seven each. The first class shall hold office until the first regular meeting of the Board in 1930 at which time seven persons who shall have been elected by the Liberia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church shall succeed the retiring members to hold office for three years, and in each year thereafter one class shall automatically retire to be succeeded by a new class of seven who shall have been so elected, and at no time shall less than three members of the entire Board be members of the Liberia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church nor less than fourteen members of the entire Board be members of the African

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Section 6.

It is further enacted that the Board of Trustees in America together with the presiding Bishop of the Sixteenth Episcopal District conjointly with the Board of Trustees in Liberia, and their successors shall be competent in law and equity to take to themselves in their said corporate name real, personal, or mixed estate, by gift, grant, bargain and sale, conveyance, will, devise or bequest to the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000. 00) of any person or persons whomsoever, and to place out at interest or otherwise, dispose of the same for endowment, use and support of the College, and in such manner as shall seem to be more beneficial to said institution.

Boards of Trustees to administer property.

May place out funds at interest.

Section 7.

It is further enacted that the presiding Bishop of the Sixteenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church may act for the Home and Foreign Missionary Department of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in all matters which pertain to the College as the representative of said Missionary Department, and by virtue of his office shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Trustees in Liberia.

Powers of the Presiding Bishop.

Election of the President of the College and his assistants.

Section 8.

It is further enacted that the Board of Trustees in America conjointly with the Board of Trustees in Liberia elect the President of the College on the nomination of the presiding Bishop. They shall also elect, on the nomination of the President of the College, such professors, tutors, assistants, and other officers of instruction and government of the College as they shall deem necessary; the emoluments, responsibilities, and terms of their respective offices to be fixed and determined by the Presiding Bishop of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees in Liberia and the Missionary Department.

School to be open to all youths of Liberia equally.

Section 9.

It is further enacted that Monrovia College and Industrial Training School shall be open to all the youths of Liberia equally, without respect to religion, sect, or parentage.

May establish preparatory schools.

Section 10.

It is further enacted that the Board of Trustees in America together with the Board of Trustees in Liberia together with the Presiding Bishop, shall have power to establish, organize, and or control such preparatory schools and auxiliary institution as it deems necessary.

Section 11.

It is further enacted that the Board

of Trustees in Liberia shall be empowered to confer such literary, scientific, and/or professional degrees and diplomas, regular and honorary, and further to award such certificates for proficiency in the arts, trades, and/or sciences, as are usually conferred and awarded by regular institutions of learning; provided however, that no degrees shall be conferred and no certificates shall be awarded without the recommendation of the President and Faculty of the College.

Trustees in Liberia empowered to confer degrees.

Proviso.

Section 12. It is further enacted that this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 30, 1928.

CHAPTER XXI.

AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE PENSION GRANTED THE LATE THOMAS K. BROOKS, TO HIS WIDOW THERESA E. BROOKS.

November 8, 1928.
S. 5.

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Pension granted and received by the

Pension granted
Thomas K. Brooks
transferred to Ther-
esa E. Brooks.

late Thomas K. Brooks of the County of Maryland Republic of Liberia, previous to his death, be and the same is hereby transferred to his widow Theresa E. Brooks of Maryland County during her widowhood.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER XXII.

November 8, 1928,
S. 7.

AN ACT PENSIONING CAPTAIN C. R. HENSON ORIGINALLY OF MARYLAND COUNTY BUT NOW RESIDES IN MONTSERRADO COUNTY WHO WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED IN THE WAR OF THE KROO UPRISING IN A. D. 1915, WHICH HAS UNFIT HIM FOR SERVICE MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY, AND

MISS S. E. WARNER, OF THE SETTLEMENT OF MILLSBURG, COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO WHOSE LEG WAS COMPELLED TO BE AMPUTATED ON ACCOUNT OF AN ULCER OF LONG STANDING, AND HAS (3) THREE CHILDREN, (2) TWO SONS, AND (1) ONE DAUGHTER TO PROVIDE FOR.

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, Captain C. R. Henson, now resi-

dent of Montserrado County, be and he is hereby allowed an annual pension of (\$300.00) Three hundred dollars during his natural life.

Captain C. R. Hen-
son granted Pension

Section 2. And S. E. Warner aforesaid be and is hereby allowed an annuity of (\$125.00) One hundred and twenty-five dollars during her natural life.

S. E. Warner grant-
ed Pension.

Section 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to draw for same, under warrant of the President of the Republic of Liberia out of any money or monies, in the public Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER XXIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE ANNUITY GRANTED A. V. HOUSTON NOW DECEASED, TO HER ONLY SURVIVING DAUGHTER.

November 8, 1928,
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Whereas Hannah A. Houston the only surviving daughter of the late A. V. Houston, having represented that her late mother unto whom was granted an annuity at the Session of the Legislature 1925, was received during her natural life, and

Preamble.

Whereas the daughter of the late deceased above mentioned is in real need and should be recipient during the period of her adversity of the beneficence of the Government for the services of her late father and mother, Therefore,

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

Annuity granted A. V. Houston extended to Hannah A. Houston.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution the annuity granted A. V. Houston of the County of Cape Mount, by a Joint Resolution approved January 9th, 1925, be and the same is hereby extended to Hannah A. Houston during her natural life.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER XXIV.

November 15, 1928.
S. 11.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE LIBERIA TIMES COMPANY.

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

The Liberia Times Company incorporated.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, J. Clement A. Gibson, Jr., J. Edmund Jones and such other persons as may become associated with them, their heirs and assigns be and they are hereby constituted and declared a Body Politic and Corporate under the name and style of "The Liberia Times Company" and by that name may sue and be sued,

plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; and may own, possess, and enjoy real and personal property to the value of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

May own property to the value of \$500,000.

Section 2. The purpose of the said Company shall be to establish and conduct a newspaper by the name of "The Liberia Times" and to operate a printing plant and stationery store in connection therewith; to print circulars, bulletins, pamphlets, books and other literature for the dissemination of knowledge.

Purpose of the Company

Section 3. That the said Company may do all other acts and things as are usually done by similar Corporate bodies not inconsistent with the laws of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 19, 1928.

CHAPTER XXV.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE J. N. WRIGHT AND COMPANY OF THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL AND GRANTING THEM THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE JUNK RIVER.

November 19, 1928.
H. 18.

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution the Company known as "J. N. Wright and Company" with J. N. Wright as Manager be and the same is hereby Incorporated a body politic under the name and style of the "J. N. Wright and Company", of the Territory of Marshall, Republic of Liberia

J. N. Wright and Company of Marshall Incorporated.

and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, may obtain, hold, and acquire property real and personal to the value of Five Thousand Dollars.

May hold property
to the value of
\$5,000.

Extent of place and
period of running
Ferry.

Section 2. That the said Company is hereby granted the right to run a ferry across the Junk river at its lower part near its mouth on the right and left banks of the said River, with all the rights and privileges and duties thereto belonging for a period of Ten Years. That the maximum charges shall in no case exceed the sum of Twelve Cents (\$0.12), and in no case shall Government Officials while travelling to and fro on Government duties be required to pay a fee; but in no case shall any one be prevented from crossing said river in his or her canoe or boat.

When Government
Officials shall pay
no fee.

By what boats shall
the Company convey
persons.

Section 3. That owing to the turbulent and dangerous condition of the river as aforesaid, especially at its mouth, which greatly endanger the lives of travellers, in no case shall the Company convey any person or persons across the said river at the said points, excepting by a Surf Boat, large Gig Boat or a large Canoe.

Violation of Act.

Overturning in conveyance.

Section 4. That in the event of any one crossing at the aforesaid points in any conveyance except as provided in Section Three of this Resolution by the said Company and be capsized or overturned, it shall be the duty of any Justice of the Peace of that jurisdiction

upon complaint made by the said traveller or any person interested in him to arrest the body of the Manager of the aforesaid Company or any person officiating at the time as Manager and upon due investigation to impose a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars, and not more than Fifty Dollars according to the gravity of the offense. That in case of death the party arrested shall be sent forward to the Circuit Court to be dealt with in such cases as made and provided.

Penalty

Jurisdiction of Circuit Court

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 22, 1928.

CHAPTER XXVI.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING COOK'S NO. 1. BRASS BAND OF THE SETTLEMENT OF TALLAH, GRAND CAPE MOUNT COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

November 13, 1928,
H. 10.

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, P. M. Cook, President, J. T. Moore, Vice-President, T. J. Hunter, Band-master, James Stryker, Instructor, J. R. White, Secretary, J. A. Baker, Assistant Secretary, Richard Stryker, Treasurer, James Blackledge, Collector, A. D. Jackson, Inspector, and their successors in office and other

Cook's No. 1. Brass
Band of Tallah in-
corporated.

such persons who are or may become members of the said Organization be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Cook's Number One Brass Band of Tallah, Grand Cape Mount County, Republic of Liberia, and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, before any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction. May own, possess and enjoy real and personal property to the value of Five thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) and enjoy such other rights as are enjoyed by similar bodies politic and corporate.

May own property
to the value of
\$5,000.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 19, 1928.

CHAPTER XXVII.

November 12, 1928.
H. 9.

AN ACT CHARTERING THE MISSIONARY EDUCATION CONVENTION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OF GRAND BASSA COUNTY, EXISTING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF GRAND BASSA COUNTY, IN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act Joseph T. Innis, President, Jeffrey B.

Horace, Uriah A. Potter, and Robert L. Griggs, Vice Presidents, J. D. Johnson, Secretary, W. P. L. Brumskine, J. E. Johnson and W. J. Rose, Assistant Secretaries, Mrs. C. E. Clinton, Treasurer, Jeffrey B. Horace, Mrs. M. A. King, L. M. E. Schoifield, M. E. Brooks, Hannibal L. White, U. A. Cisco, and William E. Kennedy, Trustees, together with others and their successors in office; are hereby declared and constituted a body Corporate and politic with perpetual Session in Office, by the name and style of "Methodist Episcopal Missionary and Educational Sunday School Convention" of Grand Bassa County, functioning under the powers granted by the Methodist Episcopal District Conference of Grand Bassa County, with power to hold, possess, own and enjoy real and personal property to the value of One hundred thousand dollars, (\$100,000.00) that may be acquired by purchase, bequeath, gift, endowment, or otherwise.

Methodist Episcopal
Missionary and Edu-
cational Sunday
School Convention
of Grand Bassa
County incorporat-
ed.

May hold property
to the value of
\$100,000

Section 2. And the said Sunday School Convention, or body corporate and politic shall have the power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall have the right and privilege to do all other things done by similar bodies politic and corporate.

Section 3. That the Sunday School Convention, or body Corporate is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such bye-laws and regulations for their government, and for the government of the schools and employees maintained by

them, and to do all other acts and things done by similar bodies corporate and politic that are not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 19, 1928.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

November 19, 1928.
S. 4.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE NO. 1. JUNIOR BRASS BAND COMPANY OF BREWERVILLE, LIBERIA.

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, H. Highland G. Hayes, Chairman, Jerome B. Hayes, Band-master and Inspector, Isaac R. Woods, Recording Secretary, Jesse Oliver Hayes, Financial Secretary, Joseph A. Parker, Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. H. Thomas, Treasurer, Rev. Geo. T. Wilson, Chaplain and special Fund Treasurer, Sylvester V. Parker, Jr., Band Marshall, James W. S. Bowens, Joseph Pitman Harmon, William Henry Bryant, Wayland H. Hayes, Wilkin Henry Tyler, Samuel Snyder, F. Robinson, Arthur B. Gant, Mrs. S. Jean Moort, Mrs. Matilda L. Brown, J. Thomas Brooks, Henry Clay Daniels, Henry Clements, David B. Peal, (Patrons) and such other persons who are or hereafter may become Officers and Members of this Com-

The No. 1. Junior
Brass Band Com-
pany of Brewerville
incorporated.

pany be and they are hereby Constituted and declared a body politic and Corporate under the name and style of "The No. 1. Junior Brass Band Company" of Brewerville, Liberia, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may own, hold, and possess real estate and personal property to the value of Five Thousand dollars (\$5000.00) and enjoy such other privileges as other similar bodies Corporate and politic.

May own property
to the value of
\$5,000.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 20, 1928.

CHAPTER XXIX.

AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE PENSION
GRANTED NATHAN A. WHITE, DECEASED, TO
HIS WIDOW MARTHA A. WHITE, OF THE
COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO.

November 8, 1928-
S. 1.

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage this Act, the Pension granted Nathan A. White of the County of Montserrado be and the same is hereby transferred to his widow to be received by her during her widowhood.

Pension granted
Nathan A. White
transferred to Mar-
tha A. White.

Section 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER XXX.

November 8, 1928.
S. 2.

AN ACT GRANTING TO MRS. ADA E. HAYES OF BREWERVILLE, COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO AN ANNUITY.

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

Mrs. Ada E. Hayes
granted Annuity.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Mrs. Ada E. Hayes, widow of the late J. D. Hayes of Brewerville, County of Montserrado, be and she is hereby granted an annuity of Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) said amount being an annuity her late husband received during his natural life time.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER XXXI.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING MAMBUE
KARWAR AND THOMAS CAMPBELL OF THE
CITY OF ROBERTSPORT OF THE COUNTY OF
GRAND CAPE MOUNT, OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA TO CITIZENSHIP.October 30, 1928.
S. 3.*It is resolved 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 Joint Resolution, Mambue Karwar and Thomas C. Campbell of the City of Robertsport of the County of Grand Cape Mount in the Republic of Liberia be, and they are hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship and are authorized to do any and all acts in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

Mambue Karwar
and Thomas Camp-
bell restored to
Citizenship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved November 16, 1928.

CHAPTER XXXII.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE
UNION GLASGOW COMPANY OF KRU-TOWN,
MONROVIA.October 30, 1928.
H. 2.*It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:*

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, Wonoh Matee, Manager,; Seah Juquire, Manageress; Yenneh Flah

The Union Glasgow Company of Krutown, Monrovia incorporated.

May own real estate to the value of \$2,000.

Geegbeh, Treasurer; Kleih Nyesoah, Doctor; Wreaglah, General; Yunneh-Teah, Geegbeh, Captain; V. S. Morris, Secretary; and such other persons as may hereafter become members of said Company be, and are hereby declared a body politic under the name and style "THE UNION GLASGOW COMPANY" and may by that name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of competent jurisdiction in the Republic of Liberia, may also own real estate to the value of Two Thousand Dollars, and may make byelaws and regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this Republic, and to do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intention of this organization.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1928.

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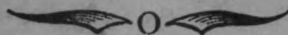
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OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Passed at their Extraordinary Session which was begun and held at the City of Monrovia, County of Montserrado, on the 27th day of November A. D. 1928 and was adjourned without day on the 30th day of November A. D. 1928.

CHAPTER I.

AN ACT TO REPEAL "AN ACT RESPECTING STORAGE REGULATIONS FOR GOODS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CUSTOMS SERVICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA" APPROVED FEBRUARY 2, 1928.

November 27, 1928
H. 1.

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, the Act entitled "An Act respect-

Storage Act of February 2, 1928 repealed.

ing Storage Regulations for goods in the Custody of the Customs Service of the Republic of Liberia" approved February 2, 1928, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Storage period:

Section 2. That the Storage period for Goods in the Custody of the Customs Service of the Republic of Liberia shall be seven days certain.

When effective:

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 29, 1928.

CHAPTER II.

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION TEN OF THE ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 22, 1914, ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE SEVERAL EXISTING ACTS RELATING TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

November 28, 1928.
S. 2.

Preamble:

Whereas, in the application of the provisions of Items 1 and 2 of Section 10, of the Act approved October 22, 1914, fixing the rate of tax on certain classes of farm lands, it has developed that at the rate of tax prescribed in the above mentioned Act, the tax on certain parcels of farm lands falls below the rate fixed by law for the Poll and Hut Tax, and

Whereas, it is only just and proper that citizens en-

joying the franchise should pay a tax equal to, or greater than, persons who do not, Therefore;

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

Section 1. That section 10 of the Act, approved October 22, 1914 entitled an Act Amending the several existing Acts relating to the Internal Revenue of the Republic of Liberia, is amended to include after the words, "And one half percentum on unimproved lands" in line eight beginning from the top of said Section 10, the words, "provided, however, that the minimum tax on any parcel of farm land, whether improved or unimproved and whether within Corporate City limits or not, shall be fixed at one dollar and twenty cents" (\$1.20).

Amendment

Section 2. That this Act shall become effective immediately and be published in hand bills.

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 29, 1928.

CHAPTER III.

AN ACT REGULATING THE ADMISSION OF
LAWYERS TO THE BAR.

Preamble

WHEREAS the rapid economic development of our Republic has brought larger investment of foreign capital into the Country; and

WHEREAS a most careful consideration should be given to our judicial administrative system, so as to properly control and direct these investments; therefore,

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

Liberian Bar
Committee.

Section 1. That for the maintenance of the high standard of efficiency set, by our worthy and sainted fathers for the Liberian Bar, from and after the passage of this Act, the power of passing upon the moral and intellectual fitness and qualification of persons applying for admission to the Legal Bar shall be vested in a Committee to be known as the Liberian Bar Committee.

Composition of
Committee.

Section 2 That the Liberian Bar Committee shall comprise of not less than 3 practitioners of law in each of the several counties of this Republic, preferably from the rank of the Counsellors at law of the Supreme Court of Liberia, the senior of whom shall be chairman.

Section 3. That the Chief Justice of the Supreme

Court of Liberia shall make appointment of the members to constitute the Liberian Bar Committee, as provided in Section 2 of this Act.

Chief Justice shall appoint members of the Committee.

Section 4. The duties of the Liberian Bar Committee shall be as follows:-

Duties of the Liberian Bar Committee.

- (a) To pass upon the moral and intellectual fitness and qualification of candidates.
- (b) To conduct the oral and written examination of candidates.
- (c) To recommend Candidates to the Bar who have satisfied them of their proficiency in the science of law and general knowledge.
- (d) To hear and determine all complaints or charges brought against Lawyers, whether practicing or not, for unprofessional or immoral conduct; their decisions and findings being subject to review only the Liberian Supreme Court on appeal.

Section 5. That 75 o/o shall be the ratio of percentage for a pass on each subject. All questions for written examination of Candidates for admission to the Bar, shall be prepared by the Local Bar Committee and presented to the candidates in the presence of the members of the Committee, and only such questions shall be presented to candidates on any one day, or at any one time, as they shall be required to answer on such day, or at such time; and the Committee shall not adjourn that day's sitting until such question as have been submitted to the candidates shall have been answered. When the examina-

How shall examinations be conducted?

To whom shall
copies of the reports
be presented.

tion shall have been concluded, the Chairman of the Local Bar Committee shall make up the report of the Committee and present one copy to the Judge of the Circuit then presiding either by assignment or Resident, and another copy with the questions and answers shall be transmitted to the Chief Justice for his information of the admittance of such persons to the Bar as practicing Lawyers, and for his approval.

Chief Justice to
endorse the report.

Section 6. That the report of the Liberian Bar Committee, upon the examination of candidates, shall not be considered final until it receives the Official endorsement of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia.

Suspension of mem-
bers of the Liberian
Bar Committee.

Section 7. The exclusive power to suspend any member of the Liberian Bar Committee, regularly appointed shall be vested in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia alone: provided, however, that such suspension shall be contingent upon recommendation of the majority of the Liberian Bar Committee.

Violation of Act by
Circuit Judge.

Section 8. That any Circuit Judge admitting applicants for admission to the Bar independent of the report of the Liberian Bar Committee, duly endorsed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 or be removed from Office, upon information properly given, by the Chief Justice to the President of the Republic of Liberia, in pursuance of the law in such case made and provided.

Penalty.

Section 9 Any law or part of laws conflicting with this Act be and the same is hereby repealed. Conflicting laws repealed.

Section 10. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in handbills. When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 30, 1928.

CHAPTER IV.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DEFRAYMENT OF EXPENSES INCIDENT TO THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

November 30, 1928.
H. 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, the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to draw under warrant of the President the sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Forty One Dollars and Ten cents (\$1,141.10) for defrayment of Expenses incident to the Extraordinary Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the Republic of Liberia.

Defrayment of expenses of the Extraordinary Session.

Section 2. That this Act shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

When effective

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 30, 1928.

CHAPTER V.

AN ACT FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, CONVÈNED NOVEMBER 27, A. D. 1928.

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

That the Extraordinary Session of the Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Republic of Liberia convened on the 27th day of November A. D. 1928 adjourn Sine Die on the 30th day of November A. D. 1928.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 30, 1928.

November 28, 1928.
H. 3.

Adjournment of the
Extraordinary Ses-
sion of the 36th
Legislature

PRIVATE ACT
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

CHAPTER VI.

AN ACT TO CHARTER THE BOOKER WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OF LIBERIA.

November 27, 1928.
S. 1.

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

Section 1. That W. O. Shephard, Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Liberia, B. W. Payne, Secretary of Public Instruction for the Republic of Liberia, ex-officio; William T. Francis, American Minister Resident at Monrovia, ex-officio; James L. Sibley, representing the American Advisory

Booker Washington Industrial and Agricultural Institute of Liberia incorporated.

Committee on Education in Liberia, ex-officio; Robert E. Campbell, Missionary Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church resident in Liberia, ex-officio; J. D. Curran, Superintendent of the Mission of the United Lutheran Church in Liberia, ex-officio; Davis, Missionary Bishop for Liberia of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, ex-officio; R. L. Embree, President of the College of West Africa, ex-officio; and C. D. B. King, of Monrovia, and their successors, together with any additional members of a Board of Trustees who may be appointed by the Resident Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Liberia, and their successors, are hereby created and constituted a Body Corporate and politic under the name and title of the "Booker Washington Industrial and Agricultural Institute of Liberia", and henceforth shall be known and styled by that name, and by that name and style to remain and have perpetual succession, with an authority to contract, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, to hold and purchase and convey as well as mortgage and hypothecate property real, personal and mixed to the amount of \$500,000; to have use of a common Seal and alter the same at pleasure; to make and alter from time to time such By-Laws as they may deem necessary for the Government of said Institution and its Officers.

May hold property
to the amount of
\$ 500,000.

Section 2. It is further enacted that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, whose present office

and principal place of business is at 150 Fifth Avenue New York City shall be vested with the property of said Institution, delegating the control and management of same to the Board of Trustees in Liberia.

In whom shall the property of said Institution be vested.

Section 3. It is further enacted that the Board of Trustees in Liberia shall have power to fix the time and place of their regular meeting, to elect the usual officers in such corporate bodies, and to make all necessary By-Laws for the Regulation of their business meetings. There shall be appointed by the President of the Board an Executive Committee from among the members of the Board of Trustees who shall have power to act for said Board under such regulations as may be determined.

Power of the Board of Trustees in Liberia.

Executive Committee.

Section 4. The said Executive Committee shall supervise such affairs as pertain to the general welfare of the Institute, and require special consideration during the interim of the regular meetings of the Board, except in matters of instruction and discipline or other matters that legitimately fall within the purview of the faculty, but any person may have the right to appeal to the Board of Trustees.

Power of Executive Committee.

Section 5. The persons hereinbefore named shall constitute the first Board of Trustees, and in them and their successors all power is hereby vested. The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve for a term of office not exceeding seven years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment, and shall hold their office until their successors are appointed.

First Board of Trustees.

Term of office.

In fixing their terms of office the resident Bishop shall see to it that as far as possible the regular terms of not more than one-third of the members shall expire during any one year.

May place out funds
at interest

Section 6. It is further enacted that the assigned Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Liberia, conjointly with the Board of Trustees in Liberia and their successors shall be competent in law and equity to take to themselves in their said corporate name real, personal, or mixed estate by gift, grant, bargain, and sale, conveyance, and will devise or bequest to the amount of \$500,000 of any person or persons whomsoever, and to place out at interest or otherwise dispose of same for endowment, use and support of the Institute and in such manner as shall seem to be most beneficial to said Institution.

Power of assigned
Bishop.

Section 7. It is further enacted that the assigned Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Liberia, representing the Board of Foreign Missions of said Church in the United States of America, shall act for the said Board of Foreign Missions, in whom shall be vested the property of this Institution, in all matters which pertain to said Institution, and by virtue of his office shall be ex-officio President of the Board of Trustees in Liberia.

Section 8. It is further enacted that the Board of Trustees in Liberia shall elect the Principal of

the Institute on the nomination of the assigned Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Liberia. They shall also elect, on the nomination of the Principal of said Institute, such professors, instructors, assistants and other officers of instruction and government as they may deem necessary; the emoluments, responsibilities and terms of their respective offices to be fixed and determined by the assigned Bishop in consultation with the Board of Trustees in Liberia or its Executive Committee.

How the Principal and Assistants shall be elected.

Section 9. It is further enacted that the Booker Washington Industrial and Agricultural Institute of Liberia shall be open to all the youths of Liberia equally without respect to religion, sect or parentage, and no sectarian test or tests shall be required of the students or of the faculty, but the Institute shall always be conducted as a definitely Christian Institution by men and women known for their Christian faith and life.

Institute shall be open to all the youths of Liberia equally.

Shall be conducted as a Christian Institution.

Section 10. It is further enacted that the Board of Trustees in Liberia shall be empowered to confer such literary, scientific, technical and professional degrees and diplomas, and further to award such certificates of proficiency in the arts, trades and sciences as are usually conferred and awarded by regular institutions of learning; provided however, that no degree shall be conferred and no certificates shall be awarded without the recommendation of the Principal and Faculty of the Institute.

Board of Trustees in Liberia empowered to confer degrees

Provide.

May establish
preparatory schools

Section 11. It is further enacted that Board of Trustees together with the assigned Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Liberia shall have power to establish, organize, support, and control such preparatory schools and auxiliary institutions as it may deem necessary from time to time.

To conduct School
in accordance with
the spirit of the
gift of the founder.

American Advisory
Board.

Section 12. It is further enacted that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America in accepting the position of Trustees for the property and management of the Institution undertakes to exert its influence to the end that the school shall be conducted as far as possible in accordance with the spirit of the gift of the founder, the late Mrs. Olivia Eggleston Phelps Stokes, and to make such provision for its support as is set forth in the terms of said gift; to provide an American Advisory Board in the United States of America which shall include representatives named by Tuskegee Institute, the Phelps Stokes Fund, the New York Colonization Society, and at least three Mission Boards doing work in Liberia, selected by the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions which Advisory Board shall always include both white and colored members, and the recommendations of said Advisory Board to be considered privileged business to be given prompt consideration by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; that it shall undertake to make this Institute its

major Institution for Agricultural and industrial training of Liberians, both Americo and Native; that the Institute under the immediate supervision of its own Principal, shall continue to be affiliated with the College of West Africa, and that whatever Board of local control may be created, there shall be invited to serve upon it as ex-officio members, in addition to the assigned Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Liberia, the Secretary of Public Instruction for Liberia, the Minister of the United States of America to Liberia, the representative of the American Advisory Committee on Education in Liberia, the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America in Liberia, representative Americo and Native Liberians, together with two or more Protestant Mission Boards working in Liberia other than the Methodist Episcopal Board-all except the ex-officio members of the Board being named by the Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in charge in Liberia,

Institute shall be affiliated with the College of West Africa.

Section 13. It is further enacted that to encourage the founding and development of this Institution, there is hereby granted out of any unoccupied and unappropriated lands of the Republic one thousand acres to be used for the benefit and sole purpose of the Institute. The sum of Five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated as an annual appropriation to assist in maintaining the Institute for a period of Ten years commencing with the year 1930,

Land granted for the benefit and sole purpose of the Institute.

Annual appropriation for ten years

said amount of Five thousand dollars to be paid annually out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated under warrant of the President for a period of Ten years, provided regular annual reports on the financial operations of the Institute be made and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia, by the President of the Institute for examination and auditing.

Proviso.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 29, 1928.

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