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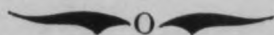
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PUBLIC ACTS
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

Passed at their Third Session which was begun and held at the City of Monrovia, County of Montserrado, the Second Monday in October A. D. 1929 and was adjourned without day on the 10th day of December A. D. 1929.

CHAPTER I.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO, AND REPEALING A PORTION OF AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT EXPENSES, PASSED AND APPROVED, OCTOBER 25, 1928 AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF MILEAGE OF THE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE OF LIBERIA.

October 25, 1929.
S. 1.

Whereas the above cited Act was originally intended to affect regularly salaried Officers and employees of the Government, and,

Preamble.

Whereas the Clerical staff and pages of the National

Legislature of Liberia, were never intended to fall under this one-twelfth payment as they are allowance Officers and employees whose service begins with the opening, and terminates with the closing of the Session of the National Legislature, therefore,

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 payment of the clerical staff and pages of the National Legislature of Liberia, shall be made in the following manner; that is to say at the convening of the Legislature, they shall receive fifty per cent. of their allowance, as per the previous budget, and at the closing of the Legislature the remaining fifty per cent., as also in keeping with the aforementioned budget.

Section 2. That the mileage of the members and officers of the National Legislature shall be paid in a lump-sum at the convening of the Legislature.

Section 3. Any law or parts of law, conflicting with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved October 30, 1929.

CHAPTER II.

AN ACT FIXING THE RATE OF PAY OF OFFICERS OF THE MILITIA WHEN CALLED INTO ACTIVE SERVICE.

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

Section I. That from and after the passage of this Act, Section 2, of the "Act Providing for Uniform and

In what manner shall the clerical staff and pages be paid.

How and when shall mileage be paid.

Conflicting law repealed.

When effective.

November 15, 1929.
H. 3.

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Pay of the Officers and soldiers of the militia of Liberia in time of War", 1924, as applies to the officers be, and the same is hereby repealed.

What part of Act repealed.

Section 2. The pay and allowances of the officers of the Militia when called into active service of the Republic shall be the same as that allowed officers of corresponding rank of the Liberian Frontier Force.

Rate of pay and allowances when called into active service.

Section 3. Officers of the Militia holding higher ranks than the commanding officer of the Liberian Frontier Force shall receive pay and allowances in the following proportion:—

Pay of officers of higher ranks than the commanding officer of the Liberian Frontier Force.

- (a) Lt. Colonels one-fifth higher than Majors
- (b) Colonels one-fourth higher than Lt. Colonels
- (c) Brig. Generals one-fourth higher than Colonels
- (d) The Major General one-third higher than Brig. Generals.

Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall not affect the rate of pay allowed officers of the Militia for attending Court-Martials, nor the pay and allowances of privates and non-commissioned officers already fixed by law.

What rate of pay and allowances not affected.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929.

CHAPTER III.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE SECOND REGIMENT OF THE LIBERIAN ARMY OF GRAND BASSA COUNTY AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE SOLDIERS OF THE THIRD BATTALION OF THE SAID REGIMENT.

November 19, 1929.
H. 7.

Whereas the various units composing the Second Regiment of the Liberian Army of Grand Bassa County in the Republic of Liberia, having been increased to a

Preamble.

ratio of about (500/0) fifty per cent. in strength above its former strength under the command of Colonel J. B. Horace, and owing to the said increase in all ranks, render it more tedious for the units composing the Third Battalion of the said Regiment to attend the Quarterly Parades in the Cities of Buchanan and Edina as fixed by law, during the months of May and August of each year, and for the reasons, the transportation of the soldiers, composing the said Battalion has become very hazardous and dangerous to their lives; Therefore,

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 units composing the Third Battalion of the Second Regiment, Liberian Militia, of Grand Bassa County, and residing in the various Wards, composing the St. John River City, and parts adjacent: Shall be exempted from parading in the Cities of Buchanan and Edina during the months of May and August annually but be compelled to parade alternately, in the Wards of Hartford and Fortsville, in the St. John River City, on the above parade days, as already fixed by law, and governing the Quarterly parades of the County of Grand Bassa, under the command of a Major, who shall be designated by the Colonel. The Officers' drill shall take place on the day preceeding the Quarterly parade as the law directs in the said Wards herein before mentioned in this Section.

Section 2. The remaining Quarterly Parades, Officers drill, monthly drills, and Court Martials dealing with delinquents, shall be continued to operate under the law already existing, and governing the various units composing the Liberian Militia of the Republic of Liberia.

This Act shall take effect immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929.

What units are
exempted from pa-
rading.

Time.

When not exempt-
ed.

Officers' drill.

Delinquents.

When effective.

CHAPTER IV.

AN ACT TO CLOSE CERTAIN PORTION OF
MCGILL STREET IN THE CITY OF HARPER,
MARYLAND COUNTY.

November 25, 1929.
S. 18.

Whereas the portion of McGill Street intersecting Marsh Street on its Northern side, and lying North 7 degrees East from the said Marsh Street as per plot of the City of Harper has never been publicly used as a part of the said McGill Street. Owing to the fact that it leads to and terminates in a certain mangro swamp, the area of land which it comprises being about five thousand square feet or forty feet by one hundred and twenty - five feet of land therefore:

Preamble.

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 all that portion of McGill Street intersecting Marsh Street that on its Northern side and lying North 7 degrees East from the said Marsh Street, as per plot of the City of Harper, the total area being 40 x 125 feet a small fraction more than one Town lot be and the same is hereby closed as part of such street and shall be a part of the public land of the Republic of Liberia.

Portion of Street
Closed

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

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CHAPTER V.

December 3, 1929.
S. 25.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPANY JOHNSON ARTILLERY TO HOLD MONTHLY PARADES IN THE SETTLEMENT OF LEXINGTON.

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

Company Johnson
Artillery shall per-
form Monthly drills

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Company Johnson Artillery of the third Regiment Second Brigade, Liberian Army Sinoe County shall perform Monthly drills in the Settlement of Lexington.

To what parades
shall this Act apply.

Section 2. That this provision shall only apply to Monthly parades and not to quarterly and other drills when the third Regiment or any unit of it is required by law or by special order to do duty, on any occasion, or for any purpose whatever.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929.

CHAPTER VI.

December 6, 1929.
H. 16.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE SETTLEMENTS OF FARMERSVILLE AND LEXINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF SINOE, IN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Preamble.

Whereas the Creek situated and lying in the County of Sinoe between the Townships of Lexington and Farmersville is rather obstructory and unfacilitating to pedestrians and common carriers; and,

Whereas it is necessary for the better enhancement of the traffic conditions of the said County that there should be constructed and built a Concrete Bridge over,

and across the said Creek between the Juncture of the Townships of Lexington and Farmersville;

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

Section 1. That the President be, and is hereby authorized to cause to be constructed and built through the Department of Public Works, a Concrete Bridge of Cement, Stones, and Iron, between the Townships of Lexington and Farmersville.

Authorization for construction of Concrete Bridge.

Section 2. That in order to facilitate the better construction of the said Bridge, the President is further authorized to send the Secretary of Public Works together with his staff of skilled workmen, in order to Survey the situation and location of the aforementioned Creek, and also to make an estimate of the approximate cost of the said Bridge, and to report the same to the President, so as to be appropriated for at the next Session of the Legislature, 1930. The cost of the said Survey shall not exceed the sum of [\$200.00] Two hundred Dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated for the fully carrying out of the said Survey, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay same under warrant of the President out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

What persons to survey the situation and location.

Appropriation for survey.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 10, 1929.

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CHAPTER VII.

November 21, 1929.
H. 10.

AN ACT LEGALIZING THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, EXCEPT IN SUCH PARTS WHERE THEY CONFLICT WITH THE ORIGINAL UNREPEALED ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND STATUTES UPON WHICH THE REVISIONS WERE MADE.

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

Revised Statutes legalized.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Volumes 1. and 2 of the Revised Statutes of the Republic of Liberia be and they are hereby adopted and legalized as the Statute Laws of this Republic to all intents and purposes, except in such parts thereof where they affect the original unrepealed Acts of the Legislature and Statutes upon which they were revised.

Exception.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929.

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CHAPTER VIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT REFERABLE TO THE ALLEGED CHARGE OF SLAVERY AND FORCED LABOUR MADE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA, AND EMPOWERING THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS THAT WILL SUCCESSFULLY AND HONOURABLY TERMINATE SAID ISSUE.

December 9, 1929.
H. 17.

Whereas the President of the Republic of Liberia in his annual Message to the National Legislature of the Republic of Liberia, having brought to its attention the fact that representations had been made to the Government of the United States of America, charging the Government of Liberia with Slave trading and Forced Labour; and,

Preamble.

Whereas, the Government of the United States of America, had brought the said charges to the notice of the Government of Liberia, through diplomatic correspondence, and to refute said charges, the President of Liberia proposed to the Government of the United States of America and the League of Nations the setting up of a Commission to compose of a member nominated by the United States Government, a member to be nominated by the League of Nations and a member to be nominated by the Government of the Republic of Liberia, in order to conclusively end such representations and charges; Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the position taken by the Executive Government in asking the League of Nations and the Government of United States of America to associate with the Government of the Republic of Liberia in investigating the charges aforementioned by a Commission as suggested, are hereby approved.

Position taken by the Executive Government approved.

Section 2. That the President of the Republic of Liberia is hereby empowered to take any further

President empowered to take actions to terminate questions involved.

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actions that will effectively terminate the questions involved and bring same to an honourable conclusion.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 12, 1929.

CHAPTER IX.

November 28, 1929.
H. 12.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT TO CREATE A SIXTH AND SEVENTH REGIMENT IN THE MILITIA OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, AND FIXING THE TIME OF PARADE OF THE TWO REGIMENTS, ALSO THAT OF THE FIRST REGIMENT.

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, Section 1, of the above mentioned Act, be amended so as to read:-

Amendment.

That the Soldiers residing in the Settlement of Johnsonville, be included in the several units forming the first regiment.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 10, 1929.

CHAPTER X.

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE REVENUE COURTS
AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE
BUSINESS HERETOFORE ENTRUSTED TO THEM:November 29, 1929.
S. 15.

Whereas the Revenue Courts established by virtue of Chapter 12 of the Acts of the Legislature of Liberia for the Year 1927-8 involve an expense upon the Government far from commensurate with the volume of business handled: and

Preamble.

Whereas it is expected that the end sought by the establishment of said Courts can as well be met by transferring the business of said Courts and another forum;

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

Section 1. That the said Chapter 12 of the Acts of 1927-8, and the same be and is hereby repealed.

Chapter 12 of Acts
of 1927-8 repealed.

Section 2 That there shall be attached to the Several Monthly and Probate Courts of this Republic a revenue division, and said division of Courts shall be charged the duties and responsibilities which heretofore devolved upon the said Revenue Courts especially as set forth in Section 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 of the Acts now repealed.

Revenue Division of
Monthly and Probate
Courts.

Section 3. That Section 5 shall, however, be so amended that in case of absent defendants so duly returned by the Sheriff, it shall be within the discretion of the Judge upon application, and proper showing, to direct the summons to be served constructively, in which event the following procedure shall substantially be followed viz: One copy of the writ of summons shall be sent by Registered mail to his last known place of residence; and should the process be *in rem* as well as *in personam* as prescribed in the Act passed and proved February 3, 1924 entitled "An Act to pre-

Amendment.

Procedure to be
followed.

How summons shall
be published.

scribe how real estate taxes shall be Collected" then one Copy thereof shall be placed upon each of the corners of the land to be levied upon, and one Copy each shall be published in the Liberia Official Gazette and any other newspaper published in or near his town for three consecutive months, or in the event there is no newspaper published in or near his vicinity, then that a copy of said Summons shall be placarded for the same period of three months in the public Streets.

Revenue Solicitors
shall be returned.

Section 4. That the Revenue Solicitors now in the Service of the Republic, shall be returned, and shall be specifically charged with the duty of prosecuting all revenue Cases as they arise, and of making reports and performing the other duties set forth in Section 7 of the Act which organized the Revenue Courts now repealed. It shall be within the discretion of the Attorney General of Liberia to assign a Revenue Solicitor to prosecute or assist in prosecuting, defend or assist in defending, the interest of the Republic, in any other case, and before any other court, when in his opinion such other duty does not interfere with those for which his office was specially created.

Salary of Judges,
Clerks and Sheriffs
increased.

Section 5. In view of the following, the salary of the Judges Clerks and Sheriffs of the Monthly and Probate Courts shall be increased in accordance with the following scales:-

Judge	Montserrado County	\$1,000.00
"	Grand Bassa County	800.00
"	Sinoe County	600.00
"	Maryland County	800.00
"	Grand Cape Mount County	600.00
Clerk	Montserrado County	550.00
"	Grand Bassa County	450.00
"	Sinoe County	400.00
"	Maryland County	450.00
"	Grand Cape Mount County	400.00
Sheriff	Montserrado County	850.00
"	Grand Bassa County	850.00
"	Sinoe County	650.00
"	Maryland County	650.00
"	Grand Cape Mount County	300.00

Section 6. That the said Monthly and Probate Courts shall hold sittings at the places where it now convenes to wit:-
In the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County. Upper Buchanan, Grand Bassa County. Greenville, Sinoe County. Harper, Maryland County. Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount County.

Where sittings shall be held.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929.

CHAPTER XI.

AN ACT PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

December 10, 1929
H. 18.

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

Section 1. That the following Sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the Government for the year 1930 to take effect from the 1st Day of January A. D. 1930 with the exception of allowances for pages of the National Legislature, which amount shall be paid them at the rate of \$40.00 each per Session.

Appropriations for expenses of the Government.

Section 2. That the unpaid salaries for the months of September and December respectively 1929 as well as the allowances of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Officers and Pages of the National Legislature, be paid immediately upon the passage of this Act as per budgetary appropriation of the year A. D. 1928-29.

What salaries and allowances must be paid immediately.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 12, 1929.

CHAPTER XII.

AN ACT CREATING A PERMANENT CLAIMS COMMISSION.

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

Claims Commission
established.

Members.

Article 1. That a permanent Claims Commission is hereby established, whose members shall be: The Secretary of the Treasury, who shall be the Chairman; The Financial Adviser, the Comptroller, and the Auditor, who shall be Secretary of the Commission.

Power and
authority.

Article 2. The permanent Claims Commission established by this law, shall have the power and authority to consider and determine the validity and amount of all claims, not already discharged, against the Republic of Liberia.

What claims must
be registered

Article 3. Within a period of six months from the publication of this Act, all claims against the Liberian Government which have arisen subsequent to September 1, 1926 and prior to the date of publication of this Act, must be registered with the permanent Claims Commission, and in event any such claims have been heretofore registered with the Secretary of State or Secretary of the Treasury, the claimant must also give notice thereof to the permanent Claims Commission, otherwise their claims shall become null and void, and of no effect and shall be forever barred.

Effect of non-regis-
tration.

Period for registra-
tion.

Article 4. From and after the date of publication of this Act, all claims founded upon the constitution of Liberia or any laws of its Legislature, upon any regulation or Executive Order, upon any contract expressed or implied with the Liberian Government, or for damages, liquidated or unliquidated in cases not sounding in tort, must be filed and registered with the permanent Claims Commission within a period of three years of the date that the claims arose, or right of action accrued, otherwise such claims shall become

null and void and the prosecution thereof against the Liberian Government shall forever be barred.]

Article 5. The permanent Claims Commission, created by this Act shall have full power to hear and decide, and its decision shall be final in the following:-

In what cases shall its decision be final.

a — The validity and amount of any and all claims against the Government of the classes set forth in the preceeding paragraph of this Act; and

b — All set offs and counter-claims liquidated or unliquidated or other demands whatsoever of the Government against the claimant against the Government. Any final decision against the claimant of any claims prosecuted as provided in this Act, shall forever bar any further claim or demand against the Republic of Liberia arising out of the matters involved in the controversy.]

Article 6. No claimant shall file or prosecute before this permanent Claims Commission any claim which he or any assignee of his has heretofore prosecuted in any Court of Liberia, unless such Court has not rendered decision and the claimant, on Order of the Court, has transferred jurisdiction of the claim to the Claims Commission; provided further that from and after the the publication of this Act, the permanent Claims Commission shall have original jurisdiction over all claims arising against the Government and coming within the purview of this Act.

Procedure as to claims prosecuted in any Court of Liberia.

Original jurisdiction.

Article 7. The Claims Commission is empowered to direct claimants to appear for examination regarding their claims, and the evidence taken shall be reduced to writing. Should a claimant neglect or refuses to be examined with regard to his claims, the Claims Commission may decline to take further action thereon in its discretion, or declares that the claim is disapproved for lack of evidence, which decision shall forever bar the claimant from prosecuting further action against the Republic of Liberia.]

Examination of claimants.

Effect of neglect or refusal to be examined.

Section II.

Article 1. The permanent Claims Commission,

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Place and time
of regular session

established by virtue of this Act, shall meet in regular session for the consideration of such claims against the Government as may come before it, in the Treasury Department, on the first legal working day of each quarter. Such regular session of the Claims Commission, may be prolonged from day to day at its discretion.

No additional
compensation.

Article 2. Members of the Claims Commission shall serve as such without additional compensation to that regularly provided in the Budget Law for the respective positions held by its members.

Travelling and
incidental expenses
authorized.

Article 3. Travelling expenses and expenses in connection with the purchase of stationery and supplies incidental to the needs of the Claims Commission, are hereby authorized and payable from available Contingent funds of the Treasury.

Each claim to
be recorded and
filed

Article 4. The Secretary of the Claims Commission shall record and file each claim together with all supporting papers and documents in numerical order as received.

What papers or
books shall become
the property of the
Government.

Article 5. Claims supporting documents, books, or other papers shall become the property of the Government, and shall be kept in the permanent files of the Commission, provided, however, that private books of accounts may be returned to the claimant after the Secretary of the Claims Commission has verified a transcript of such entries therein as pertain to claims pending before the Claims Commission.

Proviso.

May call upon Heads
of Departments for
papers, books and
documents or certi-
fied copies.

Article 6. The Claims Commission is authorized and empowered to call upon Heads of Departments of the Government for papers, books and documents, or certified copies thereof, in their official files concerning pending claims. Heads of Departments of the Government are directed to forward to the Claims Commission the records of any claim or claims pending in their official files, and moreover to supply from their files such papers, books, and documents or certified copies thereof, concerning claims, as may be re-

quired from time by the Claims Commission in its investigation and examination of claims.

Article 7. The Claims Commission is authorized and shall have the power to formulate rules for its procedure in consideration of claims; provided, however, that oral evidence in regard to validity of claims taken before the Claims Commission must be reduced to writing. In admission of proof and evidence, the Claims Commission shall be governed by the usual rules of evidence, and shall be sole judge in regard to the admissibility, or irrelevancy of evidence.

Power to formulate rules.

Proviso.

To be governed by the usual rules of evidence.

Article 8. The Claims Commission is authorized to call upon the Attorney General for legal opinions and upon any and all officials of Government, for information or evidence which may be in their official files, or with in their knowledge.

May call upon Attorney General for legal opinions and other officials of Government for information.

Article 9. All Claims against the Government shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury as Chairman of the Commission, with a request for their registration with the Claims Commission. The Claims Commission shall at its next Session determine whether or not the bill is of a nature that comes within its jurisdiction, and if found to be such, it shall be registered by the Claims Commission and the claimant notified accordingly.

To whom shall claims be addressed.

Determination of jurisdiction.

Article 10. The terms of Executive Order No. 1-f, dated November 12, 1928, are hereby confirmed; and the decisions made by the Claims Commission created by that Executive Order are confirmed; provided further that all books, records, and papers of the said Claims Commission shall be transferred to the permanent Claims Commission established by this Act, for its custody and preservation.

Terms of Executive Order No. 1-f, of November 12, 1928, confirmed.

Proviso.

Article 11. All laws, or parts of laws, orders regulations, to the contrary are hereby repealed as of the date of the publication of this Act.

Conflicting laws repealed.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 10, 1929.

CHAPTER XIII.

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 AN ACT REVISING AND AMENDING AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED NOVEMBER 28, 1928, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REPEAL ALL EXISTING ACTS REGULATING DRY GOODS LICENSES, AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A SYSTEM OF GRADED LICENSES.

December 9, 1929,
 S. 26.

Preamble

Whereas the Act of the Legislature Approved November 28, 1928 providing for a system of Graded Licenses requires amplification in order to provide fully for all its purposes, Therefore:

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

Conflicting laws repealed.

Section 1. That this Act shall have full force of law and all existing laws and parts of laws referring to dry goods trading licenses in conflict with any of the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed.

Title

Section 2. This Act shall be known as the Graded Dry Goods Licenses Act of 1929.

Capital Stock.

Section 3. The term "Capital Stock" for the purpose of this Act when used in connection with mercantile operations shall mean and imply all dry goods, wares and merchandise, exclusive of all liquors and alcoholic beverages, whether imported or not, at cost price including Customs duty if any.

Sworn declaration to be filed.

Section 4. That every person, firm or merchant is required to file a Sworn declaration of the maximum value of their Capital Stock in goods of the previous Year in the Bureau of Internal Revenue, in the principal office of the County or Territory in which mercantile operations are conducted, not later than the last day of September of each year, provided, however, that a person, firm, or merchant commencing mercantile operations at any time after the first day of October

Time.

Proviso.

shall file a Sworn declaration of the maximum value of their capital stock in goods with which they intend to commence business.

Section 5. Dry Goods Trading Licenses shall hereinafter be granted and issued on a graded bases as follows:-

Graded bases of Licenses.

Grade A. When the Capital Stock in goods is valued at five thousand dollars [\$5,000.00] and not over ten thousand dollars.

Grade B. When the Capital Stock in goods is over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)

Grade C. When the Capital Stock in goods is valued at four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) and under five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)

Grade D. When the Capital Stock in goods is valued at three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) and under four thousand dollars [\$4,000.00]

Grade E. When the Capital Stock in goods is valued at two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and under three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)

Grade F. When the Capital Stock in goods is valued at One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and under two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)

Grade G. When the Capital Stock in goods is valued at five hundred dollars, (\$500.00) and under One thousand dollars, (\$1,000.00)

Grade H. When the Capital Stock in goods is valued under five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and this grade shall include all peddlers licenses.

Section 6. The Annual license for each of the several dry goods Trading license described and graded in Section 5 of this Act, shall be

Cost of licenses.

For all licenses Graded A.	\$100.00
For all licenses Graded B.	“ 3.00 per thousand for every additional thousand dollars over ten thou- sand dollars.

For all licenses Graded C.	\$75.00
For all licenses Graded D.	“ 50.00

For all licenses Graded E. \$37.00
 For all licenses Graded F. 25.00
 For all licenses Graded G. 12.50
 For all licenses Graded H. 6.00

Section 7. Except as provided in Section 8 of this Act, all Dry Goods Trading Licenses issued in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be issued annually, and on the first day of October of each year. Should any person, firm, or merchant fail to apply and take out licenses in keeping with the provisions of this Act, he, it or they shall be punished by a fine of ten Percentum of the amount due for such license, calculated upon the basis of the rate and grade per annum as provided by the Revenue Division of the Monthly and Probate Court of the County in which the person, firm, or merchant is to be assessed in addition to the regular license imposed by this Act.

Section 8. Any person, firm, or merchant commencing mercantile operations after the last day of October shall after having complied with provisions of Section 4 this Act, be granted a dry goods license for the balance of the fiscal year during which license is issued provided, however, that the fee for such license shall be in an amount in proportion to the annual fee prescribed herein as there are months remaining in the fiscal year for which such license is issued, and provided, further that all fractions of a month shall be considered as a full month and license fee collected accordingly.

Section 9. That all dry goods trading licenses issued in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be understood to permit the holder thereof to engage in both retail and wholesale transactions.

Section 10. In no case shall one license, issued in accordance with the provisions of this Act, comprehend more than one place of business.

Section 11. The Government shall have the right to any time ascertain through the Treasury Department, the stock of any person, firm, or merchant carrying on mercantile business within the limits of the Republic.

Time of issuance
of Licenses.

Penalty for violation

When license may
be granted for balance
of the fiscal
year.

Proviso.

May engage in
retail and wholesale
transactions.

One license for
each place of business.

Government may
ascertain stock at
any time.

Section 12. Any person, firm, or merchant who makes a false declaration of the maximum value of their Capital Stock in goods, shall upon conviction before the Revenue Division of the Monthly and Probate Court, or any other Court having Competent jurisdiction, be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00.)

False declaration.

Penalty.

Section 13. This Act shall become effective immediately and be published in hand bills.

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 12, 1929.

CHAPTER XIV:

AN ACT FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE 3RD. SESSION OF THE 36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, A. D. 1929.

December 4, 1929.
H. 14.

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 3rd. Session of the 36th Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn Sine Die on the 10th day of December A. D. 1929.

Adjournment of 3rd Session of the 36th Legislature.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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PRIVATE ACTS
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
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CHAPTER XV.

October 28 1929.
S. 3.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT
TO INCORPORATE THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF ROBERTSPORT, IN THE TERRITORY
OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT PASSED AND APPROV-
ED JANUARY 21, A. D. 1919.

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

Amendmen :

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act,
the Act of the Legislature passed and approved January 21,
A. D. 1919 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Protestant
Episcopal Church of Robertsport in the Territory of Grand
Cape Mount," be so amended as to be entitled and known
as "An Act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal
Church in the County of Grand Cape Mount."

Amendment.

Section 2. That lines five and six of Section
one of the above mentioned Act be so amended as
to read Saint John's Parish (Irving Memorial.)

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 6, 1929

CHAPTER XVI.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING MOSES EARLY OF THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE FARMINGTON RIVER, BETWEEN THE SETTLEMENTS OF OWENS—GROVE AND MOUNT OLIVE.

November 9, 1929.
H. 1.

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

Section 1. That the said Moses Early of the Territory of Marshall be and he is hereby granted the right to run a Ferry across the waters known as the Farmington River in the Territory of Marshall, at the points between the Settlements of Owens—Grove and Mount Olive, with all the rights and duties thereto appertaining for the period of ten (10) years.

Moses Early granted right to run a Ferry.

Place.

The maximum charges of crossing shall in no case exceed the sum of eight cents (\$0.08.)

Section 2. Nothing in this Joint Resolution shall be so construed as to prevent persons from crossing in their own canoes or boats, and in no case shall Government Officials or other persons in Government employ be required to pay a fee whilst going to and fro on Government duties.

Government transportation free.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 19, 1929.

CHAPTER XVII.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE TAYLOR'S JAZZ HOUNDS NO. 1. OF THE COMMONWEALTH DISTRICT OF MONROVIA, MONTSEERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

November 12, 1929
S. 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

Taylor's Jazz Hounds
No. 1. incorporated.

passage of this Act C. H. Taylor, President; Annie J. Taylor, Lady President and Treasurer; W. B. Morris Secretary and Pianist; James Roberts, Director and Violinist, Samuel T. Taylor Assistant Director; R. S. D. Smallwood, Solicitor; Reuben Logan, Johnny Taylor, C. H. Taylor Jr., A. E. J. Tomlinson, Robertson Roberts and Alfred Russ Officers and Members and such other persons who are or may become Officers and Members of the said Organization be and hereby constituted and declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of the Taylor's Jazz Hounds No. 1. of the Commonwealth District of Monrovia, County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic, having competent Jurisdiction, may own, possess and enjoy real and personal property to the value of Six Thousand Dollars and enjoy such other rights and privileges as are enjoyed by similar bodies corporate and politic.

May own property to
the value of \$3,000.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 19, 1929.

CHAPTER XVII.

November 19, 1929
H. 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION COMPENSATING A. V. D. FREEMAN FOR THE LOSS OF HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS IN THE UPRISING OF THE GEE-BEE-GHOR TRIBES OF THE BASSA SECTION.

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

A. V. D. Freeman
to be compensated.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Joint Resolution, A. V. D. Freeman, of the County of Montserrado, be compensated in the sum of Four Hundred and Thirty-six dollars (\$436.00) for the loss of his personal belongings caused by the uprising of the Gee-Bee-Ghor Tribes of the Bassa Section, in which

he was attacked and seriously wounded whilst serving as Provisory Commissioner and Tax Collector, appointed by His Excellency C. D. B. King.

Section 2. And that the Secretary of the Treasury 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 December 10, 1919.

CHAPTER XIX.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND TO THE OFFICERS OF THE MISSIONARY EDUCATIONAL 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.

November 20, 1929
H. 9.

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 (100) one hundred acres of Public land in the Benson River Section of the County of Grand Bassa, and the Republic of Liberia, be, and the same is hereby granted to the Sunday School Convention above named, and to their successors in office for educational and Missionary purposes.

Missionary Educational Convention of the M. E. Sunday School of Grand Bassa County granted one hundred acres of land.

Section 2. That the President of this Republic be, and is hereby authorized to grant a deed for (100) one hundred acres of Public land to the above mentioned officers of the aforesaid Convention in the Benson River Section of Grand Bassa County, and

President to grant deed.

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the Republic of Liberia, under the terms, and for the purposes named in Section 1 of this Joint Resolution out of any Public lands in the aforementioned Section of the County aforesaid, not otherwise appropriated.

Shall revert to the when Government abandoned.

Section 3. That the said President, Trustees and other officers of the said Convention and their successors in office shall possess and hold the aforementioned tract of land as long as the said land is used for the purposes herein set forth, and when the said land ceases to be used legitimately, as herein set forth, said land shall automatically revert to the Government. The said Convention shall pay the expenses of the Survey of the said parcel of land.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

CHAPTER XX.

AN ACT TO GRANT ONE HALF ACRE OF PUBLIC LAND TO SAINT JOHN PARISH (IRVING MEMORIAL) IN THE COUNTY OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT.

October 28, 1929.
S. 2.

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

Saint John Parish (Irving Memorial) granted one half acre of land.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Saint John Parish (Irving Memorial) of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the County of Grand Cape Mount, Republic of Liberia, be granted one half acre of Public land to be used as a Cemetery for burying their dead.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 6, 1930.

CHAPTER XXI.

AN ACT GRANTING A FERRY FRANCHISE TO RICHARD S. WILES ACROSS THE POO AND LITTLE CAPE MOUNT OR LAFFA RIVER.

November 4, 1929.
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 immediately after the passage of this Act Richard S. Wiles and such other persons as may be associated with him, his and their heirs assigns and successors, are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of Richard S. Wiles Ferries Limited, and by that name, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Richard S. Wiles
Ferries Limited
incorporated.

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

May own property
to the value of
\$50,000.

Section 3. It is further enacted that R. S. Wiles Ferries Limited shall also have the right to run one ferry across the Poo River in the Settlement of Royesville Montserrado County from Zolu on the right bank to Momojah on the left bank of the same. Richard S. Wiles Ferries Limited shall also have the right to run across the little Cape Mount or Loffa River from Manjah on the right bank to Dammarah on the left bank.

Extent of running
ferry.

Section 4. The life of this franchise shall be twenty-five years.

Life of franchise.

Section 5. R. S. Wiles Ferries Limited shall keep at each ferry established a sufficient number of boats or canoes subject to all times and hours to the need of travelers. This grant shall not be construed

Shall keep sufficient
boats.

as to prevent any person or persons from crossing in their own conveyance.

Section 6. All Government ferriage shall be given preference and shall be done free of charge.

Section 7. The rate of ferriage shall not exceed twelve (12) cents for each person crossed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

CHAPTER XXII.

AN ACT GRANTING A FERRY FRANCHISE TO DOUGHBA CARMO CARANDA AND HEIRS OF THE SETTLEMENT OF VIRGINIA, MONTERRADO COUNTY, ACROSS THE SAINT PAUL'S RIVER AT THE POINTS KNOWN AS THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH WHARF VIRGINIA; AND OPPOSITE SAID WHARF IN THE SETTLEMENT OF CALDWELL, MONTERRADO COUNTY.

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, Doughba Carmo Caranda and heirs, be, and they are hereby granted the right to run and operate a ferry across the Saint Paul's River, at the points known as the Shiloh Baptist Church Wharf, Virginia, and opposite said Wharf, in the settlement of Caldwell, Monterrado County, for the period of ten (10) consecutive years with further privilege of another ten (10) years, as from date of grant.

Section 2. That the said Doughba Carmo Caranda and heirs, shall maintain regularly a service of satisfaction and safety in promptness and craft to the public. Government Officials and baggages free of charge.

Government ferriage free.

November 26, 1929.
S. 10.

Doughba Carmo Caranda and heirs granted Ferry franchise.

Place.

Government transportation free

Section 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to in any wise prevent private persons the use of their own canoes or boats crossing between said points for personal convenience.

Section 4. That the maximum charges for each person being crossed, by said Ferry, as above granted shall be twelve cents and no more.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929.

CHAPTER XXIII.

AN ACT TO IMBURSE S. T. NIMMO GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR, MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

November 25, 1929,
S. 11.

Whereas S. T. Nimmo, Government Surveyor for Montserrado County was engaged by the Government to do professional services in the year 1927 in plotting the Cities of Greenville, Farmersville, Lexington Louisiana, which engagement the said S. T. Nimmo, Government Surveyor for the County of Montserrado did perform and made copies of the plots for the places mentioned above in the County of Sinoe and it satisfactorily appearing that the said S. T. Nimmo, Government Surveyor for Montserrado County received only fifty dollars against his charge of four hundred and eighty dollars leaving a balance due the Government Surveyor above named; Therefore.

Preamble.

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

Section 1. That S. T. Nimmo Government Surveyor for the County of Montserrado be imbursed in the sum of four hundred and thirty dollars being balance due him for professional services out of any monies in the Public Treasury not otherwise appropriated and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised to draw for same under warrant of the President.

S. T. Nimmo to
be imbursed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929.

CHAPTER XXIV.

November 28, 1929.
S. 28.

AN ACT TRANSFERRING A PORTION OF THE PENSION GRANTED THE LATE JOSEPH ALEXANDER STEWART TO HIS WIDOW VERSA A. STEWART DURING HER WIDOWHOOD AND ALICE, SAMUEL EDWARD AND NELLIS ETTA STEWART DURING THE YEARS OF THEIR MINORITY.

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

Portion of pension of Joseph A. Stewart transferred to Versa A., Alice, Samuel Edward, and Nellis Etta Stewart.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act three hundred dollars (\$300.00) of the pension granted to and received by the late Joseph A. Stewart of the County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia be, and same is hereby transferred to his widow, Versa A. Stewart and his three (3) children Alice, Samuel Edward, and Nellis Etta during the widow's natural widowhood, and until the children come to the age of maturity.

Section 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is 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 December 9, 1929.

CHAPTER XXV.

November 19, 1929.
S. 5.

AN ACT RESTORING T. V. SMITH AND L. M. FERGUSON OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA OF THE COUNTY OF MONTSEERRADO OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO CITIZENSHIP

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 T. V. Smith convicted of the Crime of

Forgery and uttering a Forged Instrument, and L. M. Ferguson convicted of the Crime of Forgery, of the City of Monrovia of the County of Montserrado in the Republic of Liberia be, and are hereby restored to all rights and privileges of Citizenship, and authorized to do all acts in common with all good citizens of this Republic.

T. V. Smith and L. M. Ferguson restored to citizenship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929.

CHAPTER XXVI.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING TRY BEST COMPANY NO. 5 OF BIGTOWN, CAPE PALMAS, MARYLAND COUNTY.

November 18, 1929.
H 5.

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, Budu Hne, Manager; Kwee, Assistant Manager; Gla Gyude, Secretary; Keda Do, Treasurer; Sobo Wade, Manageress; Wese Wodooe, Assistant Manageress; Pe Sie, Doctor; Namlo Budu, Advisor; Dum-mude Twee, Collector; Bedo Tiba, Dumu Sudobla, Gbuo Keda, Nyeba Hne, and all other members as well as those who may hereafter become connected therewith be and the same are hereby declared a Body Politic and Corporate under the name and Style of "Try Best Company No. 5 of Bigtown" Cape Palmas, Maryland County.

Try Best Company
No. 5. of Bigtown
incorporated.

Section 2. That the said "Try Best Company No. 5" may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any of the Courts of this Republic having competent Jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal property to the value of

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

One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and, like similar bodies corporate, shall enjoy all the rights and privileges in law and equity, and do other acts and things not repugnant to the laws of the Republic of Liberia.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929.

CHAPTER XXVII.

November 17, 1929.
H. 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING GREBO MUSICAL ASSOCIATION NO. 1. OF BIGTOWN CAPE PALMAS, MARYLAND COUNTY.

Preamble.

Whereas the spirit of unification has been made to be realised by the mixed population of Liberia; and.

Whereas the Greboes, reducing themselves to a social organization, desire through this medium to record their inflexible allegiance and Loyalty to the Government; and

Whereas they have petitioned the National Legislature to be incorporated into a political association; therefore

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

Grebo Musical
Association No. 1.
of Bigtown incor-
porated.

Section 1. That from and after and the passage of this Joint Resolution Gbawa Himie, Manager; Kedads Hodo, Assistant Manager; Ba Wea, Secretary; Dowe Nyabo, Treasurer; Nysue Wede, Manageress; Ba Hne — anyone, Assistant Manageress; Nasowe, Doctor; Tia Keda, Advisor; Gbudi Nmade, female Treasurer; Tumu Hedoo, female Collector; Blio Wode, Dowedo Blanye, Tidi Gyedo, Yapo Gbo and all other members as well as those who may hereafter become connected therewith be and the same are hereby declared a Body Politic and corporate under the name and style of "Grebo Musical Association No. 1. of Bigtown, Cape Palmas, Maryland County.

Section 2. That the said "Grebo Musical Association No 1. may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, and shall be allowed to acquire and hold real and personal property to the value of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and, like similar bodies corporate, shall enjoy all the rights and privileges in law and equity, and do other acts and things not repugnant to the laws of the Republic of Liberia.

May hold property to the value of \$1,000.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

AN ACT GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO S. E. McCAREY, SON AND COMPANY LTD., AT THE EXTREME END OF THE ST. PAUL RIVER BAR MOUTH.

November 4, 1929.
S. 6.

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, S. E. McCarey Son and Company Limited, his and their heirs, assigns and successors are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of S. E. McCarey Son and Company Limited, and by this name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

S. E. McCarey, Son and Company, Ltd., incorporated.

Section 2. The said corporation may own real and personal property to the value of Fifty thousand Dollars and do any legal Act necessary to effect its object and purposes and enjoy all powers granted similar bodies corporate.

May own property to the value of \$50,000.

Section 3. It is further enacted that S. E. McCarey, Son and Company Limited shall have the right to run a ferry across the extreme end of St.

Have right to run a ferry.

Place,

Paul River Bar Mouth, from the right bank to the left bank of same.

Section 4. The life of this franchise shall be ten years.

Shall keep a sufficient number of boats or canoes.

Section 5. S. E. McCarey Son and Company Limited, shall keep a sufficient number of boats or canoes, subject at all times and hours to the need of travelers. This grant shall not be construed as to prevent any person or persons from crossing in their own conveyance.

Government ferriage free.

Section 6. All Government ferriage shall be given preference and shall be done free of charge.

Section 7. The rate of ferriage shall not exceed twelve (12) cents, for each person crossed.

Any law to contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

CHAPTER XXIX.

November 27, 1929.
S. 21.

AN ACT GRANTING A FERRY FRANCHISE TO J. C. JOHNS AND COMPANY LTD. ROBERTSPORT, ON THE MARFAK RIVER FROM THE TOWN OF SEWELOR ON THE LEFT BANK TO THE CITY OF ROBERTSPORT AND FROM WIEMAH POINT, ON BENSON LAKE TO GOMER'S POINT IN ROBERTSPORT.

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

J. C. Johns and Company, Ltd., incorporated.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act J. C. Johns and Company Limited, his and their heirs and assigns are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of J. C. Johns and Company Limited, and by this name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

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

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

Section 3. It is further enacted that J. C Johns and Company Ltd., shall have the right to run one Ferry from the Town of Sewelor on the left bank of the Marfar River of the City of Robertsport and from Wiemah point on Benson lake of Gomer's point in Robertsport.

Shall have right to run a ferry

Place.

Section 4. The life of this franchise shall be twenty years.

Section 5. J. C. Johns and Company Ltd., shall keep at each ferry established a sufficient number of boats or canoes subject at all times and hours to the need of travelers. This grant shall not be construed as to prevent any person or persons from crossing in their own conveyance.

Shall keep a sufficient number of boats or canoes.

Section 6. All Government ferriage shall be given preference and shall be done free of charge.

Government ferriage free.

Section 7. The rate of ferriage shall not exceed (36) thirty-six cents for each person crossed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 9, 1929

CHAPTER XXX.

November 8, 1929,
S. 28.

AN ACT RESTORING STANLEY C. CLARKE OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO CITIZENSHIP

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

Stanley C. Clarke
restored to citizen-
ship.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, Stanley C. Clarke of Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship in common with all other good citizens of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 19, 1929.

CHAPTER XXXI.

November 25, 1929
S. 17.

AN ACT TO GRANT THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND TO THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL MISSION IN SANIQUELLIE DISTRICT NUMBER THREE LIBERIAN HINTERLAND.

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

M. E. Mission in
Saniquellie granted
three hundred and
twenty acres of
land.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Methodist Episcopal Mission at Ganta in Saniquellie district number three, Liberian Hinterland, be granted three hundred and twenty acres of Public land to be used for Missionary purpose.

Section 2. That the Methodist Episcopal Mission at Ganta in Saniquellie district number three, shall

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possess, and hold the aforementioned acres of land as long as the said land is used for the purpose herein set forth. When the said land ceases to be used for the purpose named in this Act, said land with all the improvements thereon shall revert to the Republic of Liberia. The said Methodist Episcopal Mission shall pay the expenses for survey of said parcel of land.

Shall revert to the Republic when abandoned.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 10, 1929.

CHAPTER XXXII.

AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE PENSION GRANTED TO NATHAN A. WHITE DECEASED TO HIS WIDOW MARTHA A. WHITE OF THE COUNTY OF MONT-SERRADO, TO THEIR SON ISAAC WHITE OF THE AFORESAID COUNTY.

November 25, 1929
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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 Nathan A. White, deceased, and from him transferred to his widow Martha A. White of the County of Montserrado, be, and the same is hereby transferred to their son Isaac White to be received by him during his minority.

Pension granted
Nathan A. White
transferred from
his widow to
Isaac 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 December 9, 1929.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING TO JOSEPHINE HUGHES HEIRESS OF THE LATE J. H. HUGHES, GRAND BASSA COUNTY AN ANNUITY.

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, Josephine Hughes heiress of the late J. H. Hughes of Grand Bassa County, be and is hereby granted an Annuity of \$150.00 (one hundred and fifty Dollars), said amount being the pension granted her late father before his death.

Section 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury, under warrant of the President of Liberia be and 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 December 10, 1929.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE SPRING HILL BRASS BAND HALF GRAWAY, CAPE PALMAS, MARYLAND COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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 John G. Howe, Manager; O. H. Shannon, Assistant Manager; M. P. K. Killen, Chaplain; N. H. Hammond, Band Master; Edwin Y. Harris, Inspector; and all persons who are or hereafter become Officers and Members of this Brass Band be and the same are hereby constituted and declared a body politic and Corporate under the name and style of the Spring Hill Brass Band, Half Graway, Cape Palmas, Maryland County, Republic of Liberia; and

November 14, 1929.
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Josephine Hughes
granted Annuity.

December 3, 1929.
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Spring Hill Brass
Band of Half Graway
incorporated.

by this name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any of the Courts of Liberia having competent jurisdiction; may own, hold and possess real and personal property to the value of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), and enjoy such other rights and privileges as similar bodies corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 10, 1929.

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

CHAPTER XXXV.

JOINT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE DIAMOND MUSICAL AND SOCIAL BRASS BAND OF FORTSVILLE, SAINT JOHN RIVER CITY, GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

November 27 1929.
H. 13.

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, Joseph L. Reeves, Manager; Mascon S. Hall, Band Master; Joseph F. Barnard, Assistant Band Master; James T. Roberts, Secretary; Josiah C. Reeves, Treasurer; Joshua A. Winkey, Drum Major; Samuel Snyder, Conductor; Arthur Hall, H. C. Barnard, H. C. Reeves, James T. Forte, Nathaniel Anderson, and such other persons who are or may hereafter become members of this Band, together with their successors in office, be, and they are hereby declared and constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the "Diamond Musical and Social Brass Band" of Fortsville, Saint John River City, Grand Bassa County, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may own, hold, and possess real and personal property to the value of (\$2,000.00) Two thousand dollars and to enjoy such other rights and privileges as all other similar bodies corporate and politic.

Diamond Musical
and Social Brass
Band of Fortsville
incorporated.

May own property
to the value of \$2
000.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 10, 1929.

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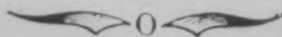
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CHAPTER I.

AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACT LABOUR RECRUITED FOR SERVICE OVERSEAS.

December 11, 1930
S. 6.

Whereas, the recruiting of labourers for service overseas under contract has been the cause of many abuses; and

Preamble.

Whereas in the interest of the national economy it is urgently requisite that such recruiting be prohibited, therefore

Who shall be prohibited from the recruitment of labourers overseas.

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 it shall be illegal for any person or

persons, firm or corporation to recruit, or cause to be recruited within this Republic, any labourer or labourers for service at any place Country or Territory without the territories of this Republic.

Section 2. It shall be illegal for any official of this Government to issue license or otherwise give authorisation for the recruiting of any labourer or labourers for service overseas.

No license issued for recruitment of labourers.

Section 3. It shall be illegal for any citizen of this Republic or any person resident therein to enter into contracts for the recruitment of Liberian labourers for service overseas or to act as the Agent or Agents of any person or persons so contracting.

Contracts for the recruitment of labourers prohibited.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall not apply to stevedores or ship labourers who engage service on board mercantile vessels

Act shall not apply to stevedores or ship labourers.

Section 5. Any person or persons who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine in a sum not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars or be imprisoned for a period not exceeding one year.

Penalty.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 15, 1930.

CHAPTER II.

December 11, 1930
S. 5.

AN ACT AUTHORISING THE REORGANISATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HINTERLAND AND PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS.

Preamble.

Whereas is it desirable in order to secure reorganisation in the Hinterland and administration, and the improvement, development and social progress of the inhabitants of the native Districts of the Republic, and

Whereas the Legislature is of opinion that this can best be secured by the employment of foreign expert assistance, therefore

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 President of Liberia be and he is hereby authorised to engage for service in the Liberian Hinterland Administration two persons of American or European Nationality and certified experience in the administration of tropical territories who shall by the President be appointed Commissioners, and who under the immediate direction of the President of Liberia, shall upon their appointment be charged with the supervision and direction of the Hinterland administration. The President shall by Executive order prescribe the territorial limits of each Commissioner's jurisdiction.

Who shall be engaged for service in the Hinterland.

Section 2. The Commissioners shall cooperate in studying and surveying existing laws and regulations relating to the native Administration as well as tribal laws, and in collecting available information and useful data with a view to preparing a scheme of Hinterland reorganisation and administration.

Co-operation of Commissioners.

Section 3. The Commissioners shall submit to the President of Liberia within six months after their appointment a joint report on the Hinterland administration together with such recommendations as may in their judgment be requisite to securing the welfare of the population, their progress in the arts of civilisation and their social and economic betterment. These recommendations shall be submitted to the Legislature for enactment into law but pending such Legislative action, the President shall be authorised by Executive order to put into effect such of them as shall not be in conflict with the Constitution of the Republic. All Executive Orders issued in pursuance of this section shall have the force of law unless disapproved by the Legislature.

To whom reports shall be made and when.

Executive Orders.

Section 4. The Officials engaged and appointed

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Salary of each
Official.

under the provisions of this Act shall each receive a salary to be fixed by the President in a sum not to exceed \$4,000.00 per annum, and allowance also to be fixed by the President which shall not exceed the sum of \$1,500.00 per annum.

When effective,

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 15, 1930.

CHAPTER III.

December 17, 1930
S. 7.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE PAWNING SYSTEM.

Preamble.

Whereas it has been brought to the attention of the Legislature of Liberia that the President of this Republic yielding to Chieftains of the Interior in a Council held with them at Suehn, issued regulations dated August 1923 which regulation *inter alia* includes a pronouncement in favour of the pawning system one of the old customs of the aboriginal tribe, and

Whereas this system in the opinion of the Legislature would appear to be analogous to slavery, notwithstanding the limitations and modifications sought to be placed upon it by said regulations, and

Whereas slavery in all its forms is repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Republic as well as the principles upon which this Government is founded, therefore

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

Pawning System
illegal.

Section 1 That from and after the passage of this Act, the taking, holding or giving in pawn of any person shall be illegal.

Section 2. Any person who shall receive, hold or

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give in pawn to another human being shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be imprisoned for a period not to exceed two years and forfeit all civil rights.

Section 3. The President of Liberia is hereby authorized to enforce by Executive Order, Proclamation or any other Executive action the release of any and all persons now held in pawn and the due execution of the provisions of this Act.

The release of all persons held in pawn.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 19, 1930.

CHAPTER IV.

AN ACT CREATING A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION SERVICE IN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

December 19, 1930.
H. 7.

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

Section 1. That there shall be created a Public Health and Sanitation Service in the Republic of Liberia, the purpose and duties of which shall be the control of communicable diseases within the Republic; and prevention of the spread of communicable diseases from one County, District, municipality, or port of the Republic; to other Districts, Municipalities or ports of the Republic; the prevention of the introduction from other countries and the prevention of the spread of certain communicable diseases, when presented in the Republic, to the ports of other Nations.

Creating a Public Health and Sanitation Service.

Section 2. The central administrative office of the Public Health and Sanitation Service shall be located in Monrovia.

Where located.

Appointment of a
Public Health and
Sanitation Officer.

Section 3. The Public Health and Sanitation Service shall be administered by an officer who shall be designated as the Director of Public Health and Sanitation, and who shall be appointed by the President of Liberia in accordance with Act of the Legislature enacted: "An Act to regulate the practicing and dispensing of medicines in the Republic of Liberia and providing for the creation of a Director of Public Health and Sanitation".

Director of Public
Health and Sanita-
tion responsible to
the President.

Section. 4. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation shall report to and be directly responsible to the President of Liberia.

Who shall be Di-
rector of Public
Health and Sanita-
tion.

Section 5. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation shall be a physician duly qualified under the existing laws of the Republic of Liberia.

Defining duties of
Director of Sanita-
tion.

Section 6. The duties and responsibilities of the Director of Public Health and Sanitation shall include Municipal Health and Sanitation, a Maritime Quarantine and Rural Public Health and Sanitation.

Director of Public
Health and Sanita-
tion shall have con-
trol over all Public
health and Sanita-
tion activities.

Section 7. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation, through his duly appointed representatives of the Public Health and Sanitation Service, who shall be approved by the President shall have full and complete control of all Public Health and Sanitation activities in all corporate cities, Municipalities, Commonwealth and rural districts and in the discharge of their official duties such representatives of the Public Health and Sanitation Service shall be responsible to the Director of Public Health and Sanitation.

Stating that all laws
and regulations re-
lating to Sanitation
apply to each Coun-
ty.

Section 8. All laws and regulations relating to Public Health and Sanitation issued by the Director of Public Health and Sanitation and approved by the President of Liberia shall be applicable to each County, City, Municipality and Commonwealth District of the Republic. Legislation on public health and Sanitation, including Maritime Quarantine, is reserved absolutely to the Legislature of Liberia, and the Legislative Department of no City, Municipality, or Commonwealth District shall pass any ordinance or ordinances having relation to this subject.

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Section 9. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation Service through his representatives, shall enforce all laws and regulations relating to the prevention of the introduction of communicable diseases into the Republic from other countries through the medium of either passengers, animals, or cargo from foreign ports.

Enforcement of laws and regulations.

Section 10. There shall be assigned from time to time by the Director of Public Health and Sanitation, at ports of Entry, a duly appointed representative of the Public Health and Sanitation Service, whose duty, it shall be to conduct the maritime quarantine procedures and be responsible for the enforcement of maritime quarantine laws and regulations at the port of entry to which *he may be assigned.*

Assignment of a Director of Public Health and Sanitation with regular procedures.

Section 11. The representatives of the Public Health and Sanitation Service assigned to a port of entry to conduct the maritime quarantine operations shall be designated as the Port Health Officer, and in the discharge of his official duty as such, will be responsible only to the Director of Public Health and Sanitation. All representatives of the Public Health and Sanitation Service, assigned to the duty as Port Health Officer, shall be physicians duly qualified as such, under the existing laws of Liberia. Before being assigned to duty as Port Health Officer, all appointees shall satisfy the Director of Public Health and Sanitation that they are conversant with the diagnosis of such diseases as cholera, bubonic plague, smallpox, yellow fever, typhus fever and leprosy.

Who shall be designated as a Port Health Officer.

Section 12. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation shall have control of all public health and sanitation activities in all rural sections of the counties and districts of the Republic outside of the corporate limits of cities, municipalities and commonwealth districts.

Who shall have control over Public Health and Sanitation.

Section 13. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation shall have supervision and control over all measures relating to the prevention and spread of communicable diseases from one county or district of the Republic to other counties and districts of the Republic.

Director to control measures relating to Sanitation.

Appointment of a
Sanitary repre-
sentative in each
county and District.

Section 14. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation from time to time shall assign to each of the counties and Districts of the Republic, a duly appointed representative of the Public Health and Sanitation Service who shall be in charge of, and be responsible for, all public health and sanitation activities conducted within the rural sections of the County or Districts to which he may be assigned. Representatives of the Public Health and Sanitation Service assigned to duty in, and supervision over, public health and sanitation activities in the rural sections of counties or districts of the Republic, shall be designated as County or Districts Health Officers, and in the discharge of their official duties, will be responsible only to the Director of Public Health and Sanitation.

Interpretation of
foregoing articles.

Section 15. Nothing in the foregoing articles shall be interpreted or construed in such a manner as to prevent a duly appointed representative of the Public Health and Sanitation Service being assigned to fulfill the combined duties of County, Port and City (or municipal) health officer, should such a combination of assignments, in the opinion of the Director of Public Health and Sanitation, result in economy of operation and efficiency of service.

Preparation of re-
gulations of Public
Health and Sanita-
tion.

Section 16. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation shall prepare and submit to the President of Liberia for the latter's approval, such Public Health and Sanitation regulations as the Director of Public Health and Sanitation may deem necessary for each group of civil divisions of the Republic.

Submission of mari-
time quarantine
Regulations for ap-
proval of President.

Section 17. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation shall also prepare and submit to the President of Liberia for approval, such maritime quarantine Regulations as are necessary to carry out and enforce the requirements of all laws pertaining to maritime quarantine which may be passed by the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia.

Section 18. All regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution of Liberia and not discriminative, issued by the Director of Public Health and Sanitation, when duly

approved by the President of Liberia, shall immediately have the full force and effect of law.

Effect of regulations

Section 19. Each County, District, City, Municipal, and Port Health Officer, shall be furnished adequate personnel within the limits provided by Budgetary appropriation to enable him to conduct in an efficient manner the duties required of him by this Act.

Furnishing adequate personnel.

Section 20. The Public Health and Sanitation Service shall commence operation in Monrovia and control shall be extended from time to time to other parts of the Republic when imperative or funds are available.

Where operation begins.

Section 21. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation shall prepare and submit to the President of Liberia for the latter's approval and signature regulation prescribing certain ensigns to be worn by each grade or class of duly appointed personnel of the Public Health and Sanitation Service. It shall be unlawful for any person not a duly appointed representative of the Public Health and Sanitation Service, to wear the ensigns prescribed by the Regulations authorized by this Act.

Submitting to the President for approval certain ensigns for Sanitation Service.

Section 22. Expenditures made for and on account of the Public Health and Sanitation Service shall be upon requisition and in the manner prescribed by Treasury Regulations. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation Service shall be responsible for such expenditures and shall account for all monies received and expended in the manner prescribed by Treasury Regulations.

Director of Sanitation shall be responsible for all monies expended.

Section 23. The President of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized to prescribe penalties to be assessed or inflicted for the violation of any health, sanitary, or quarantine regulation duly published and approved by him, provided said penalties shall not exceed one thousand dollars if a fine, or three months imprisonment, if the punishment be by imprisonment.

Penalties for violation of any Health and Sanitary Regulations

Section 24. This Act shall become effective as a law from the first day of January 1931.

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 19, 1931.

CHAPTER V.

AN ACT PERMITTING UNRESTRICTED TRADE IN THE HINTERLAND OF LIBERIA, BOTH TO CITIZENS AND ALIENS.

December 12, 1930.
S. 10.

Preamble.

WHEREAS representations have been made to the Government of Liberia that Chapter III. of the Acts of 1923 entitled 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" does not provide sufficient facilities to merchants to open factories in the Hinterland, and

WHEREAS the present slump in the trade of the Republic is partly attributed to the restrictions placed by our Statute laws on free and unrestricted trade in the Hinterland, and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Government to open the entire interior to trade and commerce subject to the provisions hereinafter specially mentioned:

Therefore 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, any individual, firm or Corporation, Liberian or alien, having an established place of business in any of the ports of entry of the Republic, shall be permitted to trade at any place in the Hinterland without any other restrictions save those hereinafter mentioned.

Who shall be permitted to trade in the Hinterland.

May lease land as a place for establishing business.

Section 2. Upon application to the Secretary of the Interior for and in behalf of the Republic of any merchant or mercantile firm established as provided in section 1 hereof said Secretary of the Interior shall be privileged to lease at a reasonable rental to such individuals, firm or corporation a plot of land not exceeding one (1) acre from the public domain as a place for establishing his business and erecting suitable buildings in the Hinterland,

which lease shall run for a period not exceeding twenty - one years with the privilege of renewal for a further period of twenty-one years upon terms and conditions to be agreed upon at the expiration of the first term, provided, however, that should any Citizen possess land in fee in the vicinity required, nothing in this Act, or in any previous Act, shall prevent him from leasing any portion of his land to such individual, firm or corporation should it be mutually desirable.

Period of lease.

Section. 3. Should the said individual, firm or trader (1) violate any of the provisions contained in Section 6 infra or (2) abandon the site for a period of two (2) consecutive years, then the said land with the buildings thereon shall revert to the Government with all the improvements thereon and without any liability to the Government whatever, provided that before the expiration of the period of the two years aforesaid said lessee shall be privileged to sub-lease the remainder of the term thus demised to any other person firm, or corporation upon the approval of the Secretary of the Interior first had and asserted to in writing.

Abandonment

Reversion to the Government.

Proviso.

Section 4. In every deed or lease issued by the Secretary of the Interior, there shall be expressly granted to every individual, firm or corporation the privilege of transporting his own goods, produce and merchandise by land or water; provided however, that under no circumstances shall said privilege be construed into that of serving as a common carrier, which privilege is hereby withheld from any such person carrying on mercantile business under the provisions of this Act.

Transportation.

Must not serve as a common carrier.

Section 5. In the employments of agents, factors, clerks or other employees in any business thus established preference shall be in all cases given to Liberian Citizens.

Preference to Liberian citizens.

Section 6. The head, and every officer or employee of any individual, firm or company established under the provisions of this Act shall (1) refrain from any act, or speech or propaganda of a treasonable or rebellious character; (2) From interfering with any of the customs of the tribe among which they are carrying on business

Prohibitions.

or from molesting the natives in any way or manner whatever; (3) Any alien in the service shall abstain from taking any part in any political discussion, or political propaganda; (4) From selling any arms, ammunition or munitions save upon a permit issued by the War Department, and any person trading in arms or munition shall keep a record of his sales, open at any time to inspection and comparison with the permits issued by the War Department; (5) And shall not sell any distilled or spirituous liquor, nor the apparatus for making them to any person except upon a permit from the Secretary of the Interior or his representative in the Hinterland.

Section 7. This Act shall repeal the Act of 1923 above cited and all previous Acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding
Approved December 18, 1930.

CHAPTER VI.

AN ACT AMENDATORY AND EXTENDING THE JURISDICTION OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AS FOUND ON PAGES 622 AND 644 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA VOLUME I.

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

Section 1. That the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace as found in Section 624 of the Revised Statute Volume I., of the Republic of Liberia be so extended after subsection 10 so as to include:

“Action of damages to personal property where the in dispute does not exceed fifty dollars.”

Section 2. That Section 670 on page 644 be so amended as to read after the word “rendered” provided however

Refraining from any act, or speech or propaganda of a treasonable or rebellious character.

When effective.

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Jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace extended.

that the amount for which judgement is rendered is \$25.00 or more; and where it can be shown that the appellant is an irresponsible person, that is, one who does not own real property, or in the case of an "Alien" who is not employed or established in some commercial business or enterprise. It shall be the duty of the Justice before whom the case is tried upon the application of the appellee to require said appellant to give a temporary bond within 48 hours pending the time for the filing of the regular appeal bond, provided that the appeal bond is not filed immediately or within the time prescribed for the filing of the temporary bond.

Amendment.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22, 1930.

CHAPTER VII.

AN ACT TO RELIEVE THE STRAIN UPON THE REVENUE OF THIS REPUBLIC.

December 15, 1930.
H. 17.

Whereas on account of the Financial depression felt the world over the revenue of the Republic has dropped considerably, and

Preamble.

Whereas in view of the situation the Government must adopt a policy of strict economy in her expenditure, and

Whereas the policy of economy must be applied equally to all grades of Officials serving under the Government of the Republic, therefore

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

Section 1. That upon the termination of the present

Pay of officials to be remodelled in renewing the contracts.

existing contracts between the Republic of Liberia and all foreign fiscal, and other officials save only the Financial Adviser whose salary has been fixed by article IX. of the Loan Agreement, the President of Liberia is hereby authorized and instructed to in each case have the pay of said officials remodelled in renewing the contracts as to conform to the reductions made in the Budget for 1931.

Assignment of quarters.

Section 2. That to further ensure economy, unless the President of Liberia shall find separate quarters absolutely necessary, said officials shall be assigned such quarters in the several houses rented by the Government as to secure to each suitable and sufficient accommodation; and they all having been thus supplied, the house in excess shall either be surrendered or sublet.

Readjustment and amelioration of terms of Loan Agreement.

Section 3. That the President of Liberia is hereby requested and authorized to approach the other parties to the Loan Agreement having as his object a readjustment and amelioration in any way possible of the terms of the Loan Agreement to meet the changed and unforeseen conditions not contemplated when the Agreement was entered into.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed unanimously by the Legislature notwithstanding the President's veto.

CHAPTER VIII.

AN ACT FIXING THE RATE OF ALLOWANCES FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICERS AND ADJUTANTS OF THE SEVERAL REGIMENTS AND DETACHMENTS, AND THE CLERKS TO THE SEVERAL REGIMENTAL AND DETACHMENT COURTS-MARTIAL OF THE VARIOUS REGIMENTS AND DETACHMENTS OF THE MILITIA OF LIBERIA.

December 18, 1930,
H. S.

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 allowances for the Commanding Officers and Adjutants of each of the Regiments and Detachments and the Clerks of each Regimental and Detachment Courts-Martial for stationery, printing and compiling proceedings of the Regimental and Detachment shall be as follows per annum, to be paid quarterly after each Regimental and Detachment Courts - Martial from such sums as may arise from Military fines

Rates of allowan-
ces.

Commanding Officers:

First Regiment	shall receive	\$ 100.00
Second Regiment	„ „	100.00
Third Regiment	„ „	100.00
Fourth Regiment	„ „	100.00
Fifth Regiment	„ „	100.00
Sixth Regiment	„ „	100.00
Seventh Regiment	„ „	100.00
Detachments each	„ „	50.00
Adjutants		
First Regiment	„ „	300.00
Second Regiment	„ „	200.00
Third Regiment	„ „	200.00
Fourth Regiment	„ „	200.00
Fifth Regiment	„ „	200.00
Sixth Regiment	„ „	200.00

Seventh Regiment „ „	\$200.00
Detachments each „ „	180.00
Clerks Regimental and Detachment Courts - Martial:	
First Regiment shall receive	\$200.00
Second Regiment „ „	200.00
Third Regiment „ „	200.00
Fourth Regiment „ „	200.00
Fifth Regiment „ „	200.00
Sixth Regiment „ „	200.00
Seventh Regiment „ „	200.00
Detachments each „ „	100.00

Payment of all allowances,

Section 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay all legitimate allowances now over due to the above named Officers.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14, 1931.

CHAPTER IX.

December 30, 1930.
S. 14.

AN ACT AUTHORISING THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA TO INSTITUTE SUMMARY INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OF ALL COMPLAINTS AGAINST PERSONS CRIMINALLY CHARGED WITHIN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE SUBMITTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY BY THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT AS MAY BE FOUND IN THE OFFICIAL REPORT FILED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA BY THE SAID INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON THE THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER A. D. 1930.

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 President be, and he is hereby authorised to cause to be instituted by the Department of Justice, prosecutions with or without previous summary investigation of all such persons against whom allegations of Acts penalized under the Criminal Code of Liberia appeared in the report of the International Commission of Inquiry on Slavery and Forced Labour filed with the Government of Liberia on the 8th of September 1930.

Prosecutions of persons criminally charged in the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Slavery and Forced Labour.

Section 2. That nothing in this Act shall be construed to infringe, set aside or annul the actions taken and adopted by the Legislature in connection with the Report of all the International Commission of Inquiry.

No infringement of actions taken.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any member of the Legislature or any member of the Executive Branch of Government to appear as Attorney or Counsellor against the Government directly or indirectly in any case growing out of proceedings authorised to be instituted under this Act

No member of the Government to appear as Attorney or Counsellor against the Government.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14, 1931.

CHAPTER X.

AN ACT REPEALING THE ACT APPROVED JANUARY 21, 1928, ENTITLED "AN ACT CREATING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT" AND PROVIDING HOW PUBLIC WORKS SHALL HEREAFTER BE PROSECUTED. SUBSTITUTING SENATE'S ENGROSSED NO. 3, "AN ACT ABOLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CREATING A BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS."

January 15, 1931
H. 14.

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

Section 1 That the Act approved January 21, 1928, entitled An Act creating the Public Works Department,

Abolishing the Department of Public Works.

be and the same is hereby repealed and that the President of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized to close and abolish on the 31st of December 1930, the Department of Public Works created by virtue of the said Act.

Preparing estimates for all public buildings and roads.

Section 2. That one or more trained Engineers be attached to the Interior Department whose duty it shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior to prepare estimates and plans for any and all public buildings, roads, and other engineering works, or to pass upon and approve such plans and estimates as may be submitted by a contractor, to inspect, test and before acceptance by the Government, to finally pass upon all construction work of a Public nature prosecuted and completed by a Contractor.

Public Works construction done by contract.

Section 3. That from and after the passage of the Act, Public works construction shall be done by contract and permanent Public works construction by administration will be discontinued.

Requiring competitive bids for Public Works.

Section 4. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to ask for competitive bids for such work as may be required; and if there shall be only one bidder, a contract may be entered into only upon approval of the Chief Executive. If there are more than one bid; the bid deemed most advantageous to the Government by a Committee consisting of the Secretary of the Interior and the Auditor shall be accepted.

How contracts are accepted.

Section 5. Contracts may be made upon the acceptance of a bid for a sum certain for the work to be prepared, or a cost plus contract.

Supervision of Bids for Public Works construction.

Section 6. Bids for Public works construction shall be rejected unless the bidder has qualified technical personnel for supervision of the work and is financially responsible; and can provide necessary equipment and give bond satisfactory to the Secretary of Interior guaranteeing faithful completion of the work contracted.

Contracts awarded

Section 7. Contracts awarded on a cost plus basis shall be subject to payment from time to time to the contractor.

on estimates based upon percentage of work completed; materials and equipment used; supervision and labour costs. The Government withholding at least five per cent of the Contractor's account for an estimate until the final settlement upon completion and acceptance of work. And further, on cost plus contracts, the Contractor shall be required to submit to the Secretary of the Interior and the Auditor of the Liberian Government, with each account for estimate, a settlement of labour costs, expense of supervision and superintendence; equipment rental or depreciation; and cost of supplies.

Submission of estimates for settlement of labour costs and other expenses.

Section 8. The provisions of this Act may be applied, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, to work of current repairs to or upkeep of building, roads and bridges.

How the provisions of this Act may be applied.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21, 1931.

CHAPTER XI.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT CHARTERING THE BOOKER WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE" PASSED AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 29, 1928.

January 15, 1931
H. 22.

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

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees of the Booker Washington Agricultural and Industrial Institute of Liberia, a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, is hereby authorised to promote education in Liberia. To this end the Board may receive and invest and expend funds and hold property in Liberia.

Promotion of Education in Liberia

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees is further authorised to appoint a Board of Managers in Liberia

Appointment of managers

(consisting of at least nine and not exceeding fifteen members) to include the following as members:

- The President of the Republic of Liberia,
- The Secretary of Public Instruction of Liberia;
- The Financial Adviser to Liberia,
- The Representative of the American Committee on education in Liberia;
- One Representative of each of the Missions,
- Societies co-operating in the operation of Washington Institute;
- The Principal of Washington Institute at Kakata,
- A Representative of the Americo-Liberians;
- A Representative of the Native chiefs.

Policies of the Institute to be subject to the approval of the American Board,

Section 3. That the Trustees should delegate to such local Board the management of the Institute with the understanding that any and all actions involving sale or purchase of property, authorization of budgets, appointment of Principal and other officers for terms of more than one year, and decisions on all matters of permanent policy, will be subject to the approval of the American Board before becoming final.

Power to confer Degree and Diplomas.

Section 4 It is further enacted that the Board of Managers in Liberia shall be empowered to confer such literary, scientific, technical and or professional degree and diplomas, and further to award such certificates of proficiency in arts, trades and or other sciences as are usually conferred and awarded by regular Institutions of learning provided, however, that no degree shall be conferred and no certificate shall be awarded without the recommendation of the Principal and Faculty of the Institute.

Section 5. It is further enacted that the consent of the Board of Foreign Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America having been duly received that said Board of Foreign Mission is hereby authorized to transfer to the Board of Trus-

tees of the Booker Washington Agricultural and Industrial Institute incorporated, a corporation duly organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, United States of America, and one thousand 1,000.) acres of land situated, lying and being near Kakata, bordering the number two District within the County of Montserrado of the Republic of Liberia, including the six hundred one (601) acres of land more or less now occupied by the Institute together with all developments, improvements appurtenances and rights thereunto for the sole purpose of the Booker Washington Agricultural and Industrial Institute to have and to hold forever as set forth in the original deed of grant by the Republic of Liberia to said Board of Foreign Missions under date of November 29th, 1928, printed act of the Thirty-Sixty Legislature of the Republic of the Liberia, extraordinary session.

Organization of the Institute.

Original deed.

Section 6. That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) is hereby appropriated as an annual appropriation to assist in maintaining the Institute for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 1930 said amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) 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.

Amount appropriated.

Section 7. It is further enacted that the Booker Washington Agricultural and Industrial 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 ever be required of the Student 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.

Institution open to all classes.

Section 8. It is farther enacted that all supplies, equipment and furnishings for the Institute, not including personal supplies for teachers, pupils, Officers or any other persons connected with the Institute, and

Customs charges exempted on supplies for Institution.

not including any articles for sale or exchange, shall be exempt from duty or other customs charges.

Any law to the contrary Notwithstanding.

Approved January 23, 1931.

CHAPTER XII.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT, ENTITLED AN ACT, REGULATING THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENTS OF ALL REVENUES OF COMMONWEALTH DISTRICTS, MUNICIPALITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND SETTLEMENTS WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, APPROVED FEBRUARY 16, 1928.

January 20, 1931.
H. 21.

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

Amendment.

Section 1. That the above cited Act shall be so altered and amended to read: (Add Section 3).

Information of all
amounts collected.

Section 3. That the Bureau of Internal Revenue shall keep the Commonwealth Districts, Municipalities, Townships and Settlements posted from time to time of all amounts collected and paid into their credit, and a separate account of all such revenues, which whilst forming a part of the general revenues of the Republic, shall be used for the maintenance and general improvement of said Commonwealth Districts, Municipalities, Townships and Settlements and be drawn by the Commissioner of each Commonwealth District, the Mayor of each Municipality and Chairman of each Township or Settlement respectively through the Secretary of the Treasury in keeping with the Budget of each of these places which shall have been previously submitted and approved by the President of the Republic, provided always that any sum remaining unexpended the same shall be applied to the general funds of the Government.

Application of unexpended balances.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 24, 1931.

CHAPTER XIII.

AN ACT AMENDING AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED DECEMBER 12, 1929, ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING AND AMENDING AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED NOVEMBER 28, 1929 ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REPEAL ALL EXISTING ACTS REGULATING DRY GOODS LICENSES, AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A SYSTEM OF GRADED LICENSES.

January 23, 1931
S. 12

Whereas in the Act of the Legislature Approved December 12, 1929, entitled "The Graded License Act of 1929," no provision was made for license fee under Graded "B" for value of Capital stock in goods for ten thousand dollars, and

Preamble.

Whereas under the wording of "The Graded License Act", as now provided, the fee for trading licenses when value of stock in goods is over ten thousand dollars would be less than for trading licenses where value of stock in goods is less than ten thousand dollars.

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

Section 1. That Section 6 of the Act of the Legislature, approved December 12, 1929 known as the Graded License Act of 1929 shall be, and is hereby amended by adding the word "fee" after the words "The Annual License" and by substituting the figures and words \$100.00 with an additional charge of \$3.00 per thousand for every additional thousand dollars over ten

Amendment to Act
of December 12, 1929.

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thousand dollars" for all licenses Graded "B"

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved January 24, 1931.

CHAPTER XIV.

January 15, 1931.
H. 16.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Preamble.

Whereas the Department of Public Works has been reduced to a Bureau in the Interior Department, and has been charged to carry on the necessary Public Works and improvements chiefly by contracts, and

Whereas there are in the several Departments of Government large quantities of material, machinery and other articles, property of the Government of Liberia for which there is no immediate need and which would be better sold than to be allowed to deteriorate and waste, Therefore

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

Sale of Government property authorized.

President to order sale.

Section 1. That the President of Liberia is hereby authorized and empowered to cause at as early a date as possible, a schedule of such property from the several Departments to be made and duly laid before him and to order the sale of each and every article, sales shall be placed to the credit of the Government in an account separate and distinct from the ordinary Revenues.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21, 1931.

CHAPTER XV.

AN ACT RELATING TO PERMITS OF RESIDENCE.

January 16, 1931,
S. 19.

Whereas the period during which a Permit of Residence is valid is not clearly specified in the existing law on the subject and it is desirable that all ambiguities be removed.

Preamble.

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 Permits of Residence issued under the provisions of the Alien Residence Act shall be valid for a period not exceeding one Calendar year, and not less than six calendar months, and shall be renewable annually or semi-annually as the case might be.

Period for the issuance of Permits of Residence.

Section 2. The Stamp duty chargeable on a six months Permit of Residence shall be five dollars. The Stamp duty chargeable on a permit of Residence for one year shall be ten dollars.

Stamp duty chargeable on Permits of Residence.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21, 1931.

CHAPTER XVI.

January 16, 1931.
H. 1.

JOINT ADDRESS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF JUDGE JAMES HENSON DENT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

Preamble.

WHEREAS His Honour James Henson Dent, resident Judge of the Circuit Court for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Maryland County, Republic of Liberia has lost mental control to such an extent as to at certain times compel his confinement, and

WHEREAS such state of mental alienation unfits him for further service in the position he now holds, Therefore

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

Removal of Judge
James Henson Dent.

Section 1. That from and immediately after this Joint Resolution the President of this Republic be and he is hereby addressed and memorialized for the cause above cited to remove from office the said James Henson Dent, Judge aforesaid and appoint another in his stead.

Passed by two-thirds
vote.

Section 2. It is further resolved that this will constitute the Joint Address required by the Constitution of this Republic and will be passed by the Senate and House of Representatives by at least two-thirds vote and presented to His Excellency the President for his action thereon.

Unanimously adopted.

January 15, 1931.

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

CHAPTER XVII.

AN ACT RESTORING THOMAS REUBEN HILL
OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND BASSA OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO CITIZENSHIP.

November 11, 1930.
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, Thomas Reuben Hill, convicted of
embezzlement in the Circuit Court Second Judicial Cir-
cuit of the County of Grand Bassa, in the Republic of
Liberia, be and he is hereby restored to all the rights
and privileges of Citizenship and authorized to do all acts
in common with all good Citizens of this Republic.

Thomas Reuben
Hill restored to
Citizenship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 17, 1930.

CHAPTER XVIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION RESTORING JOHN L.
FULLER OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY AND FRANK
E. MARSHALL OF THE TERRITORY OF MAR-
SHALL TO CITIZENSHIP.

November 24, 1930.
H. 2.

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

Section 1. That immediately after the passage of this

John L. Fuller and
Frank E. Marshall
restored to citizen-
ship.

Joint Resolution, John L. Fuller of the County of
Montserrado and Frank E. Marshall of the Territory of
Marshall both of them having been convicted of infamous
crimes, are hereby restored to Citizenship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 19, 1930.

CHAPTER XIX.

November 15, 1930.
H. 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE DAUBENY COOPER AND COMPANY IN LIBERIA.

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

Section 1. That from and immediately after the
passage of this Joint Resolution, Daubeny Bartholemew
Cooper, Senior, E. J. Cooper, E. J. L. Cooper, D. B.
Cooper, Junior, A. E. G. Cooper, and M. O. E. Cooper,
proprietors and Chief beneficiaries, together with such
other persons that may in future become members of
said Company, be and they are hereby ordained and con-
stituted a body politic and corporate to operate a Gen-
eral Agency, within the Jurisdictional confines of the
Republic of Liberia, for the registration of Patents,
Trade Marks and Copyrights, and, also for functioning
professionally in the capacity of Lawyers and Solicitors
under the name and style of Daubeny Cooper Com-
pany; and by that name to sue and be sued, plead and
be impleaded, in any of the Courts of the Republic
of Liberia having competent authority, as well as to
own, hold and possess real and personal property to the
value of Fifty Thousand Dollars, and to enjoy such fur-
ther and other rights and privileges as all other similar
bodies corporate and politic.

Section 2. That the location of the principal office
shall be Harper, Cape Palmas in Maryland County, Re-
public of Liberia.

Daubeny Cooper and
Company incorpor-
ated.

May own property
to value of \$50,000.

Location of Office.

Section 3. That any law or parts of laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22, 1930.

CHAPTER XX.

AN ACT RESTORING NORWOOD THEODORE DENNIS OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO CITIZENSHIP.

December 9, 1930
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, Norwood Theodore Lennis of Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, be and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship in common with all other good citizens of the Republic.

Norwood Theodore
Dennis restored to
citizenship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 19, 1930.

CHAPTER XXI.

AN ACT RESTORING ROBERT H. DENNIS OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO CITIZENSHIP.

November 24, 1930
S. 2

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, Robert H. Dennis convicted of the crime of Forgery, of the City of Monrovia, of the County of Montserrado in the Republic of Liberia, be and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of citizenship in common with all other good citizens of the Republic.

Robert H. Dennis
restored to citizen-
ship.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 17, 1930.

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CHAPTER XXII.

AN ACT TO GRANT THE PENTACOSTAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD, MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TWO HUNDRED ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND.

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 Pentacostal Assembly of the World, of the United States of America, be and they are hereby granted two hundred acres of Public Land to be used by them for farming and such other purposes as they may deem necessary so long as such use is not incompatible with their own missionary operation in instructing the youths of Liberia in modern and scientific knowledge of agriculture and other useful vocation.

Section 2. That the President of the Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized and empowered to grant unto the above named organization, deeds for the said quantity of land in the settlements of Robertsville, White Plains or in any other section of the country where they may desire and wher Public Land is available.

Section 3. That when the said organization ceases to use said tract of land for the purpose, for which it was given, it shall immediately revert to the Government together with all the buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22, 1930.

December 17, 1930.
S. 8.

Pentacostal Assembly granted two hundred acres of land.

President authorized to grant deeds.

Shall revert to the Government when abandoned.

CHAPTER XXIII.

AN ACT GRANTING ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND TO THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST MISSION, IN THE GBAHNGAH SECTION INTERIOR GRAND BASSA COUNTY.

December 11, 1930.
S. 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 Seventh Day Adventist Mission at Grand Bassa County Gbahngah Section Interior be, and is hereby granted one hundred acres of Public Land to be used for missionary purpose.

Seventh Day Adventist Mission of Grand Bassa granted one hundred acres of land.

Section 2. That the Seventh Day Adventist Mission Gbahngah Section in the Interior of Grand Bassa County shall possess and hold the above mentioned acres of land as long as the said land is used for the purpose herein set forth. When the said land ceases to be used for the purpose named in this Act, said land with all the improvements thereon shall revert to the Republic of Liberia. The Seventh Day Adventist Mission shall pay the expenses for the survey of said parcel of land.

Shall revert to the Government when abandoned.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December. 22, 1930.

CHAPTER XXIV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WOMAN'S PROGRESSIVE CULTURE CLUB OF HARPER MARYLAND COUNTY.

December 17, 1930.
S. 9.

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, J. Angelique Dossen, President; C. B. Harmon

Woman's Progressive Culture Club incorporated.

Woman's Progressive Culture Club of Harper incorporated

May own property to the value of \$10,000.00

Vice-President; I. K. Furgeson, Treasury; T. R. Adrews, Secretary; S. Jane Diggs, Assistant Secretary; D. F. Gardiner, Critic; and such other persons as now are, or hereafter may become members and their successors in said organisation, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Woman's Progressive Culture Club of Harper, Maryland County", and under such name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court of this Republic, having competent jurisdiction. They may own and enjoy personal and real property to the value of Ten Thosand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and they shall enjoy and have such other further rights as are had and enjoyed by similar bodies corporate and politic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 22, 1930.

CHAPTER XXV.

December 19, 1931.
H. 11.

AN ACT GRANTING A FERRY FRANCHISE TO HENRY E. SNETTER OF ELOISE FARM, NEW YORK, CLAY ASHLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF MONTSER-RADO AND REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE SAINT PAUL RIVER AT THE POINTS KNOWN AS GRIPPER CREEK AND PETER CREEK BELOW THE SETTLEMENT OF MILLS-BURG AND DIRECTLY OPPOSITE SAID POINTS BELOW THE SETTLEMENT OF WHITE PLAINS.

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

Ferry Franchise granted to Henry E. Snetter.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Henry E. Snetter, his heirs and assigns shall have the right to run a ferry across the Saint Paul River at the points known as Gripper Creek and Peter Creek below the Settlement of Millsburg and directly opposite said points below the Settlement of

White Plains for a term of ten calendar years from the date of said grant.

Section 2. That the said Henry E. Snetter shall keep substantial ferry-boats or canoes at this point for the convenience of the public. This shall not prevent persons from crossing in their own private canoes or conveyances. All Government officials and luggages shall be given preference and shall be crossed free of charge.

Shall keep substantial boats for conveyances.

Section 3. The rate of crossing shall be six cents in the dry season and twelve cents during the rainy season.

Rate of crossing

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 4, 1931.

CHAPTER XXVI.

AN ACT GRANTING A FERRY FRANCHISE TO A. M. HARRIS AND JOHN CLINTON AND JOSEPH CISCO, LIMITED, OF MILLSBURG AND HARRISBURG IN THE COUNTY OF MONTERRADO, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE SAINT PAUL RIVER AT THE POINT BETWEEN THE MUHLENBURG MISSION BOYS SCHOOL AND GIRLS SCHOOL, HARRISBURG.

December 19, 1930.
H. 12.

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, A. M. Harris and John Clinton and Joseph Cisco, Limited, and their heirs and assigns are hereby declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style of A. M. Harris and Company Limited and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; may own and possess real estate and personal property to the value of three thousand Dollars and do all other lawful acts necessary to effect its objects and purposes and enjoy all powers granted similar bodies corporate.

A. M. Harris, John Clinton and Joseph Cisco, granted right to run a Ferry.

May own property to the value of \$3,000.

(X-1931)

Extent of running
Ferry and term of
ferriage granted.

Section 2. It is further enacted that A. M. Harris and Company Limited shall have the right to run one Ferry from Boy's School at Muhlenburg Mission to the Girl's School at Harrisburg across said River one-half mile up and down the said river with a term of ten calendar years with the right of ten more calendar years.

Shall keep substan-
tial boats.

Section 3. A. M. Harris and Company Limited, shall keep substantial ferry boats at this point for the convenience of the people crossing, subject to all citizens alike. This shall not prevent person or persons from crossing in his or their own private canoes or conveyances. All Government ferriage shall be given preference and shall be done free of charge.

Rate of crossing.

Section 4. The rate of crossing shall be six cents during the dry season and twelve cents during the rainy season. Kinjars two cents each.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14, 1931.

December 12, 1930
H. 9.

CHAPTER XXVII.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING TWO HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND TO THE UNION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, CANADA IN THE NEW CESS SECTION, TIMBO DISTRICT, GRAND BASSA COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA FOR MISSIONARY PURPOSES.

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

Union of Baptist
Churches of Ontario
and Quebec Canada
in Grand Bassa
County, granted two
hundred acres of
land.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this joint Resolution, two hundred acres of Public Land in the New Cess Section in the timbo District, Grand Bassa County and the Republic of Liberia be and the same is hereby granted to the Union of Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec, Canada for Missionary purposes.

Section 2. That the President of the Republic of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized to grant a deed for two hundred acres of public land to the above mentioned officers of the aforesaid churches in the New-Cess Section, Timbo District of Grand Bassa County and the Republic of Liberia under the terms and purposes aforesaid.

President authorized to grant deed.

Section 3. That the said officers and Trustees of the said Missionary Churches and their successors in office shall possess and hold the aforementioned tract of land as long as the said land is used for the purpose herein set forth and when the said land ceases to be used legitimately as herein set forth, said land shall revert to the Government. The said officers and trustees of the said Union of Baptist Churches shall pay all expenses of the survey of the said tract of land.

Officers and Trustees shall possess tract of land.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 12, 1931.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

AN ACT PROVIDING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 3, OF AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT GRANTING A FERRY FRANCHISE TO RICHARD S. WILES PASSED BY LIMITATION AT THE THIRD SITTING OF THE 36TH LEGISLATURE, A. D. 1929.

January 6, 1931
H. 13.

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

Section 1. That Section 3, of an Act entitled "An Act granting a ferry franchise to Richard S. Wiles across Poo and Little Cape Mount or Loffa River," be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

"That on line 5 after the words "Same period" insert the following words "and shall also have the right to run a ferry across the Little Cape Mount or Loffa River from Majamah on the right Bank to Bombojah on the left Bank and from Damarah on the left Bank to Barjah on

Amendment.

the right Bank," and delete the other portion of said Section.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 14, 1931.

CHAPTER XXIX.

January 15, 1931.
H. 15.

AN ACT AMENDING AN ACT INCORPORATING THE FERRY BOAT COMPANY OF BUCHANAN, GRAND BASSA COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, APPROVED OCTOBER 12, 1916.

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

Amendment to Act
approved October 12,
1916.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, after the first "The" in Section 2 of said Act, the words "Sole and exclusive" be inserted.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation.

CHAPTER XXX.

January 13, 1931
S. 20.

SUBSTITUTED ACT TO SENATE'S ORIGINAL NO. 20, INCORPORATING HAYES BROTHERS AND COMPANY LIMITED OF BREWERVILLE, COUNTY OF MONTERRADO, 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, Wayland H. Hayes, President, Henry Clay Daniels, Vice President, Highland G. Hayes Business Manager, Local and Foreign Representative, John B. H. Hayes Business Agent and Accountant, Luther M. Hayes, Treasurer and Chief of Industrial Division, James O. Hayes Jr. Assistant Chief of Industrial Division, and Solomon

Hayes Brothers and
Company incorpo-
rated.

Jesse Oliver Hayes, Secretary and Salesman, and such other person or persons as may from time to time be associated with said Company be and they are hereby declared a Body politic and corporate under the name and style of "Hayes Brothers and Company Limited" of Brewerville, Montserrado County Republic of Liberia, with Headquarters at the Township of Brewerville, 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 and possess real and personal property to the value of \$50,000.00 (Fifty thousand dollars) and enjoy other such privileges as other Bodies politic and Corporate.

May own property to the value of \$50,000.00.

Section 2. That the object of the herein mentioned Company shall be:

- (a) To own and operate Motor launches
- (b) To carry on mercantile business
- (c) To own and operate mechanical shops
- (d) To carry on agricultural activities.

Object of Company.

Section 3. That the operations of the Company shall exist within the Republic of Liberia, and foreign countries under the name and style as herein mentioned. The Company will, during its lifetime, employ from time to time such person or persons as may be fit in its wise judgment, and pledges to deal just and honest to all its employees that may be employed by it.

Where operations shall exist.

Section 4. To own a common seal bearing the name of the Company, to be used by the Company during the life time operations of the Company.

Seal only to be used by the Company.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 21, 1931.

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CHAPTER XXXI.

January 20, 1931.
H. 20.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE "ALPHA TENNIS CLUB IN THE CITY OF MONROVIA MONTSERRADO COUNTY REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Alpha Tennis Club
incorporated.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the Club known as and styled the "Alpha Tennis Club" in the City of Monrovia, Republic of Liberia of which Cyrie W. A. Davis-Johnson is President, A. R. Harper Vice President, J. Marie Davis Johnson, Secretary, Etta Wright, Treasurer, W. Stanley Wiles, Financial Secretary, Beresford A. Cole, Captain together with their Successors in office and all who may come connected with said club, be and the same is hereby incorporated a body politic under the name and style the "Alpha Tennis Club" and in that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

May own property
to the value \$3,000.

Section 2. That the said Alpha Tennis Club may own property real and personal to the value of \$3,000.00 and enjoy all and singular any rights and privileges to like bodies granted under the laws as made and provided.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1931.

CHAPTER XXXII.

January 20, 1931.
H. 19.

AN ACT GRANTING AN ANNUITY TO JAMES HENSON DENT OF MARYLAND COUNTY.

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

Annuity granted to
James Henson Dent

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Judge James Henson Dent be and is hereby granted an annuity of three hundred dollars

annually during the period of his lunacy and the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to draw for same out of the Public funds, under warrant of the President of Liberia, not otherwise appropriated.

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

When effective

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 22, 1931.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

AN ACT GRANTING DOUGBA CARMO CARANDA AND HEIRS THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY ACROSS THE STOCKTON CREEK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONTSERRADO, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, BETWEEN THE POINT KNOWN AS BENDUMAH WHARF AND THE POINT COMMONLY KNOWN AS OLD GOVERNMENT FARM ON BUSHROD ISLAND, OPPOSITE THE SAID BENDUMAH WHARF, SITUATED IN THE UPPER SECTION OF NEW GEORGIA, IN MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

January 16, 1931.
H. 18.

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, Dougba Carmo Caranda and heirs of the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, shall have the right to run a Ferry across the Stockton Creek, in the County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, between the point known as Bendumah Wharf and the point commonly known as old Government Farm on Bushrod Island, opposite the said Bendumah Wharf, situated in the upper section of New Georgia, in Montserrado County, for a term of ten (10) years with the privilege of a further ten (10) years when the first ten years shall have expired.

Dougba Carmo
Caranda and heirs
incorporated.

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Reliable service during life of franchise.

Section 2. The said Dougba Carmo Caranda and heirs shall always maintain a reliable service to the public during the life of the franchise herein granted, preference being always given to the Government, whose Officials and Luggages shall be crossed free of charge.

Rate of crossing.

Section 3. The maxium charge for crossing each person to or fro shall be six (6 cts.) cents. Nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent persons crossing in their own boats or canoes.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 23, 1931.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

January 13, 1931
S. 15.

AN ACT FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE 4TH SESSION OF THE 36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Adjournment of 4th Session of the 36th Legislature.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the 4th Session of the 36th Legislature of the Republic of Liberia, adjourn Sine die on the twenty-third day of January A. D. 1931.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

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PUBLIC ACTS
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
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 28th day of January A. D. 1931 and was adjourned without day on the 28th day of January A. D. 1931.

CHAPTER XXXV.

**AN ACT PROVIDING APPROPRIATION FOR THE
EXPENSES OF THE GOVERNMENT.**

January 28, 1931.
H. 1.

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

Section 1. That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the Government for the year 1931, to take effect from the 1st day of January A. D. 1931 to December 31, 1931.

Providing expenses
of the Government.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1931.

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CHAPTER XXXVI.

January 28, 1931.
S. 1.

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE ADJOURNMENT
DAY OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE
LEGISLATURE A. D. 1931.

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

Section 1. That the Extraordinary Session of the
Legislature of Liberia A. D. 1931 adjourn without day
on Wednesday the 28th day of January A. D. 1931.

Adjournment.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved January 29, 1931.

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