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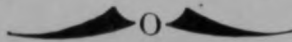
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CHAPTER I.

AN ACT CREATING A VOTING POLL IN THE SETTLEMENT OF LLOYDSVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF GRAND BASSA, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

October 24, 1934.
H. 4.

Whereas, the citizens of the Township of Lloydsville in the County of Grand Bassa have been inconvenienced by the closing of the Poll of Little Bassa thereby making the nearest Voting Precinct about twenty miles.

Citizens of Lloydsville inconvenienced by a distant poll.

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 said Township of Lloydsville in the County of Grand Bassa be and the same is hereby made declared a Voting Poll.

Township of Lloydsville declared a Voting Poll.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 9, 1934.

CHAPTER II.

November 27, 1934
H. 5.

AN ACT REPEALING A PORTION OF AN ACT DECLARING BUILDING MATERIALS AND READING LITERATURE FREE OF DUTY, APPROVED NOVEMBER 26, 1926.

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

Portion of Act of November 26, 1926, relating to Building materials and reading literature repealed.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, that portion of the Act declaring building materials, hereinafter mentioned, free from duty, when imported for sale or exchange, be and the same is hereby repealed.

When, and what articles, shall duty be assessed.

Section 2. Advalorem duty shall be assessed on the under-mentioned articles when imported for sale or exchange, viz:

- (a) Cement
- (b) Corrugated Iron, whether galvanized or otherwise.
- (c) Flat Iron sheets to be used as siding or roofing on buildings.
- (d) Ridging and Spouting.
- (e) Boards and scantlings, mouldings, timber, window frames, inglazed, shingles, doors, tongued and grooved flooring, and siding.
- (f) Structural iron and steel for building purposes, expanded metal lath, reinforcing for concrete work, brick, hallow tile, asbestos tile, asbestos felt and composition Roofing, not including concrete or cement block.
- (g) Plumbing fixtures including metal pipes, earthenware pipes, and terracotta pipes.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 16, 1934.

CHAPTER III.

AN ACT RECOMMENDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

November 15, 1934.
S. 6.

Whereas, in order to promote efficiency and to assure continuity of policy in the administration of Government, it is necessary that certain amendments be made to the Constitution of the Republic, therefore,

Constitution amended to assure efficiency and continuity of Government's Policy.

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

Section 1. That the following amendments to the Constitution of the Republic be and the same are hereby approved by the legislature.

Amendments of the Constitution approved by the Legislature.

(a) Article 3, Section, 1 after the words "term of", delete the word "four" and insert the word "eight" instead, so that the first sentence of said Article shall read: The Supreme Executive Power shall be vested in a President who shall be elected by the people and shall hold office for the term of eight years. No President may be elected for two consecutive terms.

Article 3. Section 1. of the Constitution amended to read eight years instead of four years.

(b) The Legislature shall pass a standing law organizing and regulating the Civil Service of the Republic, which law shall declare what offices may be controlled by the provisions of said law. The provision of Article 3, Section 5 of the Constitution relating to tenure of office shall not apply to offices falling within the provisions of the Civil Service law.

How the Civil Service is to be organized. Tenure of offices controlled by the Civil Service not to effect provision made in Art. 3, Section 5 of the Constitution.

Section 2. These alteration and amendments shall be submitted to the people at the Quadrenial Election in the year 1935, agreeably to the provisions of the 17th Section of the 5th Article of the Constitution. On the ballot shall be written "adoption" or "no adoption."

When, and how to be adopted.

Any laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 26, 1934.

CHAPTER IV

November 23, 1934
S. 7.

AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS AND AMENDING
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COM-
MISSIONERS OF ELECTION, PASSED AND APPROVED
JANUARY 20, A. D. 1914.

Preamble.

Whereas it is necessary for the better economic control of Election expenses in the various Counties and Territories of the Republic, the County and Territorial Superintendents should collaborate with the Commissioners of Election for the purpose of strict accounting of election expenses.

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

Bills and Claims for election expenses to be approved by election authorities, and scrutinized and approved by Superintendents of County or Territory. Except for Montserrado County---by the Secretary of Interior.

Section 1. That from an immediately after the passage of this Act, all Bills and Claims for election expenses of whatever nature or kind, after being approved by the Sheriffs and Commissioners of Election shall be presented to the Superintendents of the County or Territory to be scrutinized and approved by him before presentation to the Treasury Department for payment, except in the County of Montserrado, where there is no Superintendent, the same shall be presented to the Secretary of Interior for said scrutiny and final approval.

Section 2 of Act of January 1914 relating to the appointment of Commissioners of election amended.

Section 2. That Section 2 of the above referred to Act, passed and approved January 20, 1914, providing for the appointment of commissioners of Election, be so amended as to make it the duty of the said Commissioners of Election to appoint Judges and Clerks of the Election Polls, but it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of each Poll to qualify the said Judges and Clerks on the morning of the election at their respective Polls, thereby eliminating the fee for mileage.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 3, 1934.

CHAPTER V.

AN ACT CLOSING THE VOTING POLL OF LIBERIA JENNY TAYWOH SECTION, GRAND CAPE MOUNT COUNTY AND MAKING JENNY WONDAY, TAYWOH SECTION INSTEAD, AND TO OPEN A VOTING POLL AT JENNY VARKII, IN THE UPPER KOUNEH SECTION, (GOLAH) GRAND CAPE MOUNT COUNTY.

November 26, 1934
H. 12.

Whereas Liberia Jenny, Taywoh Section, in Grand Cape Mount County was made and declared a Voting Poll by the Legislature of Liberia and

Preamble.

Whereas the exact situation of said Liberia Jenny does not protect the best interest and convenience of the citizens of this precinct it not being in a central and easily accessible spot of the Section, 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 Act of the National Legislature of the Republic of Liberia passed and approved, making and declaring Liberia Jenny in the Taywoh Section, Grand Cape Mount County, a Voting Poll be and the same is hereby repealed, and said Voting Poll be immediately closed.

Act of the National Legislature declaring Liberia Jenny, Taywoh Section, a Voting Poll, repealed, to close said Poll.

Section 2. That Jenny Wonday, in the Taywoh Section and Jenny Varkii in the upper Kouneh Section, Grand Cape Mount County, be and the same are hereby made and declared a Voting Poll, in, Taywoh, and Lower and Upper Kouneh Section, Grand Cape Mount County respectively.

Jenny Wonday and Jenny Varkii, upper Kouneh Section declared a Voting Poll.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 3, 1934.

CHAPTER VI

November 27, 1934.
H. 13.

AN ACT PROHIBITING A BREACH OF RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL COLOUR OF LIBERIA.

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

When and how
Courtesy should be
paid the National
Colour.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to sit or move along the same route in full view of the National Colour while it is being raised or struck at Official Stations with Ceremony or at Military posts or Barracks or as such with head covered except in the case of a female or those in active Military service.

What is to be con-
sidered as a breach
of respect to the
National Colour,
and when excep-
tions are to be made.

Section 2. That it shall also be unlawful for any person or persons to sit when not in a carriage or pass by the National Colour while it is carried in Procession along the same route or in full view as it is passed along or as such with head covered except in the case of a female or those in active military or Naval service or in inclement weather when such persons except females shall halt and stand at attention. In the case of a vehicle it is to halt till the National Colour is passed.

Penalty.

Section 3. That any violation of this Act subjects the violator to immediate arrest by the Colour Guard in attendance whose duty it shall be to deliver such defaulter or defaulters to the nearest Justice of the Peace, who shall penalize said violator or violators for a Breach of the Peace, with a fine not exceeding five Dollars (\$5.00) or imprisonment not exceeding five days. Where defaulter or defaulters are arrested with vehicles both are to be kept under arrest till Judgment is satisfied.

Interpretation of
the term "Official
Stations".

Section 4. The term Official Stations employed in section 1 of this Act does not imply Private Official Quarters.

When effective.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 3, 1934.

CHAPTER VII.

AN ACT MAKING SEETHON OF THE NAHRAY SECTION IN THE COUNTY OF SINOE, R. L., A VOTING POLL.

November 26, 1934
H. 9.

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 authorized to open a Voting Poll in Seethon of the Nahray Section of Sinoe County, R. L.

The President of Liberia authorized to open a Voting Poll in Seethon, Sinoe County.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 3, 1934.

CHAPTER VIII.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO OPEN A POLL AT MOUNT OLIVE, IN THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

November 26, 1934
H. 11.

Whereas it is so inconvenient for the citizens living on the Farmington River to travel to and fro the City of Marshall during the time of voting,

Preamble.

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 authorized to open a Voting Poll in the Town of Mount Olive, on the Right Bank of the Farmington River, in the Territory of Marshall, Montserrado County, R. L., for the convenience of the citizens living on said River.

The President of Liberia authorized to open a Voting Poll in the Town of Mt. Olive, Marshall Territory.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 3, 1934.

CHAPTER IX

December 5, 1934.
S. 14.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE HANDLING OF BALLOT BOXES AT ELECTIONS.

Preamble.

Whereas, there is no expressed law under the laws of Election in this Republic regulating how ballot boxes shall be handled before, during and after Elections.

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

Ballot box to be made by Sheriff of each County.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Sheriffs of each County to have made one ballot box for each poll in the County for which he is Sheriff, under the direction of the Commissioner of Elections.

Ballot boxes to be placed in custody of the Commissioner of Election and handed out by him to Sheriff for each Poll.

Section 2. The Sheriff of each county shall, before the day of election, deposit said ballot boxes with the Commissioner of Elections and he shall when sending Sheriffs to polls hand to each Sheriff deputized for each poll, the ballot box for such poll.

Ballot box to be in the custody of Sheriff of each Poll, and each ballot cast to be handed him by Judge for deposit.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of each sheriff to hold in his custody the ballot box during the hours of voting in each poll, and each ballot cast shall be by the Judges handed to him to be deposited in the ballot boxes.

Ballot Box to be deposited with the Sheriff of each County to be posted to the State Department.

Section 4. The Sheriff of each poll shall after the close of his poll and signing of the necessary papers by the Judges and Clerks, and announcement of the returns, deposit the ballot box with the County Sheriff to be posted to the State Department.

When effective.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in hand bills.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved December 10, 1934.

CHAPTER X

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA TO CONSTRUCT A CENTRAL PRISON AT SOME SUITABLE SITE WITHIN THE REPUBLIC.

December 6, 1934.
H. 17.

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 authorized to erect a Central Prison at some suitable site within the Republic.

The President authorized to erect a Central Prison.

Section 2. That the sum of \$8,000.00 is hereby appropriated to meet the expenses of this erection.

\$8,000.00 appropriated for erection.

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

The Secretary of the Treasury authorized to draw for same.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 10, 1934.

CHAPTER XI

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 87 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF LIBERIA.

December 4, 1934.
S. 10.

Whereas in order to give greater protection to the Election Laws, it is necessary that Section 87 of the Criminal Code be amended. Therefore,

Preamble.

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

Section 1. That Section 87 of the Criminal Code be amended as follows:-

After the word "NOT" delete the remainder of the Sentence and insert "Less than Seven Hundred Dollars" and also delete the next sentence commencing with the word "FOR"

Amendment of Section 87 of the Criminal Code.

and ending with the word "IMPOSED" and insert in place thereof, "In addition to the penalty herein prescribed, the trial Court shall enter an order directing that the alien, defendant shall be immediately deported," so that the entire section shall read.

Any alien who shall intermeddle with elections shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by law.

"Any alien who being within the bounds of this Republic shall intermeddle with elections either national or municipal by the use of money or any consideration whatever which may be valued; or who with intent to influence the vote of any person or persons qualified to exercise the suffrage, shall offer employment, or threaten to dismiss from employment, give provisions or make any menace whatever, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not less than Seven Hundred Dollars and not exceeding One Thousand Dollars. In addition to the penalty herein prescribed, the trial Court shall enter an order directing that the alien, defendant shall be immediately deported."

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 11, 1934.

CHAPTER XII.

December 8, 1934
H. 25.

AN ACT FOR THE CONTROL OF VENERAL DISEASES

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

Interpretation of the term "Veneral Diseases".

Section 1. In this Act the term "Veneral Diseases" comprises:-

- (a) Syphilis
- (b) Gonorrhea
- (c) Chancre (veneral ulcer) and
- (d) Tropical Veneral Granuloma,

regardless on what part of the body the symptoms may be found.

Section 2. That the execution of the provisions of this Act shall be supervised and controlled by the Bureau of Health and Sanitation, the Director of which shall have authority to organize for the purpose a Sanitary and Civil Welfare Police. The duties of the Civil Welfare Police shall be, in cooperation with the Sanitary Welfare Nurses, to report all cases of venereal and other diseases which may come or be brought to their notice, and to perform such other police duty in relation thereto as may be established by regulations. The Sanitary Police shall be recruited on a voluntary basis and shall be strictly controlled by the Local Health Authorities.

How the Act shall be executed.

Duties of the Civil Welfare Police.

How the Sanitary Police is to be recruited and controlled.

Section 3. Any person having reason to know, or reasonable cause to suspect himself or herself to be infected with a venereal disease shall immediately submit himself or herself to treatment by a Physician approved by the Medical Board of the Republic. Should such infected person be a minor, the parents, guardians or other persons having legal authority over him or her shall be responsible to insure that such minor is subjected to treatment as herein provided. Indigent persons shall be treated at Government expense by the Medical Officer appointed for that purpose.

A precaution for any person having reason to suspect himself or herself to be infected with a venereal disease.

How infected minors and indigent persons are to be treated.

Section 4. Any person suspected of being infected with a venereal disease shall be compelled by the Sanitary Authorities to produce a Medical Certificate from a physician, approved by the Medical Board, with regard to the state of his or her condition of health. Should such suspected person be unable to produce the required certificate, the Health and Sanitary Officer shall be authorized to compel him to submit to examination by the Local Medical Officer. The Private Physician or the Local Medical Officer who examine such infected person may, if necessary, require him or her to attend for examination periodically, and the Health Authorities shall have power to compel such necessary periodic examination regardless of the sex or the social standing of the person infected. Any person suffering from venereal disease, or suspected of transmitting venereal disease, may be compelled to subject himself or herself to treatment, and, if necessary may be put into a Hospital if this should appear to the Medical Officer necessary to prevent the further transmission of the disease. No anonymous reports in respect of the health of the person shall be taken into consideration by the health authorities. He who makes a report that any person is infected with venereal disease shall be first questioned verbally as to the facts and the case shall be investigated only if there should be sufficient grounds shown for such investigation. Should it appear to the medical Authorities that an operation involving

The Sanitary Authorities may compel any person suspected to be infected with a venereal disease to produce a Medical Certificate.

Any infected Person is subject to periodic examination by the Health authorities, if they think it necessary.

What treatment should be given to a person suspected of transmitting a venereal disease.

How a report on a suspected person should be investigated.

life will be necessary in the treatment of venereal diseases such operation cannot be carried out if the person concerned does not consent.

Persons suspecting themselves infected with venereal diseases, commit a criminal offence if indulge in sexual intercourse.

Prosecution is to be undertaken upon request of the infected person; and withdrawn by them if desired.

No complaint is legal after 6 months.

It is prohibited for any person to treat or advise infected person in any form, except they are physicians approved by the Medical Board.

Penalty.

No doctor is to practice out of the scope of his section.

Section 5. Should any person have reason to know, or reasonable cause to suspect himself or herself to be infected with venereal disease and is liable to infect other persons, nevertheless indulges in sexual intercourse, he or she shall be prosecuted and upon conviction, punished with imprisonment and hard labour for not less than three (3) years nor more than five (5) years. Should serious defect or death occur as a result of this intercourse, the culpable party shall suffer the higher penalty. Prosecution in such case shall be undertaken upon request of the infected person, his or her parents or guardians. This prosecution may be withdrawn upon request of the express request of the Complainant. No prosecution will be if the fact complained against shall have occurred six months prior to said complaint.

Section 6. It shall be prohibited for any person, not a physician approved by the Medical Board, to treat any venereal disease or diseases of the sexual organs. It is also prohibited to treat any such diseases otherwise than on the basis of personal observation, or to give advice for self-treatment thru lectures, pamphlets, or any other method to persons who are not personally observed. Any person who offers openly or covertly to treat any infected person as provided herein shall, upon conviction, be punished by one (1) year imprisonment, or by fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by both. Any Doctor who undertakes to treat any person in derogation of the provisions of this Section shall be liable to the same penalty and shall have his license revoked.

Section 7. Every Doctor examining or treating a person infected with venereal disease shall be required to explain to the infected person Section Five and Section Six of this Act. Such Doctors will furnish the patients examined a statement made upon form officially adopted that he has made such explanation to the infected person. A copy of said form, signed by the infected person, shall be kept by the doctor on his file for future reference. Should a person examined or treated be incapable of understanding his or her obligations under Sections 5 and 6 above, such explanation shall be made to the parents, guardians, or any person in charge of the infected person and the form provided herein shall be furnished said parents, guardian or person responsible for the suspected person.

Procedure for the treatment of infected persons.

Section 8. Should a person suffering from a venereal disease discontinue his or her treatment before being cured, or make it difficult to be observed, or get out of the control of the doctor, he shall be reported to the Sanitary authorities in charge of the venereal clinic of that District. Should the infected person not report as advised by the local medical authorities, he or she shall be arrested and taken into custody and compulsorily treated until cured.

What should be done with persons suffering from a venereal disease who discontinue treatment, or make it difficult to be treated.

Section 9. The physician, dispenser, medical officers, or the official or employee of the Sanitary Bureau of the clinics established under this Act who gives publicity to any fact in respect of the health condition of any person or persons which may have come to his or her knowledge through his or her official position, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be punished by fine not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or one year imprisonment, or by both according to the maliciousness of the offence. Prosecution in such case however, may be instituted only upon the request of the party injured, or by the Sanitary Authorities.

Any person who is responsible for the treatment of venereal diseases, commits an offence to make public the health of patients; and it is punishable by law to do so.

Section 10. The Sanitary Authorities or private persons treating a patient suffering from a venereal disease, is permitted to give confidential information, about the condition of any patient to any person who has a justifiable sanitary interest to be informed of patient's condition. That is to say, a person on the eve of entering into marital relation with another, or the keeper of a boarding house desiring to know whether or not the person should be isolated. The person making the request shall, however, give an undertaking in official form that he or she will use the knowledge thus secured only to safe guard himself or herself and will not use this knowledge to the social disadvantage of the person concerning whom the information was sought.

When and how should confidential information be given respecting persons suffering with venereal disease.

Section 11. It shall be an offence for any person to advertise, recommend, or display any medicines, drugs, instruments, or method of treating venereal diseases without being authorized so to do by the sanitary authorities. The penalty for violating the provisions of this Section shall be six months imprisonment, or Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) fine, or both; provided however, that it is permitted to recommend such medicines, drugs or instrument to Physicians, Pharmacists, or to persons authorized by the medical authorities to sell medicines, drugs or instruments.

It is an offence, which is punishable by law, for any person to display or recommend medicines, etc., for the treatment of venereal diseases, except authorized so to do.

Section 12. Lectures, books, and pamphlets, pictures of demonstrations, which serve only as an enlightenment of the masses

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Lecture, Books, etc. which treats about venereal diseases are permitted for publication.

The Sanitary Authorities are authorized to examine and condemn if necessary, medicines, drugs, etc., offered for treatment of venereal diseases.

How medicines, instruments, etc., are to be displayed or sold, and by what restriction.

Any person having a Venereal or contagious disease is not to act as wet nurse.

On what condition should a child who suffers from venereal or other communicable disease be given a foster parent

Penalty.

When person should not be employed as a wet nurse.

No person is to act as Wet Nurse except by medical authority.

A Wet Nurse who has not a medical Certificate is not to be employed.

about venereal disease and its symptoms, shall be permitted provided they do not infringe the provisions of Section Seven of this Act.

Section 13. (a) The Sanitary Authorities shall examine and test all medicines, drugs, instruments, et cetera, which are offered for sale as preventatives of venereal disease, and if such examination shall prove them inefficent or dangerous, the Sanitary Authorities shall prohibit their sale.

(b) The Sanitary Authorities may make regulation controlling the display, advertising and sale of medicines, drugs, or instruments. Any person who sells, offers for sale, any drugs, medicines, or instruments prohibited under paragraph (a) of this Section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months.

Section 14. (a) Any female person who acts as wet nurse to infants not her own, knowing or having reason to suspect, that she suffers from venereal or infectious or contagious diseases, and

(b) Any person who carries a syphilitic child to a Wet nurse for feeding knowing, or having reason to suspect, that said child is infected with venereal disease or other infectious or contagious disease, to any other person than the mother to be cared for, without informing such person concerning the diseased condition of the child and without calling in a Doctor to instruct such person how to handle the child that has the infections, and

(c) Any person knowing, or having reason to suspect, that a child suffers from venereal or other communicable disease, who gives such a child to a foster parent without informing such foster parent of the child's condition of health, shall be guilty of an offence and shall suffer imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). It is not permissible to give a child who suffers from syphilis or other venereal disease over to a wet nurse who also suffers from such disease.

Section 15. (a) Any wet nurse who nurses an infant without having previously secured a medical certificate certifying her freedom from any venereal or other communicable disease; and

(b) Any person who secures a Wet Nurse without having ascertained that said nurse has been certified as being free from disease in keeping with sub-section (a) of this Section; and

(c) Any person who permits a child to be fed by any other person than the mother without having been certified by medical certificate that the female acting as Wet Nurse will not be in danger from any infections from the child, shall be punished by a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offence.

No child is to be fed by any other person, except by Medical Sanitation, Penalty.

The provisions of sub-section (a) of this Section will not operate in cases which come under sub-section (b) of Section 14 of this Act.

Proviso.

Section 16. The Director of Public Health and Sanitation shall make such regulations for the further betterment or more convenient execution of this Act, provided such regulations be approved by the President prior to enforcement.

How this Act is to be conveniently executed.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 11, 1934.

CHAPTER XIII.

AN ACT CREATING A VOCATIONAL COLLEGE IN LIBERIA.

December 7, 1934
H. 21.

Whereas the President of Liberia has submitted at this Fourth Session of the Thirty Seventh Legislature a suggestion for the creation of a Vocational College in Liberia; Therefore

Preamble.

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

Section 1. That said suggestion for the creation of a Vocational College in Liberia as set fourth in a Tentative Skeleton Outline of Plans submitted be and is hereby approved.

Suggestion for the creation of a vocational College approved.

Section 2. That the governing body of the Vocational College shall consist of (a) Board of Administration composed of a President who shall be His Excellency the President of Liberia, A Vice President who shall be the Honourable Secretary of Education. A Secretary Treasurer who shall be the Honourable Secretary of the Treasury. Six additional Board Members, whose appointment shall be made by the President of Liberia for a term of four years, who may be reappointed, or replaced. (b) Executive Council, composed of the President of the Vocational College, The Director of the Vocational Education, The Secretary of Education. The Secretary of the Treasury. (c) The Staff of the Vocational College, composed of the President of the Vocational College, Director of Vocational Education, and at least Six Instructors in Engineering, Mechanics, Agriculture, Business, Home Economics, and any other Vocational subject contingent upon demand, respectively.

The governing body of the Vocational College.

The President of the Vocational College and the Director

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of the Vocational Education shall be nominated by the Honourable Secretary of Education and approved by the President of Liberia for the first four years and thereafter nominated by the Board of Administration with approval and appointment of the President of Liberia.

Executive Council of the College shall nominate the Instructors.

The Instructors of the Vocational College shall be nominated by the Executive Council of the College with approval of the Department of Public Instruction.

One thousand acres of Public land granted the College.

Section 3. That one thousand acres of Public land suitable for the Site and operation of the Vocational College, not otherwise assigned, be and is hereby granted for the use of said College.

How rules, Regulations and Curricula for the Institution are to be made.

Section 4. That for disciplinary conduct and routine work of the College the Executive Council shall make Rules, Regulations and draw Curricula for the Institution, subject to approval of the Department of Public Instruction. Provided, however, that the course covered by the Curricula shall include:-

1. Engineering
2. Mechanical Industries
3. Vocational Agriculture
4. Business
5. Home Economics

The means of support for the Vocational College.

Section 5. That the support of the Vocational College shall derive from

1. Tuition fees
2. Sale of Products from the farm
3. Out-turns from the work-shop and other Professional work of the Students of the College
4. An Annual grant from the Government of Liberia.
5. Special Endowment.

\$10,000.00 appropriated for the erection and organization of the College.

Section 6. That for preliminary expenses incidental to the organization of the College and erection of Vocational College buildings five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) be and is hereby appropriated for the first year in addition to five thousand dollars for Staff salaries making a first year grant of Ten Thou-

sand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and thereafter five thousand dollars annually. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to pay said amounts respectively from the public Treasury under warrant of the President of Liberia.

The Secretary of the Treasury authorized to pay said amounts under warrant of the President.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 11, 1935.

CHAPTER XIV.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION THEREOF.

December 7, 1935
H. 25.

Whereas, in order to increase the efficiency of government administration; secure for deserving employees a reasonable tenure of office and opportunity for advancement according to merit and seniority, as well as to place the personnel of Government organization on a plan similar to that of other countries through means of a competitive civil service, Therefore,

Preamble.

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

Section 1. That there shall be established in the organization of the government of the Republic of Liberia, under proper provision in the annual appropriation act for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and thirty-five (1935), and for each succeeding year thereafter, a branch of government to be styled "The Bureau of Civil Service of the Republic of Liberia." The said Bureau of Civil Service shall be independent of all other departments of government and the official appointed in charge thereof shall be subject only to the President of Liberia.

Establishing the Bureau of Civil Service.

Section 2. The Bureau of Civil Service shall be composed of the following officers and employees:

Bureau of Personnel position and salary.

1. — One Commissioner of Civil Service, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, whose annual salary shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00).

2. — One Assistant Commissioner of Civil Service who shall receive a salary not to exceed nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) per annum.
3. — One Examiner at a salary not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) per annum.
4. — One Chief Clerk at a salary not exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per annum.
5. — One Stenographer and Typist at a salary not exceeding four hundred and five dollars (\$405.00) per annum.
6. — Two Clerks at salaries not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00) each per annum.
7. — One Messenger at a salary of eighty-six dollars (\$86.00) per annum.

Appointments of subordinate officers and employees.

Section 3. The Assistant Commissioner of Civil Service, the Examiner, the Chief Clerk, and other employees of the Bureau of Civil Service, in the first instance, will be appointed by the President, thereafter, as vacancies in such positions occur, appointments shall be made in strict accordance with the terms of the Civil Service Act.

Tenure of Office.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Civil Service shall hold office at the pleasure of the President; the Assistant Commissioner, Examiner, Chief Clerk, and other employees of said Bureau shall be subject to the provisions of this Act.

Duties of the Commissioner of Civil Service.

Section 5. The duties of the Commissioner of Civil Service are prescribed as follows:-

1. — To supervise and direct the administration of the affairs of the Bureau of Civil Service under the advice and instruction of the President.
2. — To aid the President in preparing suitable rules for the successful and lawful operation of this Act.
3. — To announce and hold examinations for entrance to the Civil Service of the Republic of Liberia; to hold examinations for promotions in the government service; for reinstatements, and for special purposes, both competitive and noncompetitive, as may hereafter be prescribed.
4. — He is charged with responsibility for the honest and impartial operation of the Civil Service Act, and will report to the President, for summary dismissal, the name of any assistant,

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examiner, or other employee of the Bureau of Civil Service, guilty of any act which may in any manner tend to defeat the purposes of this law; or who shall unlawfully influence, either favourably or unfavourably, the interests of any person examined or who neglects to perform the duties of his or her office in a faithful and honest manner.

5. — Such other duties in connection with the administration of the Civil Service of the Republic which the President may later prescribe.

6. — He shall submit an annual report to the President for transmission to the Legislature, in which will be recorded the operations of the Bureau of Civil Service, the rules and regulations promulgated, the exceptions thereto in force and the practical effect thereof, and he may submit suggestions and recommendations for the more effective accomplishment of the Civil Service Act.

7. — He shall receive, investigate, and report to the President regarding complaints from employees in the classified service.

Section 6. The Assistant Commissioner of Civil Service shall act as executive secretary to the Commissioner, and shall perform such other duties as the Commissioner of Civil Service may require. In the event of the absence from duty of the Commissioner due to illness, leave, or other reason, the Assistant Commissioner shall, upon instruction from the President, act as Commissioner of Civil Service with equal authority. The Assistant Commissioner of Civil Service may, at the discretion of the Commissioner, perform the duties of an examiner when required and, when examining boards are in session, he may preside as chief examiner.

Duties of the Assistant Commissioner.

Section 7. The duties of the Examiner will be restricted exclusively to the examination of applicants for admission to the classified service, to the examination of candidates for promotion, for reinstatement, and for transfer, whether such examinations are competitive or noncompetitive. The examiner shall be present in the room when and where examinations are held, he shall be responsible for the orderly and honest conduct of such examinations, and he shall examine and grade all examination papers impartially and fairly. In the conduct of civil service examinations the Examiner shall act in conformity with the provisions herein contained, as well as in conformity with all lawful rules and regulations relating to the Civil Service of the Republic as may be later promulgated.

Duties of the Examiner.

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Duties of Subordinating employees.

Section 8. The duties of the Chief Clerk, Stenographer, Typist, Clerks and Messenger, will be such as may be designated by the Commissioner of Civil Service.

Classification of Service, and exemptions.

Section 9. The Civil Service of the Republic of Liberia shall be classified to include all officers and employees now in civil employment by the Government, heretofore or hereafter appointed or employed, in positions now existing or hereafter created, of whatever function or designation, whether compensated by fixed salary or otherwise, except as follows:

1. Ambassadors, public ministers and consuls; cabinet officers of secretarial rank; justices of the supreme court and judges of courts; registrars and notaries public, all being presidential appointments and subject to confirmation by the Senate.
2. Officers and employees of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.
3. Officials of Government whose appointments are subject to election by the people.
4. Foreign citizens in the employ of the Republic.
5. Officers, noncommissioned officers, and enlisted personnel of the Liberian Frontier Force, or other regular military establishment.
6. Officers and employees engaged by the Government under conditions of treaties or agreements with foreign governments, the League of Nations, or private foreign interests.
7. The Secretary to the President, and aid-de-camps to the President.
8. Superintendent of Counties, District Commissioners.
9. Carpenters, blacksmiths, electricians, chauffeurs, and others of like trades and occupations.
10. Janitors, messengers, and labourers, and all others whose salary is less than one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per annum.

The Classified Service.

Section 10. The classification of the Civil Service of the Republic of Liberia, as provided in Section 9 of this Act, shall be arranged in accordance with the following schedule:

- Class 1. Employees of government of whatever capacity, whose annual salary is one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) or more and less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

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- Class 2. Employees of government whose annual salary is three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or more, and less than four hundred dollars (\$400.00).
 - Class 3. Employees of government whose annual salary is four hundred dollars (\$400.00) or more, and less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
 - Class 4. Employees of government whose annual salary is five hundred dollars or more, and less than six hundred (\$600.00).
 - Class 5. Employees of government whose annual salary is six hundred dollars (\$600.00) or more, and less than seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00).
 - Class 6. Employees of government whose annual salary is seven hundred and fifty dollars or more, and less than nine hundred dollars (\$900.00).
 - Class 7. Employees of government whose annual salary is nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) or more, and less than twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00).
 - Class 8. Employees of government whose annual salary is twelve hundred (\$1,200.00) or more.

Section 11. All the offices, places, or employments, in the classified service, so arranged or to be arranged in classes, shall be filled by selection after competitive or noncompetitive examinations.

Offices, positions, and employments, how filled.

Section 12. Admission to the classified service shall be by open competitive examination. Such examination shall be practical in character and for the purpose of testing the fitness of applicants for public service. Such examinations shall, in so far as possible, relate to those matters which will fully determine the capacity of the person examined to discharge the duties of the position in which appointment is sought. Noncompetitive examinations shall be held for the purposes of determining fitness of employees for promotion, transfer, and reinstatement.

Admission to classified service—examination.

Section 13. Civil Service examination, competitive as well as noncompetitive, shall be held on the second Monday of January, April, July and October of each year, and shall continue from day to day until completed. Such examinations shall be held principally at Monrovia; however, for the convenience of applicants and in order to avoid unnecessary expense thereto, the Commissioner of Civil Service is authorized to hold examinations once each year at Harper, for applicants resident in Maryland County, the Grand Cess District, and parts adjacent, at Buchanan, for applicants resident in Grand Bassa County and the River Cess District; and at Greenville, for applicants resi-

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dent in Sinoe County and adjacent localities; at Cape Mount County for applicants resident in Grand Cape Mount County and adjacent localities.

Persons eligible for examination.

Section 14. Any person of Liberian Citizenship, of either sex, of good character, who is not less than seventeen (17) or more than forty (40) years of age, shall be eligible for competitive examination for the classified service. It is understood, however, that no naturalized citizen of Liberia shall be eligible to Civil Service examination who has not previously resided in the Country, as a naturalized Liberian, at least five consecutive years from date of the passage of this Act. No person may be accepted for examination who may be disqualified for any of the reasons stated in section 15 of this Act.

Disqualification

Section 15. The Commissioner of Civil Service shall refuse to accept for examination applicants disqualified by reason of:

1. Dismissal from public service for delinquency of misconduct within two years preceeding the date of his or her application for examination.

2. Physical or mental unfitness for the position for which he or she applies.

3. Criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral, or notoriously disgraceful conduct.

4. Habitual use of intoxicating beverages to excess.

5. Intentionally making a false statement in any material fact, or practicing any deception of fraud, in securing examination, certification, or appointment.

Qualifications for examination.

Section 16. No person will be admitted to civil service standing, or certified as eligible for original appointment, unless he or she shall have passed a competitive entrance examination, and no employee shall receive promotion to a position higher in class than that occupied unless he or she shall have established fitness for such promotion by examination, which examination need not to be competitive. Employees desiring transfer, and former employees applying for reinstatement, shall be required to qualify under examination before such transfer or reinstatement may be made.

Examining Board's.

Section 17. The Commissioner of Civil Service is authorized to consult with heads of other services, bureaus, offices or departments, for the purpose of the detail of suitable employees

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on examining boards, and heads of services, etc. are required to render assistance so sought whenever practicable. Such service will be rendered without additional compensation for the employees, or employee, so serving. In consideration of the needs of the public service, the Commissioner of Civil Service will not detain such employees on Civil Service work for any period than is actually necessary. It is required that for all promotion examinations for the Bureau of Customs, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and the Bureau of Audits, a competent employee of the respective bureau shall serve as an examining officer.

Section 18. Applications for examination must be made under oath, on form and in manner as prescribed by the Commissioner of Civil Service, and accompanied by such certificates as may be required. The Commissioner of Civil Service, the Assistant Commissioner, and the Chief Clerk, of the Bureau of Civil Service are authorized to administer oaths for this purpose. A tax of twenty-five cents (\$0.25), payable in revenue stamps is required on all such applications.

Applications for examination.

Section 19. Civil Service examinations shall be both written and oral, and ratings shall be made on scale of 100. All competitors rated at 70 or more shall be eligible for appointment, promotion, or reinstatement, and the names thereof shall be listed in order of rating.

Examination rating

Section 20. After the conclusion of the first examinations for entrance to the Civil Service of the Republic of Liberia, there shall be established in the Bureau of Civil Service a list containing the names of all such persons as have successfully qualified for appointment or promotion, and such list shall be styled "The Civil Service Eligible List." Names of persons on the eligible list shall be arranged according to ratings obtained on examination; the name of the person obtaining the highest rating, will be entered first on the eligible list, the second highest rating next, and so on, in order of rating. Should two or more persons obtain the same rating, the names of such persons will be listed according to rating in alphabetical order.

Civil Service Eligible List.

Section 21. Names of persons qualifying for original appointment, or for promotion; may remain on the eligible list for a period of not longer than one year. Should such person not be selected for appointment, or promotion, within the period specified, his or her name shall be dropped from the list and not again entered thereon until after requalification by examination.

Period of eligibility

Re-examinations.

Section 22. Any applicant who fails to qualify, after examination, for entrance to the classified service, will not be accepted for reexamination until after a period of six (6) months, and any person who fails to qualify for appointment as a result of three consecutive examinations shall be denied the privilege of further examination.

Filling vacancies.

Section 23. In the event of a vacancy, or vacancies, occurring in any service, bureau, office, or department, of the Government, the appointing officer shall make application, in writing and on form prescribed, to the Commissioner of Civil Service, for certification of names of persons eligible for appointment. The Commissioner of Civil Service will immediately certify, to the officer so applying, the names of those persons eligible for appointment in order of standing on the eligible list. At least three names shall be certified for each existing vacancy and from such names the appointing officer shall select for probationary appointment the number required to fill existing vacancies. Provided, however, that in the event the Commissioner of Civil Service is unable to certify names of persons eligible for appointment for any stated position, due to lack of eligibles, the appointing officer may select, for temporary appointment, any suitable person of civil service standing. Such temporary appointment may continue in effect until such time as the civil service eligible list has been revived and names certified to the appointing officer in the manner herein provided. Reasons for selection, or nonselection, of any persons need not be stated by the appointing officer. Persons selected for appointment shall be notified by the appointing officer and certificate of appointment issued. Copies of all such certificates of appointment shall be furnished the Bureau of Civil Service.

Appointments and promotions.

Section 24. Original appointments in the classified service will be made only in Class 1. All other appointments will be made by promotion of employees holding positions in the class next below that in which vacancy exists, by transfer or by reinstatement. Provided, however, that employees selected for promotion, transfer, or reinstatement, shall have been certified by the Commissioner of Civil Service as persons properly qualified for such promotion, transfer, or reinstatement. In so far as possible, promotions will be restricted to the service, bureau, office, or department, in which vacancy occurs, and made in order of seniority.

Probationary Service.

Section 25. Service for the first six months under an original, or subsequent, appointment shall be on probation, and should

an employee fail within that period to establish his or her fitness for the position occupied, or, if it is shewn during that period that the employee is unfitted for such position, the employee shall be notified in writing by the appointing officer to that effect and, if original appointment, his or her services terminated. Should appointment be due to promotion, transfer or reinstatement, and the employee shall fail to qualify, or prove fitness, for the position, such employee shall resume the status held prior to promotion, transfer, or reinstatement.

Section 26. Any employee of the classified service may be separated from the service temporarily, by suspension, or permanently, by dismissal, for just cause, for administrative reasons, or for any reason enumerated in Section 15 of this Act, at the discretion of the appointing officer. Provided, however, that an employee shall not be subject to suspension for a period exceeding ninety (90) days in any single instance, and that dismissal from the service shall first be reported to the President for approval and confirmation. During a period of suspension an employee shall, receive no compensation for service. Copies of all records relating to the suspension or dismissal of an employee shall be filed in the Bureau of Civil Service.

Separation from service.

Section 27. Notice in writing shall be given by the appointing power, to the Commissioner of Civil Service, of any person or persons selected for probationary appointment; or of the rejection of any employee during, or at the termination of, period of probation; of promotions, transfers, resignations, and removals, the date thereof and the reason therefor, and such notice shall be made a matter of record in the Bureau of Civil Service.

Notice of appointment or rejection.

Section 28. Reentry in the classified service shall be granted to persons of good record whose separation from public service was caused by voluntary resignation, and the Commissioner of Civil Service may, upon application and after qualification, enter the name of such persons, or person, on the eligible list in the same class as that held when resignation became effective, and such names may then be certified to appointing officers without regard to standing on the eligible list. Persons dismissed from service by reasons stated in Section 15 and Section 26. of this Act, shall not be granted Civil Service classification prior to the expiration of a period of two (2) years from date of dismissal, and then only when so recommended by the discharging office and with the approval of the President, in which event the reentry of such person, or persons to the

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classified service shall be subject to the conditions of Section 16 of this Act.

Vacation and leave of absence.

Section 29. Employees of the classified service shall be entitled to vacation and leave of absence with full salary for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days, exclusive of holidays, each year, which vacation and leave of absence shall not be cumulative. Administrative officers will arrange leave of absence schedules so that the functions of an office and the interests of the public service are not disturbed. Except as hereinafter provided, vacations and leaves of absence with salary may not be extended; however, additional leave of absence, without salary on account of illness or other good cause, may be granted for reasonable periods when not inconsistent with the needs of the service. The President is authorized to grant leaves of absence, additional to the periods hereinbefore stated, with or without salary, provided, however, that no employee in the classified service shall be granted vacation and leave of absence with salary, in any single year, for a period exceeding sixty (60) days. Unauthorized absence from duty shall be deemed reasonable and sufficient cause for removal from the classified service.

Apportionment of assignments

Section 30. Appointments to the public service in the departments at Monrovia shall be apportioned, in so far as practicable, among the several counties and territories of Marshall. Every application for examination shall contain, among other things, a statement under oath setting forth the applicant's actual bona fide residence at the time of making application for examination, as well as how long he or she has been a residence of such place.

Influencing results of examinations — penalty.

Section 31. It shall be unlawful for any person employed in the Bureau of Civil Service, directly or indirectly, to aid or discredit any person under examination, by falsely marking, grading, estimating, or reporting upon the examination or proper standing of any person so examined, and any officer or employee of the Bureau of Civil Service, or temporarily assigned to said Bureau as an examiner, who shall be found guilty of violation of this Section of the Civil Service Act shall be summarily dismissed from his or her position and prohibited from future employment in the service of the Government.

Contributions.

Section 32. No person in the classified service is for any reason under any obligation to contribute to any public fund, or to render any political service, and he or she shall not be removed from office, or otherwise prejudiced for refusing to do so.

Section 33. No person in the classified service has the right to use his or her official authority or influence to coerce the political action of any person or body. Political influence.

Section 34. No person in the classified service shall incur punishment by means of a fine, or by the withholding of any part of his or her salary, for administrative offenses. The division of such salary, or any part thereof, to others or for other purposes, for any reason whatsoever, unless in virtue of voluntary written authority of the employee concerned, is strictly prohibited. Punishments may be inflicted only by means of suspension, for minor offenses, or dismissal. Any officers or employee of the Government violating the provisions of this Section will be subject to administrative action by the President. Punishments.

Section 35. There shall be kept in each service, bureau, office, and department of Government, on forms and in manner to be prescribed, a separate personnel record of each employee serving therein. Copies of these records, and copies of all subsequent notations thereon, shall be filed in the Bureau of Civil Service. Personnel Records.

Section 36. There shall be kept in the Bureau of Civil Service a personnel record of each and all persons in the classified service and, in so far as possible, of all persons competing in civil service examinations. For the purpose of such record the Commissioner of Civil Service is authorized to request from all officers of Government such information regarding the service personnel as may be required, and such officers are enjoined to furnish the information required with the minimum of delay. Personnel Records.

Section 37. There shall be kept in the Bureau of Civil Service a general roster, in book form, in which will be recorded in alphabetical order the names of all employees in the classified service, together with information specifying the age, sex, place of birth, original position to which appointed, and subsequent changes in status of each employee. Civil Service Roster

Section 38. It shall be the duty of all officers of the Republic of Liberia, in the departments and offices to which any civil service rules and regulations may apply, to aid, in all proper ways, in carrying such rules and regulations, and modifications thereof, into effect. During the period of organization and first several months of administration of the Bureau of Civil Service, the Commissioner of Civil Service is directed to invite the advice Officers required to aid.

and assistance of any foreign official in the employ of the Republic who may be experienced in civil service matters of any foreign government.

Section 39. The office of the Bureau of Civil Service shall be established at Monrovia in such building and location as may be designated by the President.

Section 40. The Commissioner of Civil Service is empowered to make investigations, under report to the President, in regard to all matters touching the enforcement and effect of the Civil Service Act and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as concerning the actions of any examiner, board of examiners, subordinate officers and employees of the Bureau of Civil Service, and others in the classified service, in respect to the execution of this Act.

Section 41. For the purpose of this Act all persons now employed in the service of the Government, in positions designated herein as the classified service, shall be deemed included in the Civil Service of the Republic of Liberia as probationary employees for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Act. During the probationary period of six (6) months aforesaid heads of services, bureaus, offices, and departments, will determine the fitness of employees for continued service under this Act and report to the Commissioner of Civil Service the names of such employees as are to be retained in service, as well as the names of those employees whose services will be discontinued. Incapacity, physical or mental unfitness, or other administrative reasons, shall be considered sufficient and reasonable grounds for discontinuance of the services of any employee now in service. Employees continued in service will be granted certificates of employment, and those whose services are no longer required will be so notified in writing.

Section 42. In order that this Act may be made effective prior to date of January 1, 1936, at the pleasure of the President, and to provide for the creation and provision of the Bureau of Civil Service without additional expense to the Government during the current fiscal year, it is hereby provided that positions in said Bureau, save only those of the Commissioner of Civil Service and the Assistant Commissioner of Civil Service, shall be filled through transfer of personnel, positions, and appropriation credits, from other organizations of the Government, as the President may direct. Provision for salaries of the Commissioner of Civil Service, the Assistant Commissioner of Civil Service, and for all necessary expenses of the Bureau, shall be

Location of office of Bureau of Civil Service.

Investigations by Commissioner of Civil Service.

Blanket appointments to classified Service.

Provision for making Act immediately effective.

made from savings in salaries and expenses in other Government departments, and the transfer of appropriation credits to a provisional budget for the Bureau of Civil Service is hereby authorized.

Section 43. This Act shall be entitled "The Civil Service Act," and shall become effective on January 1, 1937, or prior to that date, at the pleasure of the President.

Title and effective date of Act.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 12, 1934.

ESTIMATED COST OF OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUREAU OF CIVIL SERVICE

BUREAU OF CIVIL SERVICE.

Salaries

Per Annum

Commissioner of Civil Service
Assistant Commissioner of Civil Service
Examiner
Chief Clerk
Stenographer & Typist
Two (2) Clerks at \$300.00 each
Messenger

\$ 1,200.00
900.00
750.00
600.00
405.00
600.00
86.40

\$ 4,541.40

Expenses

Stationery and Supplies
Contingent expenses
Travelling expenses
Rent of Office

500.00
100.00
250.00
480.00

\$ 1,330.00

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\$ 5,871.40

NOTE: Requirements for "Stationery and Supplies" for years following 1935 should be reduced by 50 o/o. Item for "Rent of Office" might possibly be saved by making use of a building owned by the Government.

CHAPTER XV

December 8, 1934.
S. 25.

AN ACT APPROVING THE THREE YEAR PLAN FOR INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC, ELABORATED BY THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT DATED AUGUST 28TH, 1934, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FINANCE CORPORATION OF AMERICA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE 7% GOLD LOAN AGREEMENT OF 1926.

Preamble.

Whereas the Government of Liberia is determined to continue the internal reforms, reorganization and development of Liberia initiated since 1931: and

Whereas the successful prosecution of any internal reforms reorganization and development of the Republic depends in a large measure on certain fiscal provisions; therefore

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

Approval of the three year plan for internal reforms.

Section 1. That the three year plan for internal reforms, reorganization and development of Liberia, elaborated by the Executive Government, dated August 28th, 1934, is hereby approved, and the President is empowered to execute said plan by all legitimate means.

Modification of the 7% Gold Loan Agreement of 1926.

Section 2. That the President of the Republic of Liberia is hereby empowered to complete negotiations with the Finance Corporation of America, for the purpose of modifying certain provisions of the 7% Gold Loan Agreement of 1926 in such terms as will not inhibit the complete and practical realization of the Three Year Plan mentioned in Section 1 hereof.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 13, 1934.

CHAPTER XVI

AN ACT TO CREATE A MUNICIPALITY OF GRAND CESS.

December 13, 1924.
H. 27.

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

Section 1. That all of that portion of Territory in Maryland County now known as Grand Cess, commencing from the sea-shores at low water mark on the South Beach of the Atlantic Ocean opposite the South-Western boundary of the Roman Catholic Mission premises in Grand Cess, running from the sea-shores parallel to and with the said South-Western boundary of the said Roman Catholic Mission boundary North $1\frac{1}{2}$ (one and one half) miles; thence East (2) two miles; thence South $1\frac{1}{2}$ (one and one half) miles; thence West (2) miles; to the place of commencement, is hereby created and shall be known as the Municipality of Grand Cess, and is hereby constituted a Municipal Body corporated, and in that name may sue and be sued; plead and be impleaded and do all other acts common to similar Municipal Bodies corporated.

Organization of the Municipality of Grand Cess, Maryland County.

Section 2. That the Municipality of Grand Cess shall have a Seal and perpetual succession.

A seal and perpetual succession to be maintained.

Section 3. The Officers of the said Municipality shall be a Commissioner who shall be the Chief Administrative Officials; a Road and Street Overseer; three Associate Magistrates; a Police Magistrate; a Chief of Police; a Municipal Clerk and a Municipal Court Clerk, all of whom shall be commissioned by the President of the Republic with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the President.

Personnel of the said Municipality.

Section 4. There shall be a Municipal Board to be composed of the Commissioner, the Street and Road Overseer, and the Chief of Police. This Board shall have authority in the name of said Municipality to make and enforce regulations and ordinances for the governance of said Municipality of Grand Cess, not incompatible with any existing laws of the Republic. Such regulations and ordinances shall have full force of law when made, within the said Municipality, provided they are approved by the County Superintendent, and shall be forwarded to the President for his approval immediately. All regulations and ordinances made under the provisions of this Act shall become

How Regulations and ordinances of the said Municipality are to be made and enforced.

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enforcible in said Municipality as laws when approved by the County Superintendent, but when not so approved, such regulations and ordinances shall cease to be enforcible as law and shall become void. All regulations and ordinances made and approved as herein provided shall become law after 30 days publication in three conspicuous places in the said Municipality, for the information of the freeman thereof.

When regulations and ordinances become effective.

The Commissioner authorized to take over all papers and other properties of the Township.

Section 5. The Commissioner and Municipal Board shall take over from the Township Officials of Grand Cess all Books and papers together with other properties of whatever kind of the said Township and shall cause to be registered the total indebtedness of the said Township and shall retire same from time to time by *pro rata* payments as the revenues of said Township of Municipality may warrant.

Organization of the Municipal Court.

Section 6. There shall be a Municipal Court in said Municipality to be presided over by the Police Magistrate; and the Jurisdiction of said Court shall be the same as that of Justices of the Peace within the limits of said Municipality.

The Municipal Court Clerk shall be the Clerk of said Court and shall issue all Writs by direction of the Police Magistrate and shall receive fees therefor as provided for Justice of the Peace in the Code of Justices of the Peace. He shall also perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Police or other Magistrates.

How Venue is to be obtained.

Section 7. The three Associate Magistrates shall be accessible for the benefit of Venue, and it shall be the privilege of any defendant summoned or arrested in a Civil or Criminal case, upon appearing before the Police Magistrate, to notify of his desire to Change Venue to either of the Associate Magistrates. Upon such notification, it shall be the duty of the Police Magistrate to forthwith inform the Associate Magistrate named by the defendant of the Change of Venue and such Associate Magistrate shall forthwith dispose of said case, under provisions of Trials prescribed in the Justice of the Peace Code.

Authority of the Police Court.

Section 8. The Police Court shall have authority to punish for Contempt and preserve order in their Courts, and enforce its writs and orders in the same manner as Justices of the Peace.

Duties of the Chief of Police.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to serve or cause to be served all writs issued of said Courts and to serve as Ministerial Officer therein or detail any police men to perform these duties.

Section 10. Appeals may be taken from any Judgment of

the Police or Associate Magistrate to the Circuit Courts the same as provided for Appeals from Justices of the Peace.

Section 11. The Commissioner of the Municipality of Grand Cess shall receive a salary of \$250.00 per annum; The Police Magistrate \$175.00 and Street and Road Overseer \$150.00; the Chief of Police \$100.00 and fees for services as allowed to Constables under the Justices of the Peace Code, and Associate Magistrates \$1.00 for each case tried by them, together with each Judgment rendered by them. These salaries are to be paid monthly.

Positions and salaries.

Section 12. There shall be a Constabulary to be composed of not more than six policemen who shall receive a monthly wage of \$2.40 and they shall perform such duties as may be required of them by law and the Chief of Police.

Organization of the Constabulary.

Section 13. All Licenses, Taxes and fines accruing within the limits of said Municipality shall be applied solely to the improvement of said Municipality and for meeting the expenses running said Municipality.

Disbursement of Revenue.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 14, 1934.

CHAPTER XVII

AN ACT APPROVING THE BUDGET PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE GOVERNMENT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1935.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the Budget presented by the Secretary of the Treasury for the year 1935 be approved; and he is hereby authorized to meet the expenses of the Government from January 1, 1935 in sums mentioned hereunder, under warrant of the President.

Approval of the Budget for 1935.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 15, 1934.

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PRIVATE ACTS
OF THE
THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
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CHAPTER XVIII

October 24, 1934.
H. 3.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE "KROO TOWN LITERARY CLUB" OF HARPER CITY, MARYLAND COUNTY, LIBERIA.

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

Kroo Town Literary Club, Harper City, incorporated.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, the Club known and styled the "Kroo Town Literary Club" of Harper City, Maryland County, of which Alexander J. K. Hney, is President, Elizabeth M. Toobo, is Lady President, John W. Lewis, Vice President, S. J. Sachor, Secretary, John N. Davis, Assistant Secretary, Elizabeth W. Weah, Treasurer, J. W. Tweghlay, Doctor, William R. Roberts, Assistant Doctor, F. J. Pearson, Master of Ceremonies, Peter T. Hney, Speaker, Lewis Nmah Harmon, Marshal, Ernest B. Brown, Assistant Marshal, B. D. K. Bestman, Musician, Peter K. Freeman, Musician, S. D. Solo, J. K. Nimley, William Moore, J. E. Minor, J. T. Tubman, Samuel B. Mensah, Charlie Chapman, J. E. D. Hney, Poe Gbeh, Nmah Weday, Mary Addy Mensah, Kaffah Weendi, Mary Markine, Mary Nyenday Wilson and Sapo Weday, members and such other persons who may become members, are hereby created and constituted a body corporate and politic under the name and style the "Kroo Town Literary Club" of Harper City, Maryland County, Republic of Liberia, and by that name and style to remain and have perpetual succession, with authority to contract, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction; to hold, purchase and convey as well as mortgage and hypothecate property, real, personal and mixed to the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00)

May own property to the value of \$5,000.00

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Section 2. The object of the Club is to build up a spirit of comradeship among its members and to encourage education in all of its branches.

The Club's object.

Section 3. The "Kroo Town Literary Club" of Harper City, is hereby vested with full power and authority to make and establish such Bye-laws and Regulations for its government and to do all other acts and things done by similar bodies corporate and politic that are not repugnant to the Constitution and law of the Republic of Liberia.

How Bye-laws and Regulations are to be made.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 9, 1934.

CHAPTER XIX

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE UNION CLUB OF THE SETTLEMENT OF CALDWELL, SAINT PAUL RIVER, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

October 18, 1934.
S. 1.

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

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the club known and styled, "The Union Club of the Settlement of Caldwell," Saint Paul River, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia of which J. C. A. Gibson, Sr., is General Director, C. V. Harris, President, Ellen A. Moulson, Vice President, Sarah Brisbane, Secretary, Etta Ricks, Sheriff, A. L. Scott, Marshall, and all others who may be associated with them together with their successors in office, and all who may become connected with the said Union Club be and the same is hereby incorporated by a body politic under the name and style "The Union Club of the Settlement of Caldwell," Saint Paul River, County of Montserrado and Republic of Liberia, in that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of this Republic having competent jurisdiction.

Organization of the Union Club of Caldwell.

Section 2. That the said Union Club of the Settlement of

May own property to the value of \$10,000.

Caldwell Saint Paul River, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, may own property, real and personal to the value of \$10,000.00 and enjoy all and singular rights and privileges granted under the laws as made and provided.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary not withstanding.

Approved November 9, 1934.

CHAPTER XX

AN ACT GRANTING MARIA J. REEVES, CITIZEN OF THE CITY AND TERRITORY OF MARSHALL, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, PENSION FOR HER NATURAL LIFE TIME.

Preamble.

Whereas, Maria J. Reeves, for long tenure of duty as a zealous and faithful School Teacher in the Mission School for the space of six years, and three months, and as a Government School Teacher for forty-five years; making the total of fifty-one years service as a school teacher in the primary and elementary training of the youths in Liberia; and

Whereas she is now stricken in age, invalid in health, perfect dependant and needs help from her Government, Therefore:

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

Pension granted Maria J. Reeves, \$144.00 per annum.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Maria J. Reeves of the city and Territory of Marshall be and she is hereby granted a pension in the sum of One Hundred Forty-four Dollars per annum for her natural life time.

Said amount to be paid in monthly installment.

Section 2. The said amount to be paid in monthly installments of Twelve Dollars.

The Secretary of the Treasury authorized to draw for same.

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

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Section 4. This Act shall take effect immediately and be published in handbills. When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 23rd, 1934.

CHAPTER XXI

AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE ANNUITY GRANTED JUDGE ISHMEAL W. MARSHALL PASSED AND APPROVED DECEMBER 12, 1932 TO HIS WIDOW BESSIE E. MARSHALL OF THE TERRITORY OF MARSHALL, MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

November 14, 1935.
H. 6.

Whereas Bessie E. Marshall has Petitioned this Honourable Body asking that her late husband's annuity be transferred to her, she being in indigent circumstances and unable to support her five children, and

Preamble.

Whereas the late Ishmeal W. Marshall was faithful in the discharge of his Judicial duties up to the time of his disability,

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 Annuity of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) which was formerly granted to Ishmeal W. Marshall her late husband by an Act of the Legislature of Liberia passed and approved by the President on December 12, 1932, be and the same is transferred to Bessie E. Marshall his widow of the Territory of Marshall, Montserrado County during her life time.

Annuity of \$150.00 transferred to Bessie E. Marshall.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Treasury R. L., is hereby authorized to cause the above transferred annuity formerly granted to Ishmeal W. Marshall to be made on the Budget and entered on the appropriation Ledger in favour of the above mentioned Bessie E. Marshall.

The Secretary of the Treasury authorized to transfer budget appropriation to Bessie E. Marshall.

Section 3. The Secretary of the Treasury R. L., is further authorized to pay the amount of one hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) as above provided under warrant of the

The Secretary of the Treasury authorize to draw for same.

CHAPTER XXII

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE ROYESVILLE EXCELSIOR NO. 1 BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION OF ROYESVILLE MONTSERRADO COUNTY.

November 19, 1934.
H. 7.

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

The Royesville Excelsior No. 1 Brass Band Incorporated.

Section 1. That Solomon Davis, President, A. N. Iving, Vice President, Solomon N. Mathis, General Secretary, P. A. Lavoll, Treasurer, T. L. Holman, Bandmaster, B. E. Chiles, Assistant Bandmaster, G. L. Darby, Secretary, L. H. Monger, Purser, Hirman Parson, Instructor, G. V. Monger, Band Leader, C. N. Duncan, Assistant Band Leader, S. A. Chiles, Boatswain, D. J. E. Lee, Assistant Boatswain, all of the Settlement of Royesville, Montserrado County, and Republic of Liberia and their successors in office are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name and style of the Royesville Excelsior No. 1. Brass Band Association in the Settlement of Royesville, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court having competent Jurisdiction, May own real and personal property to the value of one Thousand Dollars and may make bye-laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the Republic, and do other things that may be necessary to carry into effect the intention of this Association.

May own Property to the Value of one Thousand Dollars.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved November 29, 1934.

CHAPTER XXIII

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE QUEEN ESTHER HOUSEHOLD OF RUTH NO. 5743 OF THE GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS ARTHINGTON, LIBERIA.

November 20, 1934.
H. 10

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

Queen Esther Household of Ruth No. 5743, Arthington, incorporated.

Section 1. That L. A. B. Tyler, Past Most Noble Governor, Rebecca Bracewell, Most Noble Governor, Mary Lawrence, Right Noble Governor, L. A. Hill, Recorder, G. B. Groove, Noble Governor,

and Chamberlain, L. B. Turbett, Shepherd and Usher, W. H. Tyler, Treasurer, H. M. Moore, Worthy Counsel, Hattie Brisbane, Right Senior Steward, and A. E. Diggs, A. E. Gall and P. J. Bracewell, Trustees, and all other persons who are or hereafter may become associated with them are hereby constituted a Body Corporate by the name and style of the Queen Esther Household of Ruth Number 5743 of the Grand United Order of Odd Follows of Arthington, County of Montserrado and Republic of Liberia, with the right of perpetual succession and by and in that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the Courts of the Republic having Competent Jurisdiction.

Section 2. That said Queen Esther Household of Ruth No. 5743 shall enjoy all the rights and privileges and do all such acts and things as are usually enjoyed and done by like bodies Corporate, and shall have the right to acquire, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal property to the value of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00).

May enjoy privileges as similar organizations, and own property to the value of \$5,000.00

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 3, 1934.

CHAPTER XXIV

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF AN ACT GRANTING (50,000) FIFTY THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND TO THE BANK OF LIBERIA LIMITED PASSED AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 4TH, A. D. 1933.

November 7, 1934.
S. 3.

Whereas it is necessary for the successful object of a certain grant of land to the Bank of Liberia Limited that the said grant instead of being confined to the five Counties of the Republic, that the same should extend to include the Hinterland; 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 immediately after the passage of this Act, Section 1, of the above Act of the Legislature granting fifty thousand acres of Public Land to the Bank of Liberia,

Section 1. of Act of February 4, 1933, relating to The Bank of Liberia Limited, amended

Limited approved February 4th, 1933 be so amended as to read as follows:

Amendment.

"That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the Bank of Liberia Limited is hereby granted fifty thousand acres of Public Land, and that said fifty thousand acres to be located in the five counties of the Republic and, or the Hinterland thereof in payment for ten thousand (10,000) shares of stock in the said Bank; the certificates of stock in exchange for the land shall be delivered to the Government as the land is taken up by the said Bank."

President empowered to prevent operations that may be against public interest.

Section 2. Nothing in this Act shall prevent the President of the Republic of Liberia from withholding His permission to the Bank operating in any area in the County or Hinterland should said operation in his opinion be against the public interest of the Republic.

Any law to the contrary Notwithstanding.

Approved December 3, 1934.

CHAPTER XXV

December 6, 1934.
H. 15.

AN ACT REIMBURSING CHAS. B. ALFONSO CAINE OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

Chas. B. Alfonso
Caine reimbursed in
the sum of \$516.79.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, Chas. B. Alfonso Caine of Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia be and he is hereby reimbursed in the sum of \$516.79, same being an amount due him by the Republic of Liberia for services rendered and expenses i. e. \$500.00 salary and \$16.79 expenses as Chief of the Detective Service Republic of Liberia, for the period commencing March 21, A. D. 1932 up to and including December 1933.

The Secretary of the
Treasury authorized
to draw for same.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed by Limitation December 6, 1934.

CHAPTER XXVI

AN ACT GRANTING H. N. CHILES AND COMPANY OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY, FERRY FRANCHISE.

December 5, 1934.
H. 20.

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

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, H. N. Chiles, Manager, Gbee-Bye, assistant Manager, Myamah Gbinnie and all such other persons to be associated with them, all of Royesville, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, are granted hereby the right to run a Ferry across the the Po River in Royesville, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia, on both sides thereof from the point on the left bank known as Sah Landing to the point on the Right Bank thereof opposite to the said Wharf on the left bank already named and mentioned for the period of ten (10) years with the right of another ten (10) years.

H. N. Chiles and Company granted ferry right for Po River, Royesville.

Section 2. That the maximum charges for each person ferried cross said river shall in no case exceed the sum of six cents (\$0.06) per head and in no case shall Government officials while Travelling to and fro on Government duties be required to pay a fee; and in no case shall anyone be prevented from crossing said River or at said point in his or her own canoe or Boat.

Conditions and terms of said ferry right.

Section 3. That the said H. N. Chiles and his partners above mentioned and named herein shall keep substantial Ferry boats or Canoes at the above mentioned points for the convenience of the Public. That in any case of accident occurring from negligence or from want of proper Ferry Boats or Canoes the responsibility shall rest upon the said H. N. Chiles and his partners above mentioned and shall upon prosecution and conviction be punished under such penalty as outlined in the existing laws of the Republic.

Obligated to keep substantial ferry boats or canoes for public conveniences.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 11, 1935.

CHAPTER XXVII

December 5, 1934
H. 19.

AN ACT GRANTING FERRY FRANCHISE TO I. L. HOFF AND COMPANY OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND CAPE MOUNT, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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

I. L. Hoff and
Company Granted
Ferry right.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, I. L. Hoff and Company, of the County of Grand Cape Mount, Republic of Liberia, are hereby granted the right to run a Ferry across a portion of the Benson Lake in the County of Grand Cape Mount, Republic of Liberia, from the point known as Tawaly to the point known as Sulima, for a period of ten (10) years with right of another ten (10) years

Terms on which
said Ferry right is
granted.

Section 2. That the maximum charges for each person ferried as herein indicated shall in no case exceed the sum of twelve (12) cents per head, and in no case shall Government Officials while Travelling to and fro on Government duties be required to pay a fee; and in no case shall anyone be prevented from crossing from and to the points herein granted, in his or her private or own canoe or Boat.

Obligated to keep
substantial boats or
canoes for Public
convenience.

Section 3. That the said I. L. Hoff and Company shall keep suitable and substantial Ferry Boats or canoes at the above mentioned points for the convenience of the Public. That in any case of accident occurring from the negligence or from the want of proper ferry Boats or Canoes the responsibility shall rest upon I. L. Hoff and Company and shall upon prosecution and conviction be punished therefore in keeping with existing laws of the Republic in such cases made and provided.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 11, 1934.

CHAPTER XXVIII

AN ACT GRANTING THE RIGHT TO RUN A FERRY
ACROSS THE PO RIVER TO J. J. CHESSON AND
COMPANY.

December 5, 1934.
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 that J. J. Chesson, G. A. Curtis and Tabo and Company and such other persons as may be associated with them be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and incorporate, and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any Court of this Republic having competent jurisdiction, may own real property and personal property to the value of ten thousand dollars.

J. J. Chesson and Company incorporated, and may own property to the value of \$10,000.

Section 2. That the said J. J. Chesson, G. A. Curtis and Tabo and Company and such other persons as may be associated with them are hereby granted the right to run a Ferry across the Po River, Brewerville, commencing from a point on the Chesson Plantation to and from a point on the opposite bank known as Kpor, said right is hereby granted for the period of ten years commencing from the date of the approval of this Act.

Granted Ferry right across the Po River, Brewerville, and Kpor points.

Section 3. The fees for crossing shall be six cents for all persons each. All Government Officials and Messengers when on duty to be crossed free of charge.

Terms of charges.

Section 4. That the said Ferry shall put at the disposal of the public suitable facilities for crossing and shall be subject to them at all times and hours to meet the convenience of travelers.

Obligated to keep substantial facilities for crossing.

Section 5. This Act shall not be construed to prohibit persons owning their canoes or other means of transportation from using them for their personal benefit at the points hereby granted the above persons to run their Ferry.

The Act interpreted.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 11, 1934.

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CHAPTER XXIX

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL CHURCH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTSERRADO AND GRAND CAPE MOUNT COUNTIES; OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

December 13, 1934.
H. 29.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Officers of the Missionary and Educational Church School Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montserrado and Grand Cape Mount Counties have petitioned the Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, and as it does appear that said Institution is an Educational Interprise,

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

Missionary and Educational Church School of the M. E. Church, Montserrado and Grand Cape Mount Counties incorporated.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act, J. L. A. Weeks, President, J. H. Ricks, Oscar S. Norman, and J. T. Milton, Vice Presidents, T. J. R. Faulkner, Treasurer, J. F. Dennis, Recording Secretary, P. C. Simpson, Corresponding Secretary, D. E. Howard, Monroe Phelps, G. L. Dennis, J. J. Minor, T. E. Ward, David Brent, Victoria Henry, Directors, and W. N. Ross, Business Manager, and their successors in office to be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession under the name and style of the Missionary and Educational Church School Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montserrado and Grand Cape Mount Counties, with power to sue and be sued, plead and impleaded, before any court of competent jurisdiction in this Republic, and the power to acquire, possess, hold and enjoy property both real and personal to the value of \$50,000.00.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved December 15, 1934.

CHAPTER XXX

AN ACT FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE 4TH SESSION OF THE 37TH LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA,

November 12, 1934.
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, the 4th Session of the 37th Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn Sine Die on the 15th day of December A. D. 1934.

Adjournment of the
4th Session of the
37th Legislature

Any law the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed into law November 22, 1934.

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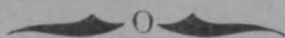
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PUBLIC ACTS
OF THE
THIRTY--EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

Passed at their Extraordinary Session which was begun and held at the City of Monrovia, County of Montserrado, on Monday May 27, A. D. 1935 and was adjourned without day on the 8th day of June A. D. 1935.

CHAPTER I

A DECLARATORY ACT ON THE AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION APPROVED NOVEMBER 26, A. D. 1934, AS ADOPTED AT THE QUADRENNIAL ELECTION OF THE REPUBLIC HELD IN THE MONTH OF MAY A. D. 1935.

May 30, 1935.
H. 2.

Preamble.

WHEREAS certain amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia were proposed and submitted to the people of the Republic for adoption by virtue of an Act Passed by the Legislature at its regular Session nineteen hundred and thirty-four (1934) in accordance with the Constitution in such cases provided as found in the Acts of the Legislature, "entitled an Act recommending Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia," and

WHEREAS the said amendments were voted upon at the Quadrennial Election held on the Seventh Day of May A. D. 1935; and

WHEREAS from the returns of the Election submitted to the Legislature of Liberia at its present Session and upon the examination of said Returns it doth appear that said amendments

were duly adopted by a full and complete two-third vote of all the Electors who voted at said Election,

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

Section 1. That the Constitutional Amendments so submitted in the above Cited Act of the Legislature are hereby declared adopted by the people of the Republic of Liberia. And the President of Liberia is hereby authorized and directed to proclaim the same by public Proclamation throughout the Republic.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved June 3, 1935.

Constitutional Amendments declared adopted.

The President is authorized and directed to proclaim same.

CHAPTER II

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF LIBERIA AT ITS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION 1935.

May 29, 1935.
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 Legislature of Liberia for the Extraordinary Session for the year 1935.

Appropriation to defray expenses of the Extraordinary Session of the Legislature 1935.

SENATE:

Ten (10) Senators, twelve days service at \$3.00 per diem each	\$360.00
Secretary of the Senate	60.00
Engrossing Clerk	40.00
Enrolling Clerk	40.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	45.00
Chaplain	30.00
Stenographer and Typist \$20.00 each	40.00
Six (6) Pages at \$8.00 each	48.00
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	\$663.00

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Twenty-one (21) Representatives twelve days service at \$3.00 per diem each	\$720.00
Speaker's Allowance	25.00
Chief Clerk	60.00
Engrossing Clerk	40.00
Enrolling Clerk	40.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	45.00
Chaplain	30.00
Stenographer and Typist \$20.00 each	40.00
Eleven (11) Pages \$8.00 each	88.00
Mileage	1,500.00
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	\$3,251.00

Section 2. The Secretary of the Treasury, Republic of Liberia is hereby authorized to pay the same immediately from out of any money in the Public Treasury, under warrant of the President.

Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay same immediately under warrant of the President.

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

When effective

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved June 5, 1935.

CHAPTER III

June 3, 1935.
S. 2.

AN ACT TO REPEAL CERTAIN ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE, ENTITLED RESPECTIVELY "AN ACT TO RELIEVE THE STRAIN UPON THE REVENUES OF THIS REPUBLIC," PASSED OVER THE PRESIDENT'S VETO. "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF THE NATIONAL FLOATING DEBT," APPROVED JANUARY 6, 1933, AND "AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICIALS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT," APPROVED JANUARY 31, 1933.

Preamble.

Whereas the causes which created the necessity for the enactment of the above cited Acts have been removed by the conclusion of an Agreement supplemental and amendatory of the Loan Agreement of 1926.

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

Section 1. That the Act of the Legislature passed over the veto of the President, constituting Chapter 7 of the public Acts of the 36th Legislature, at the 4th Session thereby entitled "An Act to relieve the strain upon the Revenues of this Republic," an Act approved Jan., 6, 1933, entitled "An Act providing for the funding of the National Floating debt," and the Act approved January 31, 1933, entitled "An Act relating to the Officials of the Loan Agreement," be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 2. Any laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of the Loan Agreement of 1926 and of the Agreement supplemental thereto dated January 1, 1935, are hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved June 7, 1935.

Acts relating to financial strain on the Revenues of the Republic, the National Floating debt, and the Officials of the Loan Agreement repealed.

Conflicting laws repealed.

CHAPTER IV

JOINT RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, THE FINANCE CORPORATION OF AMERICA, AND THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, SUPPLEMENTARY TO AND AMENDATORY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT OF 1926.

June 3, 1935.
S. 1.

Whereas, the Loan Agreement entered into between the Government of the Republic of Liberia, the Finance Corporation of America and the National City Bank of New York as of the first day of September, 1926, and ratified by a Joint Resolution of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the Republic of Liberia at their fourth Session, and approved the eighth day of December 1926, has been amended by a Supplementary Agreement concluded by the same contracting Parties as of the first day of January, 1935.

Preamble

Now therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Agreement Supplemental to and amendatory of the Loan Agreement of 1926 mentioned in the preamble hereof is hereby ratified and approved and the President is hereby authorized and empowered to give full force and effect to the provisions hereof as set forth in the copy of said agreement appended to this Joint Resolution and made a part hereof.

Agreement supplemental to and amendatory of the Loan Agreement of 1926 duly ratified.

Section 2. The causes which led to their enactment having been removed by the conclusion of the said agreement supplemental to and amendatory of the Loan Agreement of 1926, the following resolutions, namely:

- (1) The Joint Resolution approved December 23, 1932, entitled "A Joint Resolution Authorizing the President of Liberia to suspend payment of Interest and Amortization on the 7% Gold Loan of 1926, and for other Purposes;"
- (2) The Joint Resolution approved January 13, 1934, entitled "A Joint Resolution Amendatory to a Joint Resolution Authorizing the President of Liberia to suspend payment of Interest and Amortization on the 7% Gold Loan of 1926, and for other purposes, being Chapter II of the Act of the Legislature of Liberia, approved December 23, 1932;" are hereby repealed.

The Joint Resolution of December 23, 1932 with respect to the 7 per cent Gold Loan is hereby repealed.

The Joint Resolution of January 13, 1934, with respect to payment of Interest and Amortization on the 7 per cent Gold Loan of 1926, repealed.

Any parts of law conflicting with the Loan Agreement of 1926, or its amendments are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Any law or parts of law conflicting with the Provisions of the Loan Agreement of 1926 or the said Agreement Supplementary to and amendatory thereof are hereby repealed.

All laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved June 7, 1935.

CHAPTER V

AN ACT FIXING THE GOLD CONTENT OF THE LIBERIAN DOLLAR.

Preamble.

Whereas, It is necessary in order to protect the interest of the Republic that the monetary value of the Liberian Gold Dollar should be definitely fixed;

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

Section 1210 of the Revised Statutes amended

Section 1. That Section 1210 of the Revised Statutes be and the same is hereby amended to conform to the provisions of the present Act.

Valuation of the Liberian Gold Dollar.

Section 2. That the Monetary Unit of the Republic of Liberia is the Gold Dollar, divided into one hundred (100) Cents. The value of the Gold Dollar is hereby fixed at fifteen and five-twenty first (15-5/21) grains of gold, nine tenths fine.

How the relation between the Liberian dollar and Foreign coins is to be fixed.

Section 3. The President of the Republic is authorized by decree to fix the relation between the Liberian Dollar and other foreign coins.

Any laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved June 7, 1935.

CHAPTER VI

AN ACT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BANKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRESTONE PLANTATIONS COMPANY (THE BANK OF MONROVIA) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

May 30, 1935.
H. 1.

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

Section 1. That the Agreement proposed and entered into by the Executive Government of the Republic of Liberia with Harvey S. Firestone, Junior, a citizen of the United States of America with reference to the establishment of a Bank to be styled "The Bank of Monrovia" and to be used as the Liberian Government's Depositary, a copy of which draft Agreement is hereto annexed, be and the same is hereby approved.

Proposed Agreement entered into by the Executive Government and Harvey S. Firestone Jr., approved.

Section 2. And the President of Liberia is hereby authorized to enter into final Agreement with the said Firestone Plantations Company and the Bank of Monrovia substantially on the term, conditions and stipulations set forth in the said draft agreement and correspondence incidental thereto.

The President is authorized to enter into final agreement with the said Company and the Bank of Monrovia.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved June 7, 1935.

CHAPTER VII

A JOINT RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND THE FIRESTONE PLANTATIONS COMPANY, DATED THE TWENTIETH DAY OF MARCH 1935.

June 4, 1935.
S. 4.

Be it 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, the Agreement between the Government of Liberia and the Firestone Plantations Company, dated the twentieth day of March 1935, be and the same is hereby ratified, provided nevertheless, that the exemption from payment of any direct or personal taxes secured in Article II Sub-sections

Agreement of March 20, 1935, between the Government and Firestone Plantations Company ratified.

Foreign employees of said Company are not excluded from making applications for permits of Residence and Licenses but free of charge.

(a) and (b) of said agreement shall not exclude the said foreign employees of the said Company from the duty of making the necessary applications and obtaining Permits of Residence, and Licenses for motor vehicles in keeping with the existing laws of the Republic, which said Permits of Residence and Licenses shall in all cases be issued *free of any Charge*, which Permits and Licenses shall bear the following endorsement:-

"All fees Prepaid:"

Proviso definition.

And provided further, that the right of transportation and landing facilities on Leases own lands provided for in Article IV Sub-section II, of said Agreement shall in all cases be construed and understood to mean, under Supervision of the Liberian Customs.

When effective.

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

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved June 7, 1935.

CHAPTER VIII

June 6, 1935.
H, 6.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND THE FINANCE CORPORATION OF AMERICA.

Preamble.

Whereas the bases of the Agreement relating to the Gold Clauses in the Loan Contract dated September 1st, 1926 and the Agreement supplemental thereto dated as of January 1, 1935 appears to be satisfactory to the Legislature; Therefore,

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

Conditions stipulated in the Agreement entered into by the Government and the Finance Corporation of America is hereby approved.

Section 1. That the conditions stipulated in the Agreement entered into by the Government of the Republic of Liberia and the Finance Corporation of America in which the Fiscal Agent therein referred to is the third party, a Copy of which draft Agreement is hereto annexed, be and the same is hereby approved.

The President is authorized and directed to complete final agreements with the said Finance Corporation.

Section 2. That the President of Liberia be and he is hereby authorized and directed to complete final Agreements with the said Finance Corporation upon all and singular terms conditions and stipulations set forth in the said draft Agreement and Correspondence incidental thereto.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved June 8, 1935.

CHAPTER IX

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO AN ACT PASSED AND APPROVED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1934, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE QUADRENNIAL ELECTION OF THE REPUBLIC 1935.

June 7, 1935
H. - 4.

Preamble.

Whereas the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) appropriated to meet the expenses of the Quadrennial Election of the Republic held in the month of May 1935 has been discovered to be inadequate, in that, only the bills from Montserado County, and the Territory of Marshall have been paid, leaving those from the other counties yet unpaid, due to the insufficiency of appropriation: and

Whereas it is the unalterable policy of the Government to amply compensate her Citizens for Public service rendered without right of priority or preferential payment:

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 sum of twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) is hereby appropriated to meet the unpaid expenses of said Election covering Bills from the Counties of Maryland, Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Grand Cape Mount now lying in the Treasury Department awaiting payment.

\$12,000 appropriated to meet the unpaid expenses of the Election.

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

The Secretary of the Treasury authorized to draw for same.

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

When effective.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved June 8, 1935.

CHAPTER X

June 7, 1935.
H. 5.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE INAUGURATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY EDWIN BARCLAY, PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA AND JAMES S. SMITH VICE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA.

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

\$6,000.00 appropriated for the inauguration of President Edwin Barclay and Vice President James S. Smith.

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the inauguration of His Excellency Edwin Barclay, President of Liberia and James S. Smith, Vice President of Liberia.

The Secretary of the Treasury authorized to draw for same.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Liberia 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 June 8, 1935.

CHAPTER XI.

June 4, 1935.
S. 5.

AN ACT FIXING THE DAY OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 38TH 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 the Extraordinary Session 1935.

Section 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act the Extraordinary Session of the 38th Legislature of the Republic of Liberia adjourn *sine die* on the 8th day of June A. D. 1935.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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