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Job. Printing neatly and promptly executed at this office, at moderate prices.

LIBERIA HERALD

August 1st 1851.

JOHN N. LEWIS.

General Commission Agent.——

Monrovia.——

Our London Agent.

Frederick Algar Esq.—Advertising Agent 11, Clements Lane, Lombard St: London, is the London Agent for the "Liberia Herald."

GUNPOWDER.

The Kames Gunpowder Company beg leave to announce that they have now an establishment in London for the sale of their various descriptions of Powder, manufactured upon the most approved principles, and under right skilled superintendence, which may be obtained wholesale on application at their Office 147 Leadenhall Street London, deliverable from their Magazines at Barking Creek, Liverpool, Swansea, or in the Clyde. They confidently recommend for Engineering and Mining purposes their blasting powder and to Sportsmen their Rifle, and their new and highly esteemed Crystal Powder which for strength, cleanness and prompt ignition are unrivalled.

Parties requiring supplies are recommended to be particular in ordering the powder manufactured by the Kames Gunpowder Company.

London Agents Lorocho, Nainby & Co.

FREDERIC ALGAR.

General Commission Agent. 11 Clements Lane, Lombard Street.

LONDON.

Established 1841.

BENJ'N. COATES. WALTER BROWN.

COATES & BROWN.

Wholesale Dealers in Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods.

No 139½ Market street, North side, between Third and Fourth streets, PHILADELPHIA.

NOTICE.

The undersigned has just opened at his old stand, a large assortment of groceries &c &c—comprising in part the following articles, viz

Butter, Lard, Bacon, Pork, Herrings, Coffee, Mackrels, Hard Bread, Cheese, Sugar, Powder, Tobacco &c &c:—

HARRISON MURRY.

Has constantly on hand the following articles which he offers cheap for cash, viz:—

Cegars, Soap, Candles, Molases, Colognes, Tea, Matches, Ale, Porters.

All of which were purchased for cash, and will be sold for cash at moderate prices. Families will find it to their advantage to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere.

HARRISON MURRY.

Monrovia, April 29th: 1854.

NOTICE TO MARINERS !!

Discontinuance of the Light on Cape Mesurado:—

Preparations are in progress for erecting a new Light house on the site occupied by the present building: therefore notice is hereby given that the Light on Cape Mesurado is discontinued until the new Light house shall have been completed—of which due notice will be given

J. H. CHAVERS

Sec. of the Treasury.

Monrovia April 15th 1854

NOTICE.

J. D. JOHNSON Counselor and Attorney at Law, Office Opposite the M. E. Institute Ashmun Street Monrovia Republic of Liberia begs leave to inform (*being duly Licensed to plead in all Courts of this Republic*) the public that he is ready to consult on all matters of Law at his Office every day (*Sundays excepted*) between the Hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. 10 to 4 O'clock.

N. B

Deeds Wills and Contracts of all kinds furnished on reasonable Terms, also Bills collected at a small per ct.

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN AGENCY.

AARON HAIGHT PALMER, Counsellor of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Consul General of the Republic of Ecuador for the U. S. Director.

This Agency was first established under the direction of the undersigned, at New York, in 1829, for Agency, Commission, and Banking transactions, and transferred to the City of Washington in 1850. Having efficient and reliable correspondents in the several States and Territories of the Union, he will give his prompt and faithful attention to all business of the above description that may be confided to this Agency, including the prosecution and recovery of Claims on the United States before Congress, the Executive Departments of the General Government and Boards of Commissioners sitting in Washington; Recovery of Debts Legacies, and Inheritances in the United States and Foreign Countries; Investments in U. S. and State Securities; Collections generally, Exchanges, and other money business.

Grand Russian State Loan of 6,725,000 Dollars are to be reimbursed with . . . . . 16,588,510 Dollars.
or . . . . . £2,400,000 Sterling.

THIS Loan is guaranteed by the Government, and contracted by the eminent Banking house of Messrs. M. A. Von Rothschild and Sons, of Frankfort-on-the Maine. The following capital Prizes must be gained viz—

44	of 40,000 dollars	60	of 4,000 dollars
27	" 36,000 "	60	" 2,000 "
21	32,000 "	120	" 1,500 "
60	" 8,000 "	180	" 1,000 "

&c., &c. The smallest Prize is 55 dollars.

The next drawing will take place in December 1853.

The Price of the Shares is as follows:—

One Share for £1 Sterling | Thirteen shares for £10 Sterling
Six do. for £5 " | Thirty do. £20 "
Sixty-five Shares for £10 Sterling

Remittances can be made in Bank Notes, Bills or Drafts on Europe, &c. Each Shareholder will receive the Prospectus, with full particulars; and after the Drawing, the List of the successful Numbers, which will also be published in the leading Journals. The Prizes will be paid in Cash at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Paris, London, New York or any city in the world.

☞ Apply without delay to Messrs. J. A. SCHWARZSCHILD & SONS, Bankers, Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Germany, or their House, Messrs. A. SCHWARZSCHILD & Co., 26, Lombard Street, London. Remittances which arrive too late will be returned to the sender, or if he prefers it shares in the following drawing will be forwarded.

Prospectuses may be seen at the Office of this paper

MESSRS: S. STIEBEL & Co.

MERCHANTS.

31 Nicholas Lane Lombard Street

LONDON.

The above firm are ready to enter into arrangement for exporting Merchandise to Liberia, and to receive the products of the country, on which liberal advances would be made if required.

Copy of Notice published in the "London Gazette" of Friday, November 10. 1854.

Admiralty, Nov: 9. 1854.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty hereby give notice that they, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, assert a continuing right to Her Majesty's Ships "Assistance" "Resolute" "Investigator," "Pioneer," and "Intrepid," which have been left in the Arctic Seas by their late crews.

THE FOLLOWING "ACTS" WERE PASSED DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

An Act chartering the City of Monrovia.

Whereas the citizens of Monrovia, in the county of Montserrado, have petitioned the Legislature to constitute them a "Body Politic" and "Corporate," by ratifying and granting a Charter, by them drawn up and herewith presented: therefore:

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

Sec: 1. That the inhabitants of the city of Monrovia be, and they are hereby, constituted a *Body Politic* and *Corporate* under the name and style of Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council men and Freemen of Monrovia, and by such name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and do all other acts that are usually done by such corporate bodies.

2. The Common Council shall consist of nine members residents of the city of Monrovia, of whom one shall be chairman.

3. The city of Monrovia shall have jurisdiction within the Corporate bounds of the said city—the corporate bounds shall be three miles square—and in case it should be necessary to execute lawful process without the bounds of said corporation, then and in that case, any magistrate residing within said County may issue judicial process on representation of any city officer being made to him and the same may be executed by and constable of the County.

4. The Corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to make and fulfill contracts, take and hold real and personal estate to the value of one hundred thousand dollars, and levy all such taxes as may be necessary for city purposes; shall pass all necessary municipal laws and ordinances;—said Body Politic shall have full power to settle its own rules of proceeding; to appoint its own officers; regulate its own fees, and all other necessary acts not incompatible with the general laws of this Republic.

5. All ordinances and municipal laws established by the Common Council shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Mayor; if disapproved, his objection shall be made to the Common Council, within three days, and if not returned within three days such delay shall be equal to approval, provided, however, such delay be not occasioned by the adjournment of the Common Council. The Common Council may, nevertheless, by a vote of two thirds of its members, pass any law independent of the Mayor's approval.

6. The first election of city officers shall take place on the first Monday in April 1855. All other elections shall take place on the second Monday in January in each year, (except the Mayor, who shall be elected biennially,) and shall be conducted according to the laws governing elections for state officers, under such modifications and restrictions as the Common Council may ordain. The elective officers shall be one Mayor; four Aldermen, and nine Common Council men, all of whom shall hold their office for the term of one year: except the Mayor, who shall hold his office for the term of two years, unless vacated by resignation, removal or death; vacancies may be supplied by special elections. No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor, who is not a resident of the city of Monrovia, and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of three hundred dollars. No person shall be a Common Councilman who is not a resident of said city, and who does not possess unencumbered real estate to the value of one hundred dollars. No person who does not possess real estate in the city of Monrovia shall be allowed to vote.

7. There shall be a city Court, which shall be composed of three Aldermen; one of whom shall be chairman, whose duty it shall be to try and determine all cases coming into the same, except such as may be taken therefrom by appeals, as is hereinafter provided for. The Aldermen shall, within the precincts of the city exercise the functions of a justice of the peace, whose duty it shall be to try and determine all petty offences, and appeals may be had from their decision to the city Court, and from which appeals may also be had to the County Court. The said city Court shall, by its own clerk, keep detailed records of all matters and things which shall come before it, in a book, or books, provided for that purpose, which, when full, shall be delivered to the Secretary of State, for preservation among the archives of this Republic.

8. The Common Council shall hold its first session on the first Monday in April. All impeachments of officers shall be made to the Mayor, who may, if said impeachments be sufficiently grounded, suspend such officer or officers, until the next ensuing session of the Council, which shall try all such impeachments.

9. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council shall have power to lay out new streets, highways and public walks or parks, and shall have power to appoint inspectors of all kinds of produce brought into, or exported from the city, together with inspectors of weights and measures.

10. The Mayor of said city shall be chief Executive Magistrate thereof, and it shall be his duty to be vigilant and active in causing the laws thereof to be executed and enforced, and he shall be conservator of the peace within said city; he shall recommend to the City Council at its regular session all such measures as in his opinion would enhance the condition of the streets, avenues, highways and public walks of the same, as well as to point out all nuisances of whatever kind, and recommend measures for their removal. He may, when actually necessary, for the preservation of the public peace, or for the suppression of mobs, riots, quarrels or insurrectionists of whatever nature or order, call the Militia, which shall, by force of arms, compel such insurrectionists to obedience, the Mayor alone being responsible for the abuse of this power.

11. If this Charter, or any of its provisions shall be found inexpedient, or inadequate in any respect, the same may be revoked, altered or supplemented on representation made by said city of the city, by petition to the Legislature of Liberia.

12. This Charter and all its provisions shall go into effect on the first Monday in March 1855. Any law or Charter to the contrary be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved Jan: 27th 1855

An Act authorizing the appointment of Surveyors for each County and defining their duties.

It is Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature Assembled.

Sect: 1. That immediately after the passage of this Act. There shall be appointed in each of the Counties of this Republic, Surveyors of Public lands for their respective Counties as follows: For Monsterrado County there shall be three Surveyors appointed for Grand Bassa County, there shall be two appointed and for Sinoe County there shall be two appointed, one being responsible for his conduct and to settle disputes arising between two Surveyors as to the correctness of the survey of a tract or lots of land surveyed separately by them, the question shall be determined by a second or three Surveyors agreeing—and [illegible] not three Surveyors the [illegible] may be associated to determine the question.

Sect: 2. It shall be the duty of the Surveyors separately or jointly when called upon in their respective Counties to survey Public lands drawn by emigrants or others to whom such may be apportioned, by the order of the President or who soever he may appoint to issue such orders in the several Counties of this Republic. Public lands to be sold at public auction to be surveyed at the order of the Land Commissioner.

Sec: 3. All lands shall be surveyed so as to give its situation, the number of lot or parcel of land as it may be, the boundaries, the four corners or angles and the number of acres. The Surveyor shall give to the party concerned in the survey a certificate describing the situation, the number, the boundaries the corners and quantity and receive from the said party, a receipt endorsed by the Commissioner of public lands stating that to their knowledge or belief as the case may be, said lot or parcel of land describing the same had been surveyed and a certificate of the same received, upon said receipt the Surveyor shall be entitled to pay for his services at rates as follows, For each ten acre plot surveyed at any one time to order not exceeding five plots Three dollars. For each ten acre plot surveyed in like manner not exceeding ten nor less than six plots Two dollars and fifty cents. For each ten acre plot not exceeding twenty nor less than eleven plots Two dollars and twenty five cents. For every ten acre plot over twenty plots Two dollars, and for every Town lot surveyed one dollar. It shall be the duty of the Surveyor to report to the Land Commissioner of all public lands surveyed by him, to the order of the President for emigrants or others, giving their situation boundaries &c and to extend on the Plot deposited in

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