ment of the lead and other mines of the United States, and the affairs of the penitentiary of the United States in the District of Columbia; and from the State Department the duty of taking and returning the censuses of the United States, and of supervising and directing the acts of the Commissioner of Public Buildings. By recent acts of Congress, also, the hospital for the insane of the army and navy of the District of Columbia is under the management of this department; and by assignment from the President, it has added to its long list of duties the survey and demarcation of the unsettled boundary lines between the States and Territories and bordering nations.

This department is at present very inconvenpently separated and located, and should be appropriately and permanently provided for. The Patent Office building the General Land Office a portion of the Treasury building, and the Pension Office a portion of "Winder's building," now the property of the government, whilst the Indian Office is located in premises not fire-proof, and rented of their private owners.

(To be continued.)

LAWS ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE DURING ITS SESSION AND PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

An act providing for a national Fair.

Whereas it is deemed expedient, for the encouragement of Agriculture and other useful arts, that a National Fair be held in the government square in the city of Monrovia, in the month of December 1857, (second Monday,) Therefore.—

It is Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled,—

Sec. 1. That there shall be a National Fair held in the public square of the city of Monrovia commencing on the the fourteenth day of the month of December, 1857.

Sec. 2. That any article or articles of Agriculture, Manufacture, or Art, showing forth the skill, industry and ingenuity of the citizens of this Republic, or the aborigines of the country, any animal or animals raised, may be exhibited and sold at said national fair.

Sec. 3. The President of this Republic shall appoint a committee of five men, to be called a Committee of Inspection, whose duty it shall be to judge of the relative values of articles of the same kind; as the best made sugar, syrup, or molasses, also the best cleansed coffee, or any other article of agriculture and manufacture, extending the same principle of examination to articles of wood, stone, &c, &c, also to cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, &c, judging the order, quality, size, &c, of said animals. The said Committee may also inspect single articles, as machinery furniture, &c. setting forth extraordinary skill and craft in workmanship, as the case may be; and upon the report of said committee, the President of this Republic shall award *premiums* as follows:

To the producer of the best article of Cotton, not less than ten pounds, raised by a Liberian, ten dollars.	$ 10,00
To the producer of the best Syrup, not less than twenty gallons, seven dollars,	" 7,00
To the producer of the best molasses, not less than twenty gallons two dollars,	$ 2,00
Sugar not less than one hundred pounds, ten dollars,	" 10,00
Greatest quantity of coffee, not less than fifty pounds, ten dollars,	" 10,00
To the producer of the best Ginger, not less than fifty pounds, five dollars,	" 5,00
Arrowroot not less than twenty five pounds, three dollars,	" 3,00
Yoke of Oxen, ten dollars.	" 10,00
Ox or Bull, five dollars,	" 5,00
Cow five dollars,	" 5,00
Sheep, three dollars,	" 3,00
Hog, three dollars,	" 3,00
Goat, three dollars,	" 3,00
Pair of Turkeys, three dollars,	" 3,00
Fowls, one dollar,	" 1,00
Sample of Butter, not less than two pounds, two dollars,	" 2,00
Piece of Ham cured in Liberia, five dollars,	" 5,00
Beef cured in Liberia, not less than six pounds three dollars,	" 3,00
Plough five dallars,	" 5,00
Boots, three dollar,	3,00
Shoes, of leather made in Liberia, two dollars and a half,	" 2,50
Palm oil, not less than five gallons, five dollars,	" 5,00
Cocoa, not less than five pounds, five dollars,	" 5,00
Hat, three dollars,	" 3.00
Piece of Cloth, ten dollars,	" 10,00
Country Cloth two dollars and a half,	" 2,50
To the producer of the best Side of Leather ten dollars,	" 10,00
Bricks, specimens of not less than one thousand, twenty five dollars,	" 25,00
Six specimens of Chairs of the smallest furniture, ten dollars,	" 10,00
Cleaned Coffee, not less than twenty five pounds, ten dollars,	" 10,0
Row-boat, made in Liberia by a Liberian ten dollars,	" 10.00
Pair of Oars, five dollars,	" 5,00
Sample of Plank, two dollars and a half,	" 2,50
Shingles, not less than five hundred, five dollars and a half,	" 5.50
Hewn stone, five dollars,	" 5,00
Bowl, Tub, or Tray, one dollars,	" 1,00
Coat, five dollars.	" 5,00
Vest, of African cloth, two dollars,	" 2.00
Pants, two dollars,	" 2,00
Bill-hook, Axe, or Cutlass, of African iron, five dollars,	" 5,00
Trunk, of African wood and skin, five dollars,	" 5,00
Wheel-barrow, five dollars,	" 5.00
Waggon, ten dollars,	" 10,00
Iron pan, of African iron or native crokery, two dollars,	" 2,00
Nut oil, two dollars,	" 2,00
Bleached Palm oil, two dollars,	" 2,00
Rice, (cleaned,) two dollars,	" 2,00
Rice, (not cleaned,) two dollars,	" 2.00
Eddoes, two dollars and a half	" 2,50
Potatoes, two dollars and a half,	" 2,50
To the producer of the best Corn, two dollars,	" 2,00
Plantains, two dollars,	" 2.00
Bananas, two dollars,	" 2.00
Oranges, two dollars,	" 2,00
Machinery of all kinds subject to inspection, from one dollar and a half to twenty dollars,	" 1,50-20,00
The producer of the best kniting, two dollars,	" 2.00
Needlework, two dollars,	" 2,00
Bonnet, three dollars,	" 3,00
Cap, one dollar,	" 1,00
Tin ware, two dollars,	" 2,00
Barrel, five dollars,	" 5.00
Bedstead, five dollars,	" 5,00
Made Table, five dollars,	" 5,00

Sec: 4th. That the government schooner Lark, or any other vessel in government service, shall be ordered to convey all such persons residing within this Republic, with their products to the place of exhibition, as may wish to attend the same, for the purpose of making exhibition of their several products; and shall convey them home after the fair shall have closed.

Sec: 5th. It is further enacted, that said Fair shall be allowed to last one week, if necessary; and that the President be and he is hereby authorized and requested to draw out of the public treasury the sum of five hundred dollars out of any money not otherwise appropriated to carry out the spirit of this Resolution.

M. A. RAND.
Spesker Ho. Rep: R. L.
BEVERLY PAGE YATES.
Pres: Senate V. P. R. L.
Approved February 7th, 1857.
STEPHEN A. BENSON.

An act providing for the relief of the State of Maryland in Liberia.

Whereas the cause of Truth, Humanity and Religion, requires the extension and perpetuity of the Christian Settlements that have under direction of Divine Providence been formed on the Western Coast of Africa, which settlements we believe are designed by Heaven to be the honored instruments of effecting the evangelization, and civilization of this benighted Continent. And whereas our sister state Maryland in Liberia is in a most perilous condition in consequence of the sad realities of an unsuccessful warfare against fearful odds! Their small number has been greatly reduced, their means of defense are very limited and their ordinary supplies cut off to a great extent, and their savage foes by late disasters attending the Americo Liberian arms are greatly emboldened, and with their overwhelming numbers may fall upon that infant State and, destroy it. And as the people of the state of Maryland in their extremity has appealed to the Republic of Liberia; for assistance; Therefore,—

In the name of humanity, of Religion, and of our God, though embarrassed by recent difficulties ourselves, we feel willing to extend the helping hand, and rely upon Jehovah, and the friends of humanity to sustain us in our feeble efforts to avert the blow aimed to destroy our sister State; therefore,—

It is Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled,—

Sec: 1st. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested for the relief of the State of Maryland in Liberia, to adopt measures for the formation of an allied military force offensive and defensive, of volunteers in this Republic to assist the State of Maryland in Liberia to settle the difficulties subsisting between that State and those of the aboriginal inhabitants who are hostile within its jurisdiction The officers of said Volunteer Army shall be approved of and commissioned by the President, and shall be governed by the militia laws and Regulations of the Republic of Liberia. Each volunteer of said military corps, shall be also entitled to two months payment in advance and a premium of one town lot and one hundred acres of farm land, and shall be required to continue until the cessation of hostilities.

Sec: 2nd. It is also Resolved that the President is further authorized and directed to assume the expenses and payment of the Forces provided for by the 1st Section of this Resolution, and to endorse for the State of Maryland in Liberia, or borrow on the credit of this Government any amount of money, not exceeding ten thousand dollars for the safety and security of Maryland in Liberia, and to inform the Government of the State of Maryland in Liberia, that the Republic of Liberia has tendered the aid required by that Government by means of money borrowed by the Republic of Liberia for the specific purpose, in good faith, in behalf of the State of Maryland in Liberia, and requires, the government of the State of Maryland in Liberia to re-imburse the government of the Republic of Liberia for all expenditure incurred by the Republic for the relief of the State of Maryland in Liberia.

Sec: 3rd. It is Resolved, That the President is further authorized and directed to forward to the State of Maryland in Liberia in addition to the outfit of military equipments and munitions of war furnished the allied forces of this Government for the State of Maryland in Liberia, the following muntions of war viz:—

200 Round Shot.
200 Pounds of Buck Shot,
10 Barrels of Powder,
500 lbs Lead,
75 Muskets.

Sec: 4th. That in order to render efficient aid and assistance to the State of Maryland in Liberia and to continue the friendly feelings that exist bewteen the two nations, a Minister be delegated from this Government to the State of Maryland in Liberia with full instructions from the President.

Sec: 5th. That the President is authorized and requested to establish Postal arrangements between the two Governments to continue during the continuance of hostilities; and to employ an armed vessel of this Government as far as circumstances will admit, to assist and strength en the State of Maryland in Liberia.

M. A. RAND.
Speaker Ho: Rep: R. L.
B. P YATES, Pres Senate
V. P. R. L.
Approved January 24th, 1857,
STEPHEN A. BENSON.

A supplementary act, to an act, entitled an act concerning elections to punish the offenders and prevent frauds and foreign interference in elections.

Whereas the present statute law on elections, now in force, is insufficient to prevent a system of foreign intermeddling; and whereas, if it be not timely checked, the end sought by holding elections, will be irretrivably lost to all Liberians, therefore,—

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

Sect: 6th That any and all foreigners who are, or may be within, about the shores or within the boundaries of this Republic, shall not intermeddle with Liberian elections, by the use of money, or by the use of any consideration whatever, which can be estimated or valued; such as provisions, wages, employment, credits, or threats of dismission from service, or menaces to with-hold any consideration, which would lead the employee to renounce his independence and the like.

Sect: 7th It is further enacted, That neither foreigner, nor any other, putting himself in a foreigner's place, shall be guilty of any of the offences contained in the 6th Sec: without incurring the following penalties. For the first offense, he, she or they, singly, shall forfeit and pay not less than $200,00 and for every succeeding offense the sum of $200, 00 shall be added.

Sect: 8th, It is further enacted, That any offences of the kind having been determined against the offenders, and verdict and judgment having been rendered, in any and every case against him her or them, the proceeds of executions collected by the Sheriff, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the county where the offense shall have been tried, and the Sheriff shall take the Treasurer's receipt for the same.

Sect: 9th, It is further enacted, that the Sheriff shall obtain 5 per centum for executing on the judgment of the court and paying the money to the Treasurer.

Sect: 10th, The Treasurer shall give one half of the election penalies to the informant or informants, being certified such by the signature of the judge, which certificate being endorsed by the informant or informants, name, shall be held by the Treasurer, as his voucher; all costs having been paid before any division shall take place, and receipts held for them by the Treasurer.

Sec: 11. It is further enacted, that the treasurer of the County in which the election penalties shall have been determined,—execution having been issued on judgment, and money having been deposited—shall pay out by order of the President, the other half of the money or moneys mentioned in the building a poor house in the largest incorporated city of the County.

Sect: 12th, The President is hereby authorized and requested to draw from the Treasury the aforementioned amount for the above mentioned purpose.

Sect: 13th, All laws ordinances and regulations, repugnant to this Act shall be, and they are hereby repealed.

M. A. RAND.
Speaker Ho: Rep: R. L.
BEVERLY PAGE YATES
Pres: Senate, V. P. R. L.
Approved January 27th, 1857.
STEPHEN A. BENSON.

An act regulating the intercourse of foreigners, and limiting certain officers.

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

sec. 1st, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be unlawful for any foreigner or foreigners to sell, or barter any goods, merchandize, or vendible property, or transact any commercial business in any port of the Republic of Liberia except by the intervention of a Liberian broker or commission merchant; or unless such rights and privileges are granted to them by treaty stipulations.

Sec, 2d, It is further Enacted, that if any foreigner or foreigners be found guilty of violating the provisions of this act, he or they shall, on conviction before the Court of Pleas and quarter session, be fined in any sum.—not less than five hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars for the first offense; And for the second,—not more than two thousand dollars, nor less than one thousand dollars at the discretion of the Court. And in default of payment of such fine, with all costs and charges, he or they shall be imprisoned for a period, not to exceed eighteen calendar months, or until such fine, with all costs and charges shall have been paid.

Sec, 3d, It is further Enacted, that should any citizen or citizens of this Republic be found guilty of contravening the provisions of the first section of this act, by pretending that he, or they are acting as broker, agent, or commission merchant; and thereby cause the spirit and intent of this act to be ineffectual, he or they, thus fraudulently acting, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor,—and on conviction before any court competent to try the same, be fine in any sum not less than one hundred, nor more than five hundred dollars at the discretion of the Court. And further, shall be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six calendar months;—nevertheless, nothing in this section shall be so construed as to interfere with the rights and privileges of a lawful commission merchant, agent or broker.

Sec, 4th, It is further Enacted, that it shall be unlawful for the Secretary of the Treasury, Collector of Customs, Treasurer and Sub-Treasurers, or any other officer engaged in the Revenue service, to act as agent or commission merchant, for any citizen, or other person within this Republic, during the term for which he or they shall have been commissioned, and any officer as above mentioned who shall violate the provisions of this section, on representation made to the Executive shall be dismissed from office.—and further; shall be find in any sum not less than one hundred dollars.—nor more than five hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction of the same—and that all laws or parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

M. A. RAND.
Speaker Ho: Rep. R. L.
B. P. YATES.
Pres. Senate V. P. R. L.
Approved February 7th 1857,
STEPHEN A. BENSON

A Resolution for the compensation of J. Roberts, Charge des Affaires to his Imperial Magesty's Government the Emperor