AN ACT FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF LARCENY.

It is Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature Assembled:—

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this act, all persons convicted of petit Larceny, upon due examination before two Magistrates, shall be fined in a sum to cover all cost and charges of conviction, shall make restitution of two-fold the value of the property stolen, one half to go to the Government and the other half to the person robbed, and, shall be further punished by the infliction of not less than five nor more than fifteen lashes on the bare back, and on failure to make payment of two-fold the value of the property stolen with cost and charges of trial, he, she or they shall be imprisoned and put to hard labor in chains for a term of not less than one, nor more than three months.

2. In all cases of Grand Larceny the person so convicted shall be punished by the infliction of nine and thirty lashes on the bare back, shall pay all cost and charges, shall make restitution of two-fold the value of the property stolen, one half to be paid to the Government and the other half to the person robbed, and on failure to make restitution and pay cost and charges shall be imprisoned and subjected to hard labor in irons for a term of not less than three months nor more than three years, according to the magnitude of the crime, and on dismissal from prison, he, she or they shall receive thirty nine lashes on the bare back.

3. That the Seventh article of the Act, entitled, "An Act establishing the Judiciary and Fixing the powers common to the several courts," and all laws and parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

AN ACT CONSTITUTING AND ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT AND A REGISTER'S DEPARTMENT, AT ROBERTSPORT.

It is Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature Assembled:—

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, there shall be constituted and established at Robertsport, in the County of Montserrado, to be held on the third Monday in each month, a Provisionary court, having Jurisdiction at Robertsport, within the territory of Grand Cape Mount, composed the same as the Monthly and Probate Court now established in this Republic in the different counties, but said Court shall not have Jurisdiction in the appointment of Judges and Clerks of election.

Appeals shall be had from said Court as by law provided for, to the Court of Common Pleas of Montserrado County. And further, that a deputy sheriff, shall be the Ministerial officer of said Court, who shall be required to give bond in equal proportion as is by law required of a sheriff.

Nevertheless the said Court shall have Jurisdiction in all cases of misdemeanor equal to petit larceny, in all actions of trespass, trover, slander, detinue, ejectment &c. where the amount in litigation is not more than thirty dollars, nor less than ten dollars, and in all infractions of the peace, where the fine is not less than ten nor more than thirty dollars.

2. It is further enacted, that there shall be established at Robertsport, a Provisionary Register,s department. composed and governed by the laws and regulations providing for such departments now existing in this Republic.

3. It is further enacted, that the President be and he is hereby authorized and requested to carry out all the provisions of this Act, any laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIRS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, IN THE COUNTY OF MARYLAND.

WHEREAS, the Jail House, Government House, and Custom House, in Maryland County, are in a very delapidated condition, in so much that the roofs of the aforesaid buildings are much decayed, admitting a continual leakage and thereby causing a rapid decay in the main body of said buildings; and, whereas, the citizens of the aforesaid County are greatly inconvenienced by the want of a building suitable for aCourt House, it is thought by the adding of an additional story on the present Jail that a good and sufficient Court Room would beprovided; Therefore.

It is Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature Assembled:—

SECTION 1. That the President is hereby authorized to cause an additional story of stone twelve feet high, to be raised on the Jail House, in Maryland County, to be so planned and constructed as to suit the purposes and conveniences of a Court Room, and that the roof of said building shall project six feet in every direction.

2. That the Government House, Light House, Ware House and Custom House, in the aforesaid County, shall be newly shingled and otherwise so repaired as to preserve and render them serviceable, and that the roofs of these buildings when repaired, shall be suitably pitched or painted, to preserve them.

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