WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the American Colonization Society have, through their Corresponding Secretary, submitted to the President of this Republic, which he duly transmitted to the Legislature of the same, a formal inquiry as to the extent and on what conditions this Government will engage to receive and adequately provide for in every respect Immigrants from the United States, during the first six months of their residence in Liberia;

And whereas, the Government and people of Liberia fully appreciate the very noble and humane object contemplated by the Society, and feel that duty, reason and gratitude dictate that every justifiable effort should be employed to secure such a co-operation in the prosecution of the great Colonization enterprize as shall be based upon a harmony of feeling and purpose, and as will the better secure the welfare of Immigrants, and contribute to the interest of this Republic; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature Assembled,—

That while the Government of Liberia is deeply and gratefully impressed with a sense of the very laudable nature of the object contemplated by the American Colonization Society and would be most happy to co-operate in its prosecution, it nevertheless feels equally impressed with a sense of the fact, that the securing of the aforesaid object on as thorough and extensive a scale as this Government feels willing to co-operate in just now, would necessitate the inaugurating of a system of operations that would involve an expense perhaps beyond what the Society could afford to expend for that purpose for some time to come.

Resolved,—That the President be, and he is hereby requested and authorized to inform the proper authorities of the American Colonization Society of the conclusion to which the Legislature have come in relation to their proposition respecting the receiving and providing for of Immigrants, as set forth in the foregoing preamble and resolution; and that should the United States Government be induced to stipulate for the appropriation of a sufficient amount to carry out said intention, this Government would willingly assume the required responsibilities as well as co-operate otherwise; and further, that the President be, and he is hereby requested to open correspondence on the subject whenever it may be deemed necessary.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RELIEF OF NANCY A. WOODSON AND HER CHILD.

WHEREAS, Nancy A. Woodson, the wife of Grandville Woodson, who was killed in the war in Sinoe County, in the year 1856, by

ruthless savages, while nobly defending his country's cause, has petitioned the Legislature to make some provision for her and her infant child, and whereas it is a duty incumbent on the Government to afford relief to the widows and orphans of soldiers who have fought and bled in defense of their Country;

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

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the President be and he is hereby authorized to give and grant to the aforesaid Nancy A. Woodson a town lot or five acres of farm land.

2. The President is further authorized to allow fifteen dollars a year for the support of said infant child, daughter of said Nancy A. Woodson, out of any money in the Treasury, until said child shall attain the age of Twelve years.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AUDITORS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

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 three discreet and suitable persons appointed annually by the President, to be styled "Auditors of the Public Accounts," whose duty it shall be to examine, quarterly, the accounts of the Treasury Department, and to compare the same with the vouchers filed in that Department, and make formal report, immediately after their examination of each quarter's accounts, to the President—which reports shall be laid annually before the Legislature.

2. That the persons provided for in the first Section shall, before they enter upon their duty, have administered to them by the President, a suitable oath for the faithful performance of their duty.

3. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to make up the accounts immediately after the expiration of each quarter, and to submit the same to the Auditors for examination; but in no case shall any books of accounts or papers be removed from the Department by the Auditors.

4. That the compensation of said Auditors shall be three dollars per day for each, provided that not more than four days be used for the examination of each quarterly account; and that the President be, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Public Treasury for the same.

5. That the public accounts for the Fiscal year ending thirtieth of September Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Seven, be submitted to

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