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BOOK I.
OF LEGAL PRINCIPLES AND RULES.

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OF INJURIES.

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

That the following Principles and Rules shall have the force of law in the Republic of Liberia.

SECTION 1. An injury is an unlawful damage done to another, and is the proper subject of action. It does not, generally, depend upon the intention of the wrong doer whether an act is an injury or not. A bad design is not necessary to the existence of an injury, although it is to the existence of a crime. The object of actions for injuries is redress to the injured party, not, like that of prosecutions for crimes, to punish the guilty.

2. Every act which is prejudicial to the interest of another is an injury, unless it be warranted by some law.

3. An omission is not generally an injury; but where a party is bound by contract, official duty, or law, to do an act, and omits to do it, or where, in consequence of an omission, an act of the same party, otherwise harmless, becomes prejudicial to the interest of another, such omission is an injury, for which an action will lie.

4. Every person is liable to an action for all injuries committed by himself or his wife.

5. Every person is liable to an action for all damages which arise from the negligence, carelessness or unskillfulness of himself or his wife at any time, of his agents or servants while employed in his business. And also for all damages committed by any animal belonging to him, or under his care or charge; provided the damages be such as such animal was likely to commit, either from the general habits of its species, or from any

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XIV. Books

5. The Statute Laws of the Republic of Liberia
Monrovia, 1856