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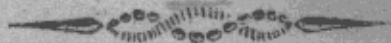
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An Act to amend An Act, supplementary to An Act, entitled "An Act to provide and regulate common schools,"

Section 1. Be it Enacted by the Governor and Council in Legislature Assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:—That the sum of eight hundred dollars per annum be added to the "school fund of the Counties of Monsterrado and Grand Bassa." Said amount to be paid from the Commonwealth Treasury, out of any monies not otherwise appropriated, and to be apportioned among the different settlements according to the number of inhabitants in each.

An Act to provide a set time or day on which the annual election of members of the Colonial Council shall take place.

Section 1. Be it Enacted by the Governor and Council in Legislature Assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:—That the election of members of the Colonial Council shall take place on the last Tuesday in November of each year.

Sec. 2. Be it further Enacted,—That the Colonial Legislature shall meet annually in Monrovia on the first Monday in January.

An Act to amend the 9th section of the 9th, Chapter of the "Abstract of Legal Principles and Rules."

Section 1. Be it Enacted by the Governor and Council in Legislature Assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:—That from and after the passage of this Act, the 9th section of the IX Chapter on page 22 of the "Abstract of Legal Principles and Rules;" be so altered as to read, every jurymen must be 21 years of age, and of good moral character.

An Act to repeal that part of the 11th section of the Judiciary Act passed 1839, giving the Supreme Court original jurisdiction.

Section 1. Be it Enacted by the Governor and Council in Legislature Assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:—That so much of the 11th section of the Judiciary Act, passed 1839, as gives to the Supreme Court original jurisdiction be, and the same is hereby repealed.

An Act authorizing the Executive to call extra sessions of the Colonial Council.

Section 1. Be it Enacted by the Governor and Council in Legislature Assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:—That whenever, in the opinion of the chief Executive officer of this Commonwealth, the public interests require a convocation of the Legislature, said chief Executive officer shall have power, and he is hereby invested with authority to convene the legislature in such cases of emergency.

An Act Supplementary to An Act on Elections.

Section 1. Be it Enacted by the Governor and Council in Legislature Assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:—That for elections for Lieutenant Governor and members of the Colonial Council there shall be appointed for each settlement or place in which the election may be held, three persons who shall be styled Judges of the election: One of whom shall be President of the board. It shall be the duty of this board to take the supervision of the election—to receive and count the tickets, and to see that they are properly registered, and that the election is conducted according to the provisions of the law in the case. There shall also be two Clerks appointed for each of the settlements or places as aforesaid—whose duty it shall be to register the votes under the direction of the board of Judges herein appointed.

Sec. 2. Be it further Enacted,—That the sheriff or his deputy shall organize the election by administering the oath usually taken on the like occasions to the president of said election, and that the said president be thereby fully authorized to administer the usual oath to the other judges and clerks:—And should any judge or clerk so appointed, fail in his or their attendance at the time and place, at which such election is to be holden, that it shall be lawful for the judges then present to nominate and appoint any one or more respectable citizens as the case may be, to act in case of such vacancies, as fully and lawfully as if the appointment had been originally made by the court.

Sec. 3. And be it further Enacted,—That the election be holden but one day, and that the polls be opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and closed at 6 o'clock P. M.

An Act to regulate the sales of Commission Merchants.

Section 1. Be it Enacted by the Governor and Council in Legislature Assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:—That from and after the passage of this Act, all goods, wares and merchandize, brought into this

Commonwealth for sale on commission, shall be exhibited on a list with prices annexed in some conspicuous place,—so as to give to all who may wish it an opportunity to inspect it:—And no sales of said goods shall be made until the expiration of one half hour after said list shall have been so exhibited. The Collector shall determine the time of the exhibition of the list.

Sec. 2. Be it further Enacted,—That no commission merchant or merchants, shall make sales of any goods, wares or merchandize, he or they may receive to sell on commission, at any other place but at that where he or they may be authorized by his or their license to make commission sales.

Sec. 3. And be it further Enacted,—That no person or persons shall take from any commission merchant or merchants, under any pretence whatever, goods, wares or merchandize for sale on account of captains or supercargoes without having first obtained a license to do commission business, to be entitled commission license. Any person or persons violating this Act, will be subject to the penalty imposed by law for violations of the act regulating revenue and commerce.

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An Act to make an additional Marshall and Notary Public.

Section 1. Be it Enacted by the Governor and Council in Legislature Assembled and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:—That from and after the passage of this Act, the 11th section of an Act incorporating, bounding and regulating counties and towns, appointing “one Marshall, and one Notary Public,” be so altered as to read, two Notary Publics and two Marshalls:—One of each to be appointed for the County of Monsterrado, and one for the County of Grand Bassa, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Act to put the settlement of “Greenville” Sinoe,” in a state of defence.

Section 1. Be it Enacted by the Governor and Council in Legislature Assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:—That the sum of three hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money belonging to the Commonwealth, deposited in the treasury at Greenville, Sinoe, not otherwise appropriated, to put said settlement in a state of defence.

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An Act incorporating the inhabitants of the town of Monrovia into a Body Politic.

Section 1. Be it Enacted by the Governor and Council in Legislature Assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:—That the inhabitants of the town of Monrovia be, and the same are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of Selectmen: and by their corporate name, may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and grant and do all other acts as are usually done by such corporate bodies, for the exclusive benefit of the said town, and may have and use a town seal, which may be broken or altered at pleasure.

Sec. 2. Be it further Enacted,—That the town Council or Selectmen shall consist of seven members, residents of the town of Monrovia, to constitute a bo-

