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ACTS.

AN ACT AMENDATORY AND SUPPLEMENTARY TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT, ESTABLISHING THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

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

SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Act entitled an "Act establishing the Treasury Department" shall be so altered and amended as to read, that the Department of the Treasury shall be, and the same is hereby declared, constituted of the following officers, viz:—The Secretary of the Treasury, who shall be chief of the Department, one Comptroller, one Auditor, one Register, one Treasurer and three or more Sub-Treasurers, who shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate; and each of whom, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bond to the state for the faithful discharge of his trust.

The term of office of the Comptroller, Auditor and Register shall be during good behavior; but for any official misconduct or incompetency to discharge their duties, may be suspended from office by the President until the Legislature can take cognizance of such misconduct or incompetency.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller, the Auditor or the Register to be concerned directly or indirectly in the purchase or disposal of any Government securities, bonds or pledges of this Republic for their private benefit or take or apply to their own use any emoluments or gain for negotiating or transacting any business in the said Department other than what shall be allowed by law; nor shall the amounts appropriated for the pay of any officer be taken by them in consequence of having

performed the duties of said office, unless they shall have been first duly appointed by the President to fill and perform the duties of said office.

On offending against any of the foregoing prohibitions, they shall be deemed to have resigned their offices, and upon impeachment and conviction thereon, shall be removed from office.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to digest, prepare, and lay before the Legislature at the commencement of every regular session, a report on the subject of the public finances, containing estimates of the public revenues and expenditures, and plans for the support of the public credit and for improving and increasing the revenue from time to time, for the purpose of giving information to the Legislature in adopting modes of raising the money requisite to meet the public expenditures; to annex to the annual estimates of the appropriations required for the year, a statement of the general appropriations made for the preceding year, also a statement of any appropriations for the service of the year which may have been made by any former acts, and also to annex thereto a statement of the actual receipts from all sources and of the actual expenditures under the appropriations for the preceding year; and further, a statement of the sums remaining in the public Treasury at the close of the Fiscal year. He shall have power under the warrants of the President, to draw on the Treasurer and the sub-Treasurers for all sums necessary for the public service that are provided for by law. He shall cause all accounts of expenditures of public monies to be settled within the year, unless the distance or the places where such expenditures occur, or there be circumstances as to make further time necessary. He shall superintend the collection of the revenue and shall lay before the Legislature during the first week of its session, annual statistical accounts of the commerce of Liberia with foreign countries, the imports and exports; which accounts, he shall require to be so kept and stated by the Comptroller as to exhibit the facts therein contained in the clearest manner possible, and so as to show the actual state of commerce and navigation between Liberia and each foreign country in each year. He shall submit quarterly, a summary statement of the receipts and expenditures to the President. He shall have power, with the approval of the President, to make, ordain and issue such instructions, rules and regulations to all accounting officers from time to time, as to the manner of performing their duties, and as to the form and manner of keeping and rendering their accounts and returns to the Department as may to him seem best calculated to promote the public interest. To meet the public expenditures in and with convenience to the inhabitants in the Counties of Grand Bassa, Sinoe and Maryland; and such other counties as may be annexed to this Republic, it shall be his duty to endorse over together with the endorsement of the Register, to the Superintendents of the several counties, all warrants as may be drawn by the President upon the sub-Treasurers of the several counties, and under which warrants the

