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## ACTS.

Resolution recommending an Amendment to the Constitution of Liberia.

Whereas under the present Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, the Executive power is prohibited from granting pardons in cases of impeachment, and offenders in high places can only be reached and punished by resort to actions of impeachment ; and yet as a young and growing people, it is not conducive to the well being and best interest of this Republic to be fettered with the common law practice of other nations, in such cases, which make the judgment irreversible : Therefore,

*It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled,—and passed by the concurrence of two thirds of the members of each branch of the Legislature, That the following shall form the last paragraph of the first section of Article III to wit : Any person or persons who has or have been impeached, or who may be impeached hereafter for any official misconduct in office, or for high crimes and misdemeanors, within this Republic, shall be privileged after the expiration of seven years from the time of impeachment to petition the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia for restoration to all the rights and privileges of any other good citizens. And should it appear to the Legislature that the person or persons thus petitioning has or have shown sufficient evidence of reformation and repentance, then and in that case the Legislature may by joint Resolution, to be adopted by a two third vote of the members of each branch of the Legislature, restore and grant unto the person or persons petitioning, all the rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed to all other good citizens. Resolved further, that this amendment to the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia pass each branch by a two third vote as required by the second section of Article II of the Constitution ; and that the said amendment be submitted to the people for their vote at the biennial election to be held in May 1879 in the several counties of this Republic ;*

and the ballots shall be written Adoption or no Adoption.

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A Resolution tendering the Thanks of the Government and people of Liberia to Mr Edward S. Morris for his devotedness and zeal in behalf of Liberia.

*David Bathing Johnson*

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:—*

Sec 1 That Mr. Edward S. Morris of Philadelphia is entitled to the thanks of the Government and people of Liberia which are hereby tendered to him, for his energy devotedness and zeal in behalf of Liberia at the American Centennial Exhibition in 1876, especially for his indefatigable efforts and printed publications to disseminate a knowledge of the excellent and superior qualities of the Liberian Coffee: and the President is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Edward S. Morris as a tribute of our thanks to him for his labor in behalf of Liberia.

Approved Dec. 18th 1879,

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An Act establishing and fixing an export duty on Coffee Scions and dried Coffee,

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

Sec. 1. That from and immediately after the passage of this Act all persons, whether Liberian citizens or foreigners, who may desire to export Seed-Coffee hulled, green, or dried, shall be required to pay a duty of one dollar and fifty cents ( 1.50 ) for each and every bushel; and if unhulled, on every bushel fifty cents [ 50 ] and on each and every scion exported, there shall be collected five cents [ .05 ] on each plant; and on all trees whether bearing berries or not, a duty of fifty cents [ 50 ) each, and on all dried and clean coffee intended for table purposes, there shall be assessed and collected a duty of one quarter of a cent (  $\frac{1}{4}$  ) on each pound so exported.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that it shall be the duty of any person or persons who may desire to export hulled or unhulled Coffee seeds, green or dried, to report the same to a Collector of Customs, whose duty it shall be to instruct the Wharfingers to examine into the correctness of said report, and if found correct, said wharfinger shall certify the same, and upon which certificate the Collector of Customs

