

June 18th 1738 Council

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And no native man or ^{man} woman that is
apprenticed without his or her consent
than seven years.

And be it further enacted that it shall be the duty of
procuring such children to have them for their
in the colonial records and that in all cases their age shall be
by the Probate Court.

And be it further enacted that no person or persons shall have
to them any such child or children whose character, occupation
opinion of the Court are not sufficient to warrant it.

And be it further enacted that it shall be the duty of all persons
Such apprentices to provide them with suitable clothing and to have them
instructed in some day school at least three months in each year.

And be it further enacted that two suitable persons in each settlement
appointed by the Governor & Council annually whose duty it shall be
to enquire diligently into all cases of complaint either by Master or apprentice
and settle the same according to the laws of England and the Acts in
to see that the provisions of this act are strictly attended to.

And be it further enacted that any person or persons refusing to
accept to such persons as may be appointed according to the 5th Article
of this act to any apprentice or apprentices when so requested shall be
fined in a sum of £100

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of this act to any apprentice or apprentices when so requested shall be
fined in a sum not less than Fifty Dollars nor more than One Hundred
Dollars to be recovered in an action of debt in the monthly Court of Session.

ART^{4th} And be it further enacted that any person or persons known to
decoy or persuade any such apprentice or apprentices away from his Master
and shall be convicted of the same before the Court of Monthly Session
shall be fined in any sum of not less than Fifty Dollars nor more than \$100.
to be paid forthwith to the master of such apprentice or apprentices or be
imprisoned for not less than six nor more than twelve months.

And be it further enacted that any person or persons known to violate any
part of the fourth and fifth articles of this act shall be fined or imprisoned
at the discretion of the Court of Monthly Session.

Adjourned

May the Ninth 1838

Council met pursuant to notification Present A. D. Williams Secy Genl
Councillors J. S. Roberts, A. Tyner, G. Crawford, J. Brown, B. N. Wilson.

Be it enacted that from and after this date all passports be granted by
the Colonial Secretary, and that the price to be paid for each be fifty cents.

Be it further enacted that from and after this date no Captain
or supercargo of any vessel shall take away any resident of this
Colony out of the limits of the Colony without a passport to be granted by
the Secretary under the penalty of one Thousand Dollars, nevertheless this shall not
apply to vessels carrying persons to and from the ^{General} ~~General~~ ^{Settlements} ~~Settlements~~.

It is enacted that all Anchorage shall

From this date all Prisoners that shall
be committed to the custody of this Colony to imprisonment for
any offence shall be committed to the custody of the Sheriff, immediately after the Court
shall have been notified at the door of the Court House by public outcry, that
any person has been convicted will be hired to the highest bidder
on the following day at the door of the Jail House for the term of
their respective imprisonment.

It is further enacted that persons hiring the said prisoners shall have
the same control over them which is now exercised by the Sheriff
and Jailor.

Saturday June 2^d 1838

Council Met on a special call

Present, A.D. Williams Lieut Govr. Councillors J. J. Roberts. S. C. Phipps
H. Syner. James Brown. & George Crawford.

Question Submitted by the Lieut Governor whether the term residents
in the act of May the 9th prohibiting persons from leaving the Colony
without a passport, is intended to include Missionaries and native
and persons of all descriptions. The Council determined that all
residents of every description and occupation are intended

July 4th 1838

An Act

Be it enacted that, any person or persons citizen of this colony who shall remove to another Government or colony and take the Oath of allegiance there shall not be entitled to the privileges of citizens in this and should such person again return they shall not be entitled to the elective franchise, until they have again taken the Oath and have remained in the colony at least Twelve months thereafter.

And be it further enacted that should any person or persons who had left the colony and again return and refuse to take the Oath, declaring that he or they had become citizens of any other government, and should there be any doubt respecting the same said person or persons shall be questioned to the truth of the same before some justice of the peace and his or their answer in the negative be recorded by the Register And should it be afterwards found that he or they had taken such an Oath all their real property in the colony shall be confiscated and they be barred from citizenship in this colony.

Resolved

that the Lieut Gov cause two Seals to be procured one for the use of the Register and the other for the clerk of the Court's office

Adjourned to 9 O'clock A.M.
tomorrow.

July the 5th 1838

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Present A.D. Williams Secy

An Act

Be it enacted that from and after this date that any person applying for letters of Administration on estate of any deceased person give at least Ten days notice by advertising such notice in some public place in the Town in which such deceased person resided notice to be given after filing said application with the Orphan's Court.

July the 6th 1838

An Act

Be it enacted by the Lieut Gov & Council that in all cases of civil suit the fees and charges of Court remain as at present regulated by Law and that in all suits in which the Commonwealth is a party the fees shall be only one half the amount they have hitherto been up to this date.

An Act

Be it enacted that from and after this date the prisoners that may be hired out in conformity to the sentences of the Court of Monthly Sessions of founs going at large shall be rearrested and rehired to the highest bidder by the Sheriff of the County and the money arising from such sale shall be paid to the Sheriff of the County.

by the Sheriff of the colony and the money arising from such sale shall go one half to the person arresting the prisoner and the other to the Commonwealth.

An Act

Be it enacted that from and after the first day of August next ensuing the Governor, Lieut Gov^r and all officers be sworn into office.

Be it further enacted that the Governor or Lieut Gov^r, in pursuance of the above resolution administer the Oath of office to the Secretary and that the Secretary henceforth administer the Oath of office to the Governor Lieut Gov^r & Council and record the date of their entering upon office upon the records of the Council.

Be it further enacted that the Secretary also administer the Oath of office to the Clerk of the Court of Monthly Sessions and that the Clerk of the ^{Said} Court swear all the members of the Court.

At our new to 9 O'clock to morrow

July the 7th 1838

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate vagrants and Idlers.

Be it enacted by the Lieut Gov^r & Council That it shall be the duty of two persons to be appointed by the Governor or Lieut Governor in each village to present to the Probate Court at each of its stated sessions all cases of vagrancy or Idleness that may come under their notice that they shall Summon such person or persons to appear before said Probate Court.

If any person or persons summoned
 do not appear to the Court that such
 person is not an honest living or have
 a livelihood for him self & family
 and if so ordered. The Court shall order the Sheriff to
 bind such person out to the highest bidder for a term not
 exceeding twelve months for the maintenance of himself and family
 and such persons shall be bound out to suitable persons
 and it is further enacted that in all cases of hiring or apprenticing
 of persons to whom said vagrants may be hired or minors
 shall pay in addition to the amount of hire the expense of
 transporting them to the place where they may be bound.

It is further enacted, That the monies arising from hire be appropri-
 ated for the maintenance of the person or persons hired or for his, her
 or their family shall be paid monthly into the hands of the two persons
 who is ordered to be created by this Act to bring Cases of Vagrancy before
 the Court and said persons to whom the said money is paid shall
 report monthly to the Probate Court.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock P.M.

Act pursuant to a Journal by Present the whole Council

It is enacted by the Sicut Gov & Council that the Act of the

July 7, 1838

An Act Concerning Bastard Children

Be it enacted that from and after this date if any woman shall be delivered of a bastard child that shall be or likely to become chargeable to the public and shall upon examination to be taken in writing upon Oath before any justice of the Peace, charge any person not being a servant with being the Father of the Child any Justice of the Peace in the place where the person charged may be a resident or inhabitant shall on application of any citizens of a place wherein such child ~~sh~~ be born shall issue an warrant to apprehend and bring the person so charged before him or any other Justice of the Peace and such Justice shall commit him to Jail unless he will enter into bond with sufficient security in a sum of not less than fifty dollars for his appearance at the Court of Monthly Sessions, and abide the orders thereof, And if the Court upon the circumstances shall adjudge the person so charged to be the father, and that the child is likely to become chargeable to the public they may provide for its maintenance by charging the father with the payment of not less than one dollar per week payable Monthly into the hands of the Treasurer of the Colony to continue while such child is likely to become chargeable to the Colony..."

Council passed Jan^y 4th 1838 Ordering all amounts due the Commonwealth
for duties be so amended as to read "that are now and that may hereafter
become due to the Commonwealth."

An act

Be it enacted That from and after this date if and Woman shall be delivered
of a bastard child that shall be or likely to become chargeable to the public
and shall upon examination to be taken in writing upon Oath before
any Justice of the Peace. Charge any person not being a servant with
being the Father of the child any Justice of the peace in the place where
the person charged may be a resident or inhabitant shall on application of
any citizens of a place wherein such child be born shall issue a warrant
to apprehend and bring the person so charged before him or any other
Justice of the peace and such Justice shall commit him to Jail
unless he will enter into bond with sufficient security in a sum of
not less than fifty dollars for his appearance at the Court of Monthly
Sessions, and abide the orders thereof And if the Court upon the circumsta-
nces shall adjudge the person so charged to be the father, and that the
child is likely to become chargeable to the public they may provide for
its maintenance by charging the father with the payment of not less
than one dollar per Week payable Monthly into the hands of the
Treasurer of the colony to continue while such child is likely to be-
come chargeable to the colony And the Father shall enter into

a Recognisance with sufficient
Surety or Lieut Gov of the
orders of the Court; And if the Surety
such money for six months or refuse
Judgement and the Sheriff shall proceed to sell the land
as may be due from time to time by the Sheriff his heirs

Be it further enacted That if any woman after being
before a Justice of the peace should refuse to swear to the Father of the child
is likely to become chargeable to the Public, the Court may order the child
hired out from time to time as long as said child may be likely to become chargeable
the Public. Nevertheless the Mother of a bastard child may give good and
sufficient security to be approved of by the Governor and the Court of
Sessions for the maintenance of the child.

Council met 29th Nov 1838

Present A.D. Williams Lieut Gov Brandor. W. H. Taylor & Cheesman
and L. Ciples. Mr. J. B. Gorton was sworn in and took his seat.

The President stated that his object in convening the Council was to
remedy some glaring and mischievous aspects in the present Law of
hiring Felons indiscriminately to the highest bidder by whom they
are too often suffered to go at large to the great detriment of Public
Morals, and also in contravention of the ends of Public justice.

An Act

Be it enacted by the Lieut Gov & Council That from and after this date any Felon or Felons that may be convicted before the Court of Monthly Sessions and sentenced to labor shall be placed by the Sheriff under suitable person appointed by himself and approved by the Governor and Council whose duty it shall be to superintend and cause to labor said Culprits. The Sheriff shall be subject to a Committee appointed by the Gov & Council and make regular Monthly returns to the directors of the proceeds of their labors together with the incidental expense of feeding them & for those services he shall be allowed \$150 per year. The Superintendant appointed by the Sheriff shall discharge all the duties of Saylor but no separate Charges shall be allowed for receiving and discharging prisoners or any other services connected with the said any Act repugnant thereto shall be and is hereby repealed.

Council adjourned until
called to meet by the Lieut Governor

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Act

That the Council that the sum of £ 800
be appropriated to defray the expences of the
Court and that the Gov^r or Lieut Gov^r be authorised
to draw from time to time as it may be wanted.

in consequence of the great imposition heretofore practiced upon
the Treasury by paying into it Camwood & Ivory that cannot be
made up.

Be it enacted by the Lieut Gov^r & Council that the
Treasury receive none but good & sound billets of Camwood, and none
but sound Ivory weighing not less than two pounds.

Be it enacted by the Lieut Gov^r & Council that the act passed the
5th of July ~~1836~~ 1836 relative to the Salary of the Sheriff be repealed and be
it further enacted that the Sheriff be entitled to the benefit of the Act
regulating fees and charges of the Court passed July 6th 1838.

Council adjourned

Feb^y 13th 1832

Present A.D. Williams Lieut Gov^r & the whole Council

An Act

Be it enacted by the Lieut Gov & Council That from and after this date duties due the Commonwealth shall be collected within forty eight hours after the Vessel leaving the harbour or sales being closed, any Law contrary thereto shall be repealed notwithstanding.

April the 4th 1839

Council met by Special Notification for the purpose of inducting Tho^s Buchanan Esq^r into office.

After the 1st 2^d & 3^d regarding of the new Constitution it was unanimously adopted and Governor Buchanan after taking the Oath of office took his seat in the Council.

Form of the Oath

Administered according to Law, by the then Colonial Secretary, Hilary Page Esq^r

Oath

I Tho^s Buchanan, appointed Governor of the Colony of Liberia do solemnly promise that I will to the best of my skill and judgement execute the said office diligently and faithfully according to Law without favour

Natives apprenticed to Colonists.

Names	ages	to whom appren.	for No. of yrs.	time of appren.
Mary Yates	12	Willy Ann Yates		12 Febr. 1838
Jack Lewis	14	John N Lewis		12 March 1838
Sally Barbour		Hannah Barbour	7 years	12 March 1838
Margaret Graves, Colonist	8	Nancy Thompson		23d April 1838
John Power	14	John Woodland		4 May 1838
James Logan	14	A.D. Williams	7 years	15 June 1838
Douy (alias) Peter	30	Jas. S. Payne	25 Jany	45 dark complexion, 5ft.6 in high
Zeamu " Jenny	28	"	"	dark complex. 5'6" high
Binda " Judy	10	"	"	"
Gdawar " Simon	25	"	"	"Light comp. 5'7"
Zoo " Fanny	23	"	"	dark complex. 5'7" 6'
Kenyea " Mary	18 mo.	"	"	dark "
Sando " William	23	"	"	dark " 6'9"
Margo " Lucky	30	"	"	" " 5 ft
Jarvee " Lewis	22	"	"	light " 5 #
Janda " Lucy	19	"	"	" " 5 "
Marpela " Mary	1	"	"	"