planation of items disallowed can only be considered by the Board of Review.

SEC. 6. The decision of the Auditor shall be final and conclusive upon the Executive branches of the Government, except that any person feeling himself aggrieved by the action or decision of the Auditor in the settlement of the account or claim may within six months, take an appeal in writing to the Board of Review, which appeal shall specifically set forth the particular action of the Auditor to which exception is taken, together with the papers, reasons, and authorities relied upon for reversing such decision. The decision of the Board shall be final and conclusive, and a certified copy should be sent to the Auditor and appellant. The Auditor is authorized to communicate directly with any person having claims before him for settlement, or with any Department, officer, or person having official relations with his office.

SEC. 7. The Auditor shall be paid a salary of Two ($2000.00) Thousand dollars per annum from the date of his departure for Liberia and be refunded his passage, from his place of residence to Liberia by the most direct route, and a similar allowance shall be paid him on the termination of his term of service, on due proof that he is about to leave Liberia and return to his place of residence. While travelling on public business in Liberia he shall be allowed his passage to and fro.

SEC. 8. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the Auditor to enter into an agreement with the Republic of Liberia for three years certain, with a provision that said Auditor be granted a leave of absence on half pay of four months after the expiration of two years.

SEC. 9. Any law or part of law in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved August 2nd, 1917.


Whereas on the 8th day of May, 1917, the Government of the Republic of Liberia found it necessary in the interest of the Republic to sever official relations with the Government of the German Empire for reasons set forth in the despatch of the Secretary of State to the Representative of the Imperial German Government at Monrovia, and in the Manifesto of the President of the Republic to the people of Liberia dated June 1, 1917; and
Whereas the essential interests of Liberia demand that this Republic should align itself with those powers who, in the world conflict now going on are upholding principles of Humanity, of Public Right and International Conduct, upon which the security of International Society is found, Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled;

Sec. 1. That the action of the President in severing official relations with the Government of the German Empire and all steps in relation thereto already taken by the Executive Department of this Government be and the same are hereby unanimously approved.

Sec. 2. That the President be and he is hereby authorized to deport from the Republic all and every German subject resident within the borders thereof and to sequester and liquidate all German commercial property within the Republic and to denounce all commercial and political understandings heretofore had with the Government of the German Empire.

Sec. 3. That the Legislature of Liberia recognising the duty of this Republic to humanity, to civilization and to assist in the maintenance of the principles of Public Right; and appreciating the necessity for such a Resolution in the interest of the Republicido hereby authorize and approve of the alignment of the Republic with those States who are maintaining the conflict against the German Empire, and in pursuance of said Resolution do declare that a state of war exists between the Republic of Liberia and the Government of the German Empire.

Sec. 4. That the President of the Republic be and he is hereby authorized and fully empowered to take all and every precaution to ensure, and to make every and any necessary provision to maintain the security of the State and its essential interests which the present international condition in his discretion justifies.

Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
Approved August 4th, 1917.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL OF THE IMPORTATION AND SALE OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND GUNPOWDER.

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

Sec. 1. This Act shall be cited as the "Fire-arms Traffic Act."

Sec. 2. In this Act unless the context otherwise require it, the term "Firearm" or "Arms" shall mean and include all arms of precision of any nature soever, but shall not include flintlock guns with unrifled barrels.

The term "Ammunition" shall include every and any explosive compound or substance used in procuring the discharge of fire-arms or ordnance.