

Notary Public, — — —
Treasurer, Thomas S. Dent.
Justices of the Peace, D. R. Fletcher, W. H. Hawkins, Frederick Lewis, N. Jackson, Jr., Henry Harmon, C. Campbell.
Special Magistrate for Native Palavers, F. Lewis.
Public Surveyor, Henry Harmon.
Register, P. F. Sansay.
Collector of Imports, James B. Dennis.
Inspector of Ammunition and Munitions of War, A. Wood.
Assessors of Public Taxation, Thomas S. Dent, G. W. Gibson, Thos. Fuller.
Tax Gatherer and Collector of Military Fines, — — —
Jailer, Frederick Lewis.
Keeper of the Light House, Peter Briscoe.
Selectmen, Thomas Brown, James Henson, Henson Moulton.
Constables, Peter Sisco, Osborn Tubman, Peter Briscoe, James Moulton, James Cox.
Road Masters, Ambrose Simpson, Henry Pinkett, Charles Covington, Charles Scotland.
Committee on New Immigrants, A. Ransom, R. Donaldson.
Measurers of Buildings, P. F. Sansay, J. B. Dennis.
Inspectors of Shingles, Henry Pinkett, Thomas Brown.
Inspectors of Lumber, Thomas S. Dent, Frederick Tubman.

Test:

WILLIAM A. PROUT,
 Governor State of Md. in Liberia.

MARYLAND IN LIBERIA, July 11th, 1854.

The Declaration of Rights, and the Constitution of the State of Maryland in Liberia.

THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

We, the people of the Commonwealth of Maryland in Liberia, acknowledging with devout gratitude the goodness of Almighty God, for having safely conducted our infant Colony in peace for nineteen years, under the auspices of the Maryland State Colonization Society, and for having made us the instruments, in diffusing the blessings of Civilization and Evangelical truth among a heathen people; taking into consideration the best means for securing our civil and religious liberty, and the establishment of a good Constitution in this Commonwealth for the sure foundation and future permanence thereof, declare:

ARTICLE I. That all government of right originates from the people, is founded in compact only, and is instituted for the people's good; and they have at all times agreeably to this Constitution, the indefeasible right to change, reform or abolish their form of Government, in such manner as they may deem proper.

ART. II. That the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government, belongs to the people.

ART. III. That the people of Maryland in Liberia are entitled to the Code of Laws provided by the Maryland State Colonization Society, and other statutes and laws heretofore admitted in Courts of Justice in this Commonwealth, except such as may, by this Constitution, be strictly provided against, and except such as the Legislature may by act repeal. And the inhabitants of Maryland in Liberia are also entitled to all property, derived to them by the agreement executed in Balti-

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