

their services, a compensation to be fixed by law, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

Sec. 7th. The Clerks of the Supreme and Inferior Courts, shall be appointed by the Judge of the respective Courts.

Sec. 8th. The Supreme Court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in all suits against the Republic of Maryland in Liberia, in all cases affecting public ministers or Counsels, and in all cases of Divorce, and shall have original, but not exclusive jurisdiction in all cases of "Mandamus," when the writ is to be addressed to a Court of Justice, to the Secretary of State, or the Treasurer of the Republic, in all cases of Habeas Corpus, and in all other cases of "Mandamus," or the civil suits which the Legislature may direct.

Sec. 9th. In all cases the Supreme Courts shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such modifications and under such rules as the Legislature shall from time to time establish by law.

Sec. 10th. The Judges of Courts shall not receive any fee or emolument of any kind from any parties or others on account of any duty, required of them as Judges.

Sec. 11th. The Governor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a competent number of Justices of the Peace in each County, as is, or shall be directed by law,

they being commissioned for one year, but shall be removed on conviction of misbehaviour in office, or any infamous crime, or on address of both Houses of the General Assembly.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Sec. 1st. All officers engaged in the ministration of Justice, and all other officers both civil and military in this Colony shall continue to hold and discharge the duties of their respective offices in the name and authority of the State, until others be elected and appointed to supersede them under the authority of this Constitution.

Sec. 2nd. In order that no evils or inconveniences may arise from the change of this Government, or relations to the Maryland State Colonization Society, with regard to matters prosecuted by its authority while in power,—it is declared by this Constitution, that all rights, suits, actions, prosecutions, contracts, and claims, both as respects individual persons or bodies corporate, shall continue in full force as if no change had taken place in this Government. That no suits, complaints,—pleas, and other legal proceedings now—pending in the Quarterly Session Courts, Orphan Court, and Justices Courts, shall be prosecuted to final judgment and execution. All fines, penalties, and forfeitures due and owing to the Colony of Maryland in Liberia, shall enure to the new established State of Maryland in Liberia. And all lands and other official documents relating to matters of the Colonial Govern-

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XIII. Colonization Pamphlets

1. The Declaration of Rights, The Constitution of the State of Md. in Liberia

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