

Declaration of Rights

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

Article 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 original} treaty executed in Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, one of the United States of North America on the _____ day of _____ in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifty between Commissioners on the part of this Government and the Maryland State Colonization Society.

Article IV. That for the best security of liberty and free government, the people have a right to participate in the Legislature, and for this purpose Elections ought to be free, and frequent, and every colored male Citizen having the qualifications prescribed by this Constitution, ought to have the right of suffrage.

Article V. That the Legislative, Executive and Judicial powers of government ought to be distinct and separate from each other, and no person exercising ^{the functions}

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