shall be convicted of any offence against the laws or shall apply for redress of any injury he or she may have received to any power other than the government of Maryland in Liberia, the offender being within the jurisdiction of the said government, or if such person shall not leave the Colony within the time limited for that purpose.

And be it enacted and ordained that if any person for whom such security shall have been given shall be truly unable to depart from the Colony before the day appointed in such bond, the Governor being satisfied that such inability is real and not fraudulent, may license such person to remain for another limited period taking new security in the same form from the same or other sureties.

And be it enacted and ordained that any person under such bonds may be released from the same and the bond cancelled whenever such person shall subscribe the engagement required by the first section.

And be it enacted and ordained that if any person arrested under the authority of the act shall refuse to subscribe the engagement in the first section mentioned and to give the bond in the second section mentioned, it shall be the duty of the Governor to cause such person to be kept in close confinement

until an opportunity shall occur of sending him or her out of the Colony and whenever such an opportunity shall occur it shall be the duty of the Governor so to send such person out of the Colony.

And be it enacted and ordained that it shall be the duty of every colored person, children under fourteen years of age excepted, who may arrive in the territory called Maryland in Liberia, with the intention of remaining therein more than one calendar month to repair, as soon as conveniently may be after his or her arrival, to the office of the Colonial Secretary and declare his or her election to be regarded as a citizen of the Colony or as a sojourner therein, and every such person declaring his or her election to become a citizen shall immediately subscribe the Constitution agreeable to the provisions of that instrument; and every person declaring his or her election to be regarded as a sojourner shall subscribe the engagement in the first section mentioned - but may, at any time thereafter, become a citizen by subscribing the Constitution.

And be it enacted and ordained that if any colored person shall remain one calendar month in the Colony without complying with the provisions of the last preceeding section, he or she shall be arrested and taken to the office of the Colonial Secretary

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