Boston Jenkins Drayton, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Republic of Maryland in Liberia do declare and by these, ~~presents~~, the power invested in me do hereby make known that the state is and hereby declare under martial law. The military and citizens will therefore take cognizant of the same during the adjustment of the present Difficulties pending with the native dependant subjects

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Maryland in Liberia to be affixed to these presents

Done at Harper the seat of Government the Twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six, and of the Independence of the republic the third

B. Jenkins Drayton

[Seal]

By His Excellency the Governor
C. H. Harmon
Sec. State

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