

SEC. 21. Each House shall keep and publish from time to time, a journal of its proceedings; all votes in the House shall be viva voce; and, on the final passage of all bills shall be entered on the journals.

SEC. 22. Laws for the protection of the property of the wife, from the debts of the husband during her life, and for securing the same to her issue after death, and also to protect from execution a reasonable amount of the property of a debtor, not exceeding one hundred dollars, shall be passed by the Legislature.

SEC. 23. Corporations may be formed in such cases and in such manner, as may hereafter be established by law.

SEC. 24. The Legislature shall make provisions for all cases of contested elections of any of the officers not herein provided for.

SEC. 25. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly at its first session, to establish a currency or paper issue as a medium for the State, to be based on as good money in its redemption, as the means of the State will warrant.

SEC. 26. The salary or compensation of any public officer shall not be increased, or diminished during his term of office.

SEC. 27. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury of the State, except in accordance with an appropriation made by law; and every such law shall distinctly specify the sum appropriated, and the object to which it shall be applied: provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Legislature from placing a contingent fund at the disposal of the Executive, who shall report to the Legislature at each session, the amount expended and the purposes to which it was applied. An accurate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the public money shall be attached to, and published with the laws after each regular session of the General Assembly.

SEC. 28. Divorces shall be granted by the General Assembly.

SEC. 29. The Legislature may borrow an amount never to exceed ten thousand dollars, to meet deficiencies in the Treasury, and may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defence of the State.

SEC. 30. The House of Delegates may examine and pass all accounts of the State relating to either the collection or the expenditure of the revenue, and appoint auditors to state and adjust the same;—and they may call for all public or official papers necessary in the course of their inquiries concerning affairs relating to the public interest.

SEC. 31. Every law shall be recorded in the office of the Court of Appeals, and in due time be printed, published, and certified under the Great Seal to the several Courts in the State.

SEC. 32. The style of all laws shall be, "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland in Liberia."

ARTICLE II.

Executive Department.

SECTION. 1. The supreme executive power of this State shall be vested in a Governor, who shall be styled the Governor of the State of Maryland in Liberia, and whose title shall be "His Excellency."

SEC. 2. The Governor shall be chosen biennially, by qualified voters; and no person shall be eligible to this office, unless at the time of his election he shall have been an inhabitant of this Commonwealth for the three next preceding years, unless he shall have been absent on public business for the State; nor unless he shall at the same time possess in his own right, a freehold within the Commonwealth of the value of five hundred dollars. He shall be elected by the citizens of this Commonwealth, at the places where they respectively vote for the members of the Legislature. The returns of every election for Governor shall be sealed up and transmitted to the

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VIII. Commissions and Reports

D. Reports of the Board of Managers 1856