

seat of government, directed to the Speaker of the Senate, who shall open and publish them in the presence of the members of both Houses of the General Assembly. The person having the highest number of votes shall be Governor; but if two or more shall be equal, and highest in votes, one of them shall be chosen Governor by the joint vote of the members of both Houses. Contested elections shall be determined by a committee to be elected from both Houses of the General Assembly, and formed and regulated in such manner as shall be directed by law.

SEC. 3. The Governor shall be at least thirty years of age. He shall receive for his services a compensation which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected; and before he enters on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will faithfully execute the office of Governor of the State of Maryland in Liberia, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve and defend the Constitution, and enforce the laws of this State.

SEC. 4. He shall be Commander-in-Chief of the Army and the Navy of this State, and of the Militia thereof; and shall, in the recess of the Legislature or General Assembly, have power to call out the Militia, or any portion thereof, into actual service in defence of the State. But, he shall not command personally in the field, unless he shall be advised so to do by a resolution of the General Assembly.

SEC. 5. He shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint and commission all officers whose appointment is not otherwise directed by this Constitution. Should a vacancy, or vacancies, happen in offices, the appointment of which is vested in the Governor and Senate, they shall be filled by the Governor during the recess of the General Assembly, by granting commissions that shall expire at the end of the next session.

SEC. 6. He shall have power to remit fines and forfeitures, grant reprieves and pardons (except in cases of impeachment) by and with the advice of the Senate. He may require information and advice in writing from any of the officers of the Executive Department, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices.

SEC. 7. He shall from time to time give to the General Assembly information of the affairs of the State, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he may deem expedient. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the General Assembly; and in case of a disagreement between the two Houses with respect to the time of adjournment, adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper, not beyond the time of their next session. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

SEC. 8. There shall be chosen at every election for Governor, a Lieutenant-Governor, whose title shall be "His Honor," and who shall be elected in the same manner, and continue in office for the same time, and possess the same qualifications as those required of the Governor. In voting for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, the votes shall distinguish whom they vote for as Governor, and whom as Lieutenant-Governor. He shall, by virtue of his office, be President of the Senate, have a right when in committee of the whole, to debate and vote on all subjects, and when the Senate are equally divided, to give the casting vote. He shall be a member of the Governor's cabinet, to be consulted as all other members of the same on matters appertaining to the Government.

SEC. 9. In the event of the impeachment of the Governor, his removal from office, death, refusal to qualify, resignation, inability to discharge the powers and duties of his office, or absence from the State, the Lieutenant-Governor shall exercise all the powers and authority appertaining to the office of Governor, until another shall have been duly qualified, or the Governor absent or impeached shall return or be acquitted.

SEC. 10. Whenever the Government shall be administered by the Lieutenant-

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