

the address of two-thirds of each House of the General Assembly, or by impeachment and conviction thereon.

SEC. 2. The Judges of the Supreme Court and all other Judges of Courts shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and no person shall be eligible to the office of Judge unless he has been for two years a citizen of the State of Maryland in Liberia, and shall have attained the age of thirty years, and shall be possessed of unincumbered real estate of not less value than three hundred dollars.

SEC. 3. Appeals may be made from the Courts of Session and from Probate Courts, to the Supreme Court, when the amount in question exceeds one hundred dollars,—whose decision shall be final.

SEC. 4. The jurisdiction of all Justices of the Peace in civil cases shall be limited to causes in which the amount in controversy shall not exceed twenty-five dollars; and in all cases tried by a Justice of the Peace, the Court of Session shall have appellate jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. The Judges of the Supreme and Inferior Courts shall not charge juries with respect to matters of fact, but may state the testimony and declare the law. No Judge shall sit in any cause where the parties shall be connected with him, by affinity or consanguinity, within the fourth degree, except by consent of parties. In case all the Judges of the Supreme and Inferior Courts shall be interested in any cause, or related to all, or either of the parties, the Governor of the State shall, in such case, specially commission three men of law knowledge for the determination thereof. No Judge of any Court, or Justice of the Peace shall act as Attorney, or be Counsel to any party, or originate any civil suit in matters which may come or be brought before him as Judge or Justice of the Peace.

SEC. 6. The Judges of the Supreme and Inferior Courts shall, at stated times, receive for their services a compensation to be fixed by law, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

SEC. 7. The Clerks of the Supreme and Inferior Courts shall be appointed in such manner as the Legislature may by law direct; and shall be commissioned by the Governor, and shall continue in office for three years, but may be removed for misbehavior. And no such Clerk shall act as Attorney, or be of Counsel in any cause in the Court of which he is Clerk.

SEC. 8. The Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction in all cases affecting Embassadors or other public ministers, and Consuls, and those to which the State of Maryland in Liberia shall be a party.

SEC. 9. In all other cases the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such modifications and under such rules as the Legislature shall from time to time establish by law. The Judges shall not receive any fee or emolument of any kind from parties or others on account of any duty required of them as Judges.

SEC. 10. Divorces shall not be granted by the General Assembly until the matter has undergone a legal investigation by a tribunal having jurisdiction in such cases, to be established by law.

SEC. 11. The Governor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a competent number of Justices of the Peace, in each County, as is or shall be directed by law. They shall be commissioned for one year, but shall be removed on conviction of misbehavior in office, or any infamous crime, or on address of both Houses of the General Assembly.

SEC. 12. The Judge of the County Court shall be Judge of the Orphans' Court, until other provisions are made by law.

SEC. 13. The style of all processes shall be the "State of Maryland in Liberia." All criminal prosecutions shall be carried on in the name and by the authority of the State of Maryland in Liberia, and conclude "against the peace and dignity of the

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