Sec. 16th. There shall be elected in each County by the qualified votes thereof one Sheriff and one Coroner, at the time and places of holding elections for members of the General Assembly. They shall continue in office for two years, and until successors shall be qualified and chosen.

Sec. 17th. There shall be a Seal of the State, which shall be kept by the Governor, and used by him officially, and shall be called; "The Seal of the State of Maryland in Liberia."

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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Sec. 1st. The Judicial Power of this State both as to matter of law and equity, shall be vested in a Supreme Court, Courts of sessions for each county, and such subordinate Courts, as the General Assembly may from time to time establish by law. The Judges of the Supreme Courts, and other Judges of Courts shall hold their office during good behaviour, but may be removed by the Governor, on the address of two thirds of each House of the General Assembly, or by inpeachment and Conviction thereon.

Sec. 2nd. The Judges of the Supreme Courts and all other Judges of Courts, shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice & 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. 3rd. Appeals may be made from the Courts of Sessions, and from Probate Courts, to the Supreme Courts when the amount exceeds one hundred Dollars, and whose decision shall be final.

Sec. 4th. The jurisdiction of all Justices of the Peace in civil cases, shall not be limited the 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 County Court shall have appellate jurisdiction.

Sec. 5th. The Judges of the Supreme and Inferior Courts, shall not charge Jurors with respect to matters of fact, but may state the Testimony and declare the law. 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 States shall in such cases especially commission three men of law knowledge for the determination thereof. No Judge of any court, or Justice of the Peace, may act as an Attorney or be of counsel to any party. Nor shall he originate, or in any manner be concerned in civil suits, except these which may relate to his own rights.

Sec. 6th. The Judges of the Supreme and Inferior Courts, shall at stated times receive for

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