

Constitution ~

Article 2.
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~~ ^{the} ~~three~~ ^{three} ~~years~~ ^{years} preceding years, unless he shall have been absent on public business for the State; ~~and~~ ^{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 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

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