

in his or their official capacity in this Colony, shall pass over to the Governor or other officers of the State, who may have been elected pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution.

Sec. 4. All persons holding in custody public money by appointment or otherwise, shall pass the same over, to those who may be elected or appointed to fill such places pursuant to this Constitution.

Sec. 5. Until other provisions are made and established by law, Harper shall be the seat of Government of the State of Maryland in Liberia; and the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of public Accounts and Treasurer shall there hold their Offices, and keep all the public records, books, and papers, in any manner relating to their respective offices.

Sec. 6. All officers shall reside in the State, and all district, county or town officers, within their respective districts, counties or towns, shall keep their respective offices, at such places therein as will best meet the convenience of the people; and all militia officers shall reside within the bounds of the divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions or companies to which they may severally belong.

Sec. 7. The Governor of the State alone shall have power to purchase lands from the natives for the use of the

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