

public, by the advice, consent and direction of the General Assembly. And all individual persons contracting with the aboriginals for land for, for his or their own use, or for the advantage of others; such contracts or deeds, shall be considered of no force or effect.

Sec. 8. The right of a certain proportion of land, or territory, for the settlement of emigrants, secured to the State Society by <sup>an agreement</sup> treaty executed in Baltimore in the State of Maryland between the said Society and Agent on the part of this government, shall never be violated, unless it become necessary to do so, in consequence of a dissolution of said Society.

Sec. 9. The holding of real estate in this State by persons who are not Citizens of Liberia, is contrary to the spirit and intent of this Constitution, and ought not to be allowed. Notwithstanding, there is nothing in this section <sup>that</sup> ~~to be~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~construed~~ <sup>as to</sup> interfere with the right to landed property or estate which the State Society may have by compact, nor to mission-ary, educational, or other Christian or benevolent <sup>institutions</sup> purposes so long as the lands, property or estate is applied to its legitimate purposes.

Sec. 10. All officers elected or appointed under the provisions of this Constitution, shall before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, take and subscribe a

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