take place on the first Tuesday of June
[illegible] eighteen hundred and [illegible] and
[illegible] shall be held on
the [illegible] Tuesday in the same month of every
[illegible] year [illegible]
[illegible]

Sec. 9th. After the first meeting, succeeding the election on the
first Tuesday of June eighteen hundred and
[illegible] the General Assembly shall meet
on the first Monday of August eighteen
hundred and fifty five, on the first Mon=
day in August eighteen hundred and fifty
six, and on the same day in every year
thereafter, and at no other time, unless con=
vened by the Proclamation of the Governor.

Sec. 10th. The General Assembly may continue their
first session after the adoption and ratifi=
cation of this Constitution, as long as in the
opinion of the two Houses, the public in=
terest may require it; but all subse=
quent regular sessions, shall be closed
within two months, after their commence=
ment, by the adjournment of both Houses.

Sec. 11th. All male citizens of the State of Maryland
in Liberia, white or colored, of the age of twenty
one years, possessing the elective
franchise, shall have
[illegible] to the settlement and County
in which they shall appear to vote, being of
full age, shall be entitled to vote for
the members of the General Assembly, and
in the event of a confederation, for a repre=
sentative or representatives to the General
Government.

Sec. 12th. It shall be the duty of the Legislature every five
years, for twenty years, after the adoption and
ratification of this Constitution, and after=
wards at such stated periods as may be
fixed by law, to cause a true Census to be
taken of each town, settlement and County,
which are now or may hereafter be es=
tablished, and apportion the representatives
agreeably to the provisions in the second
section.

Sec. 13th. A Majority of each House of the Assembly shall
constitute a quorum necessary to do business,
but a less number may adjourn from day to
day and compel the attendance of absent Mem=
bers, under such penalties as each House
shall prescribe. Each House shall be judge
of the election returns and qualifications
of its own members, and may adopt its
own rules of proceedings, enforce order,
and with the concurrence of two thirds,
may expel a member.

Sec. 14th. For a longer period than two days, neither
House, shall adjourn without the consent
of the other, both Houses shall always sit
at the same town, and each House shall
have a negative on the other.

Sec. 15th. Any bill may originate in either House, and

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