And be it enacted and ordained, That any person under such bond may be released from the same, and the bond cancelled, whenever such person shall have subscribed the engagement required by the first section.

And be it enacted and ordained, That if any person arrested under the authority of this act shall refuse to subscribe the engagement in the first section mentioned, and to give the bond in the second section mentioned, it shall be the duty of the Governor to cause such person to be kept in close confinement until an opportunity shall occur of sending him or her out of the Colony, and whenever such an opportunity shall occur, it shall be the duty of the Governor so to send such person out of the Colony.

And be it enacted and ordained, That it shall be the duty of every coloured person, children under fourteen years of age excepted, who may arrive in the Colony called Maryland in Liberia, with the intention of remaining therein more than one calendar month, to repair, as soon as conveniently may be after his or her arrival, to the office of the Colonial Secretary, and declare his or her election to be regarded as a citizen of the Colony, or as a sojourner therein, and every such person declaring his or her election to become a citizen shall immediately subscribe the constitution, agreeably to the provisions of that instrument; and every person declaring his or her election to be regarded as a sojourner, shall subscribe the engagement in the first section mentioned—but may, at any time thereafter, become a citizen by subscribing the constitution.

And be it enacted and ordained, That if any coloured person shall remain one calendar month in the colony, without complying with the provisions of the last preceding section, he or she shall be arrested, and taken to the office of the colonial secretary, and required to subscribe the engagement in the first section mentioned; and he or she shall be dealt with in the manner hereinbefore provided and directed in the case of white persons refusing to subscribe the said engagement.

And be it enacted and ordained, That the fact that any person has actually remained within the colony for any period of time, shall be deemed and taken to be conclusive evidence that such person arrived in the colony with the intention of remaining therein during such period, so far only as relates to the provisions of this ordinance.

And be it enacted and ordained, That whenever it shall be necessary to send any person out of the colony, under the provisions of

this ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Governor to pay the expense thereof out of the public funds, and to issue his warrant to the sheriff, directing him to levy the amount, for the use of the public, by the seizure and sale of the property of the person so sent out of the colony, in the form following, that is to say:

MARYLAND IN LIBERIA, TO WIT:

To the Sheriff of

You are hereby authorized and required to seize the property of , who is about to be sent out of the colony for refusing to acknowledge the laws thereof, and sell the same, for cash, to the highest bidder, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise the sum of , being the sum expended in removing him, and pay the same, as soon as conveniently may be, to the Colonial Secretary: and for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Governor of Maryland in Liberia.

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XIII. Colonization Pamphlets

1. The Declaration of Rights,
The Constitution of the
State of Md. in Liberia
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