15 No title of nobility, or hereditary distinction, privilege, honour or emolument, shall ever be granted or conferred; nor shall any office be created, the appointment of which shall be for a longer term than during good behaviour

16 Emigration shall not be prohibited

17 The right of trial by Jury shall be forever inviolate.

18. No person shall be debarred from prosecuting or defending any civil cause for or against him or herself before any tribunal in the community, by him or herself or counsel

19. There shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the settlements of the Md State Col: Society in africa otherwise than for the punishment of crimes, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted; nor shall any male person, arrived at the age of twenty one years, nor female person arrived at the age of Eighteen years be held to serve any person as a servant under pretence of Indenture or otherwise, unless such person shall enter into such indenture, while in a state of perfect freedom, and on condition of a consideration in good faith received or to be received for their service, except as before excepted

20. This enumeration of certain rights belonging to the Emigrants to the settlements which the Maryland State Colonization Society may make in Africa, and their descendants, shall not be construed to deny or disparage the exercise by the said Society of all other necessary or incident to government.

21 & lastly, it is hereby declared that this article shall be construed repealed & adjudged in all cases most favourable on the behalf and for the best benefit and behoof of the Emigrants aforesaid, and their descendants

Article 8 No alteration shall be made in this Constitution except by the unanimous consent of all present at a meeting of the Board of Managers, called for the purpose of taking such amendment or alteration into consideration or by a vote of two thirds of the members present at two successive meetings of the Board of Managers called as aforesaid, provided that the declaration of rights contained in the Seventh Article shall in no wise be altered.

Done at the office of the Maryland State Colonization Society in the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland this Twenty second day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty three

In Testimony Whereof the President of the said Society hath hereunto set his Hand and caused the seal of the said Society to be affixed hereto, by order of the Board of Managers

Witness —

Jno. H. B. Latrobe
Corresp.ᶜ Secy
Md. St. Col. Society

James Howard Recording Secy.

Jno Hoffman Treasurer

Geo. Hoffman,
President of the
Maryland State Colonization
Society

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