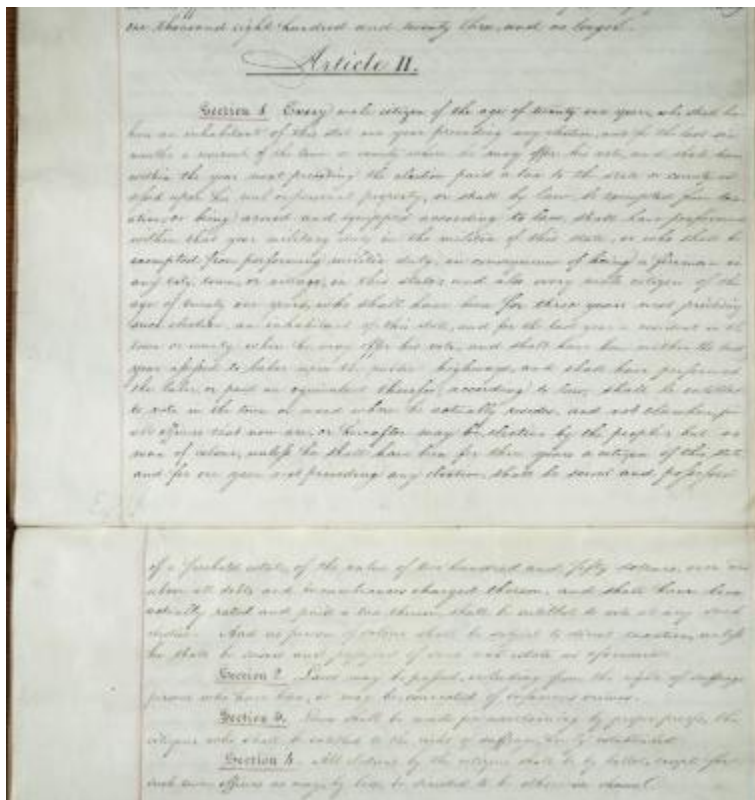


Second Constitution of the State of New York, Article II



Article II of the second New York State Constitution of 1821. The article described the qualifications necessary to be a registered voter in the state. Of particular note was the denial of the vote to any African-American man who did not meet stringent property qualifications: "...but no man of colour, unless he shall have been for three years a citizen of this state, and for one year next preceding any election, shall be seized and possessed of a freehold estate of the value of two hundred and fifty dollars, over and above all debts and incumbrances charged thereon; and shall have been actually rated, and paid a tax thereon, shall be entitled to vote at any such election. And no person of colour shall be subject to direct taxation unless he shall be seized and possessed of such real estate as aforesaid."

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