

Art. 6. That the right of the people to participate in the Legislature is the best security of liberty and the foundation of all free Government; for this purpose elections ought to be free and frequent, and every free white male citizen having the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution ought to have the right of suffrage.

Art. 7. That the legislative, executive and judicial powers of Government ought to be forever separate and distinct from each other, and no person exercising the functions of one of said departments shall assume or discharge the duties of any other.

Art. 8. That no power of suspending laws or the execution of laws, unless by or derived from the Legislature, ought to be exercised or allowed.

Art. 9. That freedom of speech and debate or proceedings in the Legislature ought not to be impeached in any court of judicature.

Art. 10. That Annapolis be the place for the meeting of the Legislature, and the Legislature ought not to be convened or held at any other place but from evident necessity.

Art. 11. That for the redress of grievances, and for amending, strengthening and preserving the laws, the Legislature ought to be frequently convened.

Art. 12. That every man hath a right to petition the Legislature for the redress of grievances, in a peaceable and orderly manner.

Art. 13. That no aid, charge, tax, burthen or fees ought to be rated or levied, under any pretence, without the consent of the Legislature.

Art. 14. That the levying of taxes by the poll is grievous and oppressive, and ought to be abolished; that paupers ought not to be assessed for the support of the Government, but every other person in the State, or person holding property therein, ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes for the support of Government, according to his actual worth in real or personal property; yet fines, duties or taxes may properly and justly be imposed or laid on persons or property, with a political view, for the good government and benefit of the community.

Art. 15. That sanguinary laws ought to be avoided as far as it is consistent with the safety of the State; and no law to inflict cruel and unusual pains and penalties ought to be made in any case, or at any time hereafter.

Art. 16. That retrospective laws, punishing acts committed before the existence of such laws, and by them only declared criminal, are oppressive, unjust and incompatible with liberty; wherefore, no ex post facto law ought to be made.

Art. 17. That no law to attain particular persons of treason or felony ought to be made in any case, or at any time hereafter.

Art. 18. That every man, for any injury done to him in his person or property, ought to have remedy by the course of the law of

the land, and ought to have justice and right, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay, according to the law of the land.

Art. 19. That the trial of facts where they arise is one of the greatest securities of the lives, liberties, and estate of the people.

Art. 20. That in all criminal prosecutions every man hath a right to be informed of the accusation against him; to have a copy of the indictment or charge, in due time (if required) to prepare for his defence; to be allowed counsel; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have process for his witnesses; to examine the witnesses for and against him on oath; and to a speedy trial by an impartial jury, without whose unanimous consent he ought not to be found guilty.

Art. 21. That no man ought to be compelled to give evidence against himself in a criminal case.

Art. 22. That no man ought to be taken or imprisoned, or disseized of his freehold, liberties or privileges, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any manner destroyed, or deprived of his life, liberty or property, but by the judgment of his peers, or by the law of the land.

Art. 23. That hereafter, in this State, there shall be neither slavery, nor involuntary servitude except in punishment of crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted; and all persons held to service or labor as slaves are hereby declared free.

Art. 24. That excessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel or unusual punishment inflicted by the courts of law.

Art. 25. That all warrants, without oath or affirmation, to search suspected places, or to seize any person or property, are grievous and oppressive; and all general warrants to search suspected places, or to apprehend suspected persons without naming or describing the place, or the person in special, are illegal, and ought not to be granted.

Art. 26. That no conviction shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture of estate.

Art. 27. That a well regulated militia is the proper and natural defence of a free government.

Art. 28. That standing armies are dangerous to liberty, and ought not to be raised or kept up without the consent of the Legislature.

Art. 29. That in all cases, and at all times, the military ought to be under strict subordination to and control of the civil power.

Art. 30. That no soldier shall in time of peace be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war except in the manner prescribed by law.

Art. 31. That no person, except regular soldiers, mariners, and marines, in the service of this State, or militia when in actual service, ought in any case be subject to, or punishable by martial law.