

Art. 39. That the liberty of the press ought to be inviolably preserved.

Art. 40. That monopolies are odious, contrary to the spirit of a free government and the principles of commerce, and ought not to be suffered.

Art. 41. That no title of nobility or hereditary honors ought to be granted in this State.

Art. 42. That the Legislature ought to encourage the diffusion of knowledge and virtue, the extension of a judicious system of general education, the promotion of literature, the arts, sciences, agriculture, commerce and manufactures, and the general melioration of the condition of the people.

Art. 43. This enumeration of rights shall not be construed to impair or deny others retained by the people.

Art. 44. That this Constitution shall not be altered, changed or abolished except in the manner therein prescribed and directed.

Mr. Chambers, from the minority of the Committee on the Bill of Rights, submitted the following report,

Which was read and ordered to be printed :

• REPORT.

The undersigned, members of the Committee to consider and report upon the Declaration of Rights, not concurring with the majority of the Committee in all of the propositions they submit, beg leave to report :

That with regard to the proposed fourth Article of the Declaration of Rights, as reported by the majority, they are of opinion that however true in the proposition that the Constitution of the United States and the Laws made in pursuance thereof, are the Supreme Law of the land, yet it has never been deemed necessary by the Statesmen who framed that Constitution, or by those who framed the Constitution of this State, or, in so far as the undersigned have learned, by the framers of any one of the numerous Constitutions of the other States, to insert amongst the rights and prerogatives of their citizens any language enforcing the obligation of allegiance to the Government of the United States.

Nor do the undersigned perceive the necessity for a departure from the universal practice that has obtained in all the States, and which practice has been adhered to even in those instances where Constitutions have been framed in the midst of the existing civil war; or for the voluntary offering of al-