

age, or for a burying ground, which shall be improved, enjoyed or used only for such purpose; or such sale, gift, lease or devise shall be void.

Art. 39. That the manner of administering an oath or affirmation to any person, ought to be such as those of the religious persuasion, profession or denomination of which he is a member generally esteem the most effectual confirmation by the attestation of the Divine Being.

Art. 40. That the liberty of the press ought to be inviolably preserved; that every citizen of the State ought to be allowed to speak, write and publish his sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty.

Art. 41. That monopolies are odious, contrary to the spirit of a free government, and the principles of commerce, and ought not to be suffered.

Art. 42. That no title of nobility or hereditary honors ought to be granted in this State.

Art. 43. 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, science, agriculture, commerce and manufactures, and the general melioration of the condition of the people.

Art. 44. This enumeration of rights shall not be construed to impair or deny others retained by the people.

Art. 45. That the Legislature shall pass no laws providing for an alteration, change or abolishment of this Constitution, except in the manner therein prescribed and directed.

THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

SECTION 1. All elections shall be by ballot, and every white male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, who shall have resided in the State one year next preceding the election, and six months in any county or in any legislative district of Baltimore city, and who shall comply with the provisions of this article of the Constitution, shall be entitled to vote at all elections hereafter held in this State; and in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of Congressman, Senator, Delegate, or other officer