

Art. 38. That every gift, sale or devise of land to any Minister, Public Teacher or Preacher of the Gospel, as such, or to any Religious Sect, Order or Denomination, or to, or for the support, use or benefit of, or in trust for, any Minister, Public Teacher or Preacher of the Gospel, as such, or any Religious Sect, Order or Denomination; and every gift or sale of goods, or chattels, to go in succession, or to take place after the death of the Seller or Donor, to or for such support, use or benefit; and also every devise of goods or chattels to or for the support, use or benefit of any Minister, Public Teacher or Preacher of the Gospel, as such, or any Religious Sect, Order or Denomination, without the prior or subsequent sanction of the Legislature, shall be void; except always, any sale, gift, lease or devise of any quantity of land, not exceeding five acres, for a church, meeting-house, or other house of worship, or parsonage, 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.

Disqualifications of Ministers and religious bodies.

Vansant v. Roberts, Admr., 3 Md., 119. Grove vs. Trustees of the Disciples, 33 Md., 451. England, Ex'r v. Vestry of P. George's Par., 53 Md., 466. Church Extension Society v. Smith, 56 Md., 362. Halsey v. Prot. Epis. Church, 75 Md., 275. Kelso vs. Stigar, 75 Md., 376.

Art. 39. That the manner of administering the 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.

Administering oaths.

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 privilege.

Liberty of the Press.

Negley v. Farrow, 60 Md., 148.

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.

Monopolies.

The Broadway and Locust Point Ferry Co. v. Hankey, 31 Md., 346. Wright vs. State, 88 Md., 443. Scholle v. State, 90 Md., 734.

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

Titles of nobility.