

foundation of all free Government; for this purpose elections ought to be free and frequent, and every white* male citizen having the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, ought to have the right of suffrage.

Bevard v. Hoffman, 18 Md. 479.

Separation of
the depart-
ments of gov-
ernment.

Art. 8. 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.

State v. Chase, 5 H. & J. 304. Crane v. Meginnis, 1. G. & J. 463. Mitchell v. Mitchell, 1 Gill, 66. Prout v. Berry, 2 Gill, 147. Miller v. State, 8 Gill, 145. Watkins v. Watkins, 2 Md., 341. Wright v. Wright, 2 Md., 429. Thomas v. Owens, 4 Md., 189. Gough v. Pratt, Adm'r. 9 Md., 526. Calvert v. Williams, 10 Md., 478. Mayor, &c., of Balto., v. State, 15 Md., 376. State v. N. C. R. W. Co., 18 Md. 193. Miles v. Bradford, 22 Md., 181. Mayor, &c., of Balto., v. Horn, 26 Md., 206. Green's Estate, 4 Md. Ch. Dec. 349. Waters v. Roche, 72 Md., 264. Van Witsen v. Gutman, 79 Md., 405. Mayor, etc., of Balto., v. Ulman, 79 Md., 469. McCrea v. Roberts, 89 Md., 251. Roby v. Prince George's Co., 92 Md., 161. Beasley, vs. Ridout, 94 Md., 659. Board of Supervisors Prince George's Co. vs. Mitchell, 97 Md., 330.

Suspension of
laws.

Art. 9. That no power of suspending Laws or the execution of Laws, unless by, or derived from the Legislature, ought to be exercised, or allowed.

Freedom of
speech.

Art. 10. That freedom of speech and debate, or proceedings in the Legislature, ought not to be impeached in any Court of Judicature.

Seat of gov-
ernment.

Art. 11. That Annapolis be the place of meeting of the Legislature; and the Legislature ought not to be convened, or held at any other place but from evident necessity.

Meeting of
Legislature.

Art. 12. That for redress of grievances, and for amending, strengthening, and for preserving the laws, the Legislature ought to be frequently convened.

Right of peti-
tion.

Art. 13. That every man hath a right to petition the Legislature for the redress of grievances in a peaceful and orderly manner.

Levying of
taxes.

Art. 14. That no aid, charge, tax, burthen or fees ought to be rated, or levied, under any pretence, without the consent of the Legislature.

*The word "white" omitted under the 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.