

Art. 15. That the levying of taxes by the poll is grievous and oppressive, and ought to be prohibited; that paupers out not to be assessed for the support of the Government; but every person in the State, or person holding property therein, ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes for the support of the Government, according to his actual worth in real or personal property; yet fines, duties or taxes may properly and justly be imposed, or laid with a political view for the good government and benefit of the community.

Poll tax.

Taxation according to actual worth.

Fines.

Egan v. Charles Co., 3 H. & McH., 169. Tax Cases, 12 G. & J., 117. Waters v. State, 1 Gill, 302. Burgess v. Pue, 2 Gill, 11 and 254. State v. Mayhew, 2 Gill, 487. Howell v. State, 3 Gill, 14. Mayor, &c., of Baltimore, v. B. & O. R. R. Co., 6 Gill, 290. Bradford v. Jones, 1 Md., 368. Germania v. State, 7 Md., 1. State v. Norwood, 12 Md., 195. O'Neal v. Va. & Md. Bridge Co., 18 Md., 1. Howard v. First Independent Church, 18 Md., 451. State v. Stirling, 20 Md., 516. Tyson v. State, 28 Md., 577. State v. Cum. & Penn. R. R. Co., 40 Md., 22. State v. N. C. R. R. Co., 44 Md., 131. State v. Phil., Wilm. & Balto. R. R. Co., 45 Md., 361. Appeal Tax Court v. Rice, 50 Md., 303. Appeal Tax Court v. Patterson, 50 Md., 354. Co. Commr. of Prince George's Co. v. Commrs. of Laurel, 51 Md., 457. Mayor, &c., v. Canton Co., 63 Md., 237. Daly v. Morgan, 69 Md., 460. Commrs. Prince George's Co. v. Commrs. Laurel, 70 Md., 269. Allen v. Co. Commrs. Harford Co., 74 Md., 294. Wells v. Commrs. of Hyattsville, 77 Md., 125. U. S. Electric Power Light Co. v. State, 79 Md., 63. Rohr v. Gray, 80 Md., 274. Short v. The State, 80 Md., 292. Baltimore and Eastern Shore R. R. v. Spring, 80 Md., 510. Simpson v. Hopkins, 82 Md., 478. Faust vs. Building Ass'n, 84 Md., 186. B. C. & A. Ry. v. Wicomico Co., 93 Md., 113.

Art. 16. 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.

Sanguinary laws.

Foote v. State, 59 Md., 264 Mitchell v. State, 82 Md., 527.

Art. 17. 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; nor any retrospective oath or restriction be imposed or required.

Retrospective laws.

McMechen v. Mayor, &c., of Balto., 2 H. & J. 41. C. & O. Canal Co. v. B. & O. R. R. Co., 4 G. & J. 1. State, use of Washington Co., v. B. & O. R. R. Co., 12 G. & J. 399. State v. Burke, 2 Gill, 79. Baugher v. Nelson, 9 Gill, 302. Wilson v. Hardesty, 1 Md. Ch., 66. Wilderman v. Mayor, &c., of Balto.,