

Taxation according to actual worth.

Fines.

ought 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 from the good government and benefit of the community.

Eagan vs. Charles Co., 3 H. & McH., 169. Tax Cases, 12 G. & J., 117. Waters vs. State, 1 Gill, 302. Burgess vs. Pue, 2 Gill, 11 and 254. State vs. Mayhew, 2 Gill, 487. Howell vs. State, 3 Gill, 14. Mayor, &c., of Balto., vs. B. & O. R. R. Co., 6 Gill, 290. Bradford vs. Jones, 1 Md., 368. Germania vs. State, 7 Md., 1. State vs. Norwood, 12 Md., 195. O'Neal vs. Va. & Md., Bridge Co., 18 Md., 1. Howard vs. First Independent Church, 18 Md., 451. State vs. Stirling, 20 Md., 516. Tyson vs. State, 28 Md., 577. State vs. Cum. & Penn. R. R. Co., 40 Md., 22. State vs. N. C. R. R. Co., 44 Md., 131. State vs. Phil., Wilm. & Balto., R. R. Co., 45 Md., 361. Appeal Tax Court vs. Rice, 50 Md., 303. Appeal Tax Court vs. Patterson, 50 Md., 354. Co. Commr. of Prince George's Co., vs. Commrs. of Laurel, 51 Md., 457. Mayor, &c., vs. Canton Co., 63 Md., 237. Daly vs. Morgan, 69 Md., 460. Commrs. Prince George's Co. vs. Commrs. Laurel, 70 Md., 269. Allen vs. Co. Commrs. Harford Co., 74 Md., 294. Wells vs. Commrs. of Hyattsville, 77 Md., 125. U. S. Electric Power Light Co., vs. State, 79 Md., 63. Rohr vs. Gray, 80 Md., 274. Short vs. The State, 80 Md., 292. Baltimore and Eastern Shore R. R. vs. Spring, 80 Md., 510. Simpson vs. Hopkins, 82 Md., 478. Faust vs. Building Ass'n, 84 Md., 186. B., C. & A. Ry. vs. Wicomico Co., 93 Md., 113. Carstairs vs. Cochran, 94 Md., 500. Corry vs. Baltimore, 96 Md., 320. M. & C. C. of Balto., vs. Johnson, 96 Md., 737. Baltimore vs. Safe Deposit and Trust Co., 97 Md., 662.

Sanguinary laws.

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.

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

Retrospective laws.

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.

McMechen vs. Mayor, &c., of Balto., 2 H. & J., 41. C. & O. Canal Co., vs. B. & O. R. R. Co., 4 G. & J., 1. State use of Washington Co., vs. B. & O. R. R. Co., 12 G. & J., 399. State vs. Burke, 2 Gill, 79. Baugher vs. Nelson, 9 Gill, 302. Wilson vs. Hardesty, 1 Md., Ch., 66. Wilderman vs. Mayor, &c., of Balto., 8 Md., 551. Thistle vs. Frostburg Coal Co., 10 Md., 129. State vs. Norwood, 12 Md., 195. Willis vs. Hodson, 79 Md., 327. Lynn vs. The State, 84 Md., 67.

Attainder.

Art. 18. That no Law to attaint particular persons of treason or felony, ought to be made in any case, or at any time, hereafter.