

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

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.

1864 Constitution

Basically same as 1867 Constitution, with minor changes in capitalization (there is no capitalization within the body of the Article).

1851 Constitution

(Article 34); basically the same as the 1867 Constitution (with the same absence of capitalization noted above).

1776 Constitution

(Article 34); basically the same as the 1867 Constitution, with the same absence of capitalization noted above and with language changes consisting of "leave" instead of "prior or subsequent sanction" in line 14; "two acres" instead of "five acres" in line 17; and the deletion of "or parsonage" in line 18.

APPENDIX V

MARYLAND CONSTITUTIONS: MANNER OF ADMINISTERING OATH

The Present Constitution

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.¹⁷⁷

1867 Constitution

Same as present.

1864 Constitution

Same as present.

1851 Constitution

(Article 36); same as present.

1776 Constitution

36. That the manner of administering an oath to any person, ought to be such, as those of the religious persuasion, profession, or denomination, of which such person is one, generally esteem the most effectual confirmation, by the attesta-

¹⁷⁷ p. 55.