

In ART. 37, is inserted a test oath of allegiance, both to this State and to the United States, and a change is made by omitting the word Jews, and allowing all persons, without distinction, to make a declaration of belief either in the Christian Religion, or in the existence of God, and in a future state of rewards and punishments.

ART. 38. Provides for the *prior or subsequent* sanction of the Legislature to gifts or devises for religious purposes. Article 37 of the Declaration of Rights as numbered in 1851, providing for the rights of the city of Annapolis, is entirely omitted.

ART. 40. Adds to the provision for the liberty of the press, a clause about responsibility for the abuse of it.

ART. 43. In addition to the subjects heretofore embraced in the declaration of the duties of the Legislature, provides for "the extension of a judicious system of general education."

ART. 45. Is changed so as to conform to the change made in Article 2, by restricting the *Legislature* only from changing the Constitution, except in the manner therein prescribed,—thus leaving the inalienable right of the *People*, at all times, to alter their form of government, in such manner as they may deem expedient, entirely unrestricted by any attempt to fetter it.

THE CONSTITUTION.

A great number of changes have been made in the Constitution, the principal of which are in relation to, the Elective Franchise; the Representation in the Legislature, and restrictions on its powers; the Tenure of Office and increase in the Judiciary; and the establishment of a system for Public Education.

ARTICLE I.—ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

SECTION 2. Provides for a uniform registration of the names of voters in this State, and for taking the votes of soldiers.

SEC. 4. Provides for voters an oath of allegiance to the United States, and also of not having committed acts of hostility against it; but the taking of such oath is not conclusive evidence of the right of such person to vote.

SEC. 5. In relation to bribery contains, in addition to the former provision, a clause disfranchising a person guilty of fraud in procuring himself or any other person to be nominated to any office.

SEC. 7. Adds to the former oath of office a clause, that the person has never, by word, act or deed, aided or encouraged the rebellion.

ARTICLE II.—EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The provision for dividing the State into three Gubernatorial Districts, is omitted.

SECTION 6. Provides for a Lieutenant Governor, to be elected in the same manner as the Governor.

SEC. 7. Makes the Lieutenant Governor, President of the Senate.

SEC. 22. Increases the Governor's salary from \$3,600 to \$4,000.

Several important changes which had been made in the Executive Department, by the Constitution of 1851, are retained in this Article.