

PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF INTERPRETATION.

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| 1. Adoption of code not to impair vested rights, nor discharge contracts, nor affect pending suits and prosecutions. | 7. Singular to include plural. |
| 2. Nor to preclude prosecution for offences previously committed | 8. Oath to mean also affirmation. |
| 3. Nor to impair rights under charter or grant from State. | 9. Form of judicial and other oaths. |
| 4. Administrator to include executor | 10. Manner of administering oaths. |
| 5. Decedent to include testator and intestate. | 11. Boundaries of counties and city of Baltimore. |
| 6. Masculine to include all genders. | 12. Public local law to prevail in case of conflict with public general law |
| | 13. County to include city of Baltimore. |
| | 14. Person to include corporation. |

1888, art. 1, sec. 1. 1860, art. 1, sec. 1

1. The adoption of this code shall not affect or impair any right, vested or acquired and existing at the time of its adoption, nor shall it impair, discharge or release any existing contract, obligation, duty or liability or any kind whatsoever. All pending suits, actions and prosecutions for crimes or misdemeanors, including all civil and criminal proceedings whatsoever, shall be prosecuted and proceeded with to final determination, and judgment entered therein as if this code had not been adopted.

State v. Hall, 22 Md 335. *Langley's lessee v. Jones*, 26 Md. 472. *State v. Logan*, 33 Md. 7. *Harris v. Register*. 70 Md 109.

Ibid. sec. 2. 1860, art. 1, sec. 2

2. If any crime, misdemeanor or other violation of law hath been committed and no prosecution or other proceeding hath been commenced against the offender before the adoption of this code, then such offender may be proceeded against by indictment or otherwise, and punished in the same manner as if this code had not been adopted.