

# Constitution of Maryland,

ADOPTED IN CONVENTION,

*Which Assembled at the City of Annapolis, on the Twenty-seventh Day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-four, and Adjourned on the Sixth Day of September, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-four.*

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## DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

WE, the people of the State of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God Preamble.  
for our civil and religious liberty, and taking into our serious consideration the best means of establishing a good Constitution in this State, for the sure foundation and more permanent security thereof, declare:

ARTICLE 1. That we hold it to be self-evident that all men are created equally free; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which Inalienable rights.  
are life, liberty, the enjoyment of the proceeds of their own labor and the pursuit of happiness.

ART. 2. That all government of right originates from the people, is founded in compact only, and instituted solely Origin and Foundation of Government.  
for the good of the whole; and they have at all times, the 7 Md. 147.  
unalienable right to alter, reform, or abolish their form of 1861, Res. 14.  
government, in such manner as they may deem expedient. Right of Reform

ART. 3. That the people of this State ought to have the State's Rights.  
sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police thereof.

ART. 4. That the inhabitants of Maryland are entitled Common Law.  
to the common law of England, and the trial by jury according to the course of that law, and to the benefit of such 2 Md. 429.  
of the English statutes as existed on the fourth day of July, Trial by Jury.  
English Statutes.