

one of said departments, shall assume or discharge the duties of any other.

10 Md. 478.  
15 Md. 376.

ART. 9. That no power of suspending laws, or the execution of laws, unless by or derived from the Legislature, ought to be exercised or allowed.

Suspension of  
Laws.

ART. 10. That freedom of speech and debate or proceedings in the Legislature, ought not to be impeached in any court of judicature.

Freedom of  
Speech.

ART. 11. That Annapolis be the place for the meeting of the Legislature; and the Legislature ought not to be convened or held at any other place but from evident necessity.

Seat of Govern-  
ment.

ART. 12. That for the redress of grievances, and for amending, strengthening and preserving the laws, the Legislature ought to be frequently convened.

Meeting of Legis-  
lature.

ART. 13. That every man hath a right to petition the Legislature for the redress of grievances in a peaceable and orderly manner.

Right of Petition.

ART. 14. That no aid, charge, tax, burthen, or fees, ought to be rated or levied, under any pretence, without the consent of the Legislature.

Levying of Taxes.

ART. 15. That the levying of taxes by the poll is grievous and oppressive, and ought to be prohibited; that paupers ought not to be assessed for the support of the Government, but every other person in the State, or person holding property therein, ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes, for the support of 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, for the good government and benefit of the community.

Poll Taxes oppres-  
sive.

Paupers not to be  
taxed.

Taxation accord-  
ing to actual  
worth,  
Fines, &c.

7 Md. 1.

18 Md. 1.

18 Md. 451.

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.

Sanguinary 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

Retrospective  
Laws.

8 Md. 551.

10 Md. 129.