

gard to political lines, largely opposed to any poll-tax,¹⁰⁰ so the prohibitory clause was retained in Article 15 with a slight change of phraseology.¹⁰¹ Article 22 limited the declaration against compulsory evidence to criminal cases thereafter, in order to conform to the laws as it stood in the Code, by which any party might in any civil case be compelled in a Court of Common Law, as well as in Equity, to give evidence against himself. Article 27 was changed to allow forfeiture of estate for treason, a thing heretofore not allowed in Maryland for any cause.¹⁰² The minority of course opposed this change, Mr. Chambers in particular leading in the debate against it, the ground taken being that it would be an inhuman and unjust treatment of the innocent wife and children of a man convicted. Mr. Clarke made an effort to amend the article by having the forfeiture of estate only continue during the life of the person convicted, but was unsuccessful,¹⁰³ as the majority could not leave open this chance for future questioning of the various confiscations of "rebel" property. Article 31 changed the phraseology in regard to quartering soldiers in time of war, by providing that the manner should be "prescribed by law," thus corresponding literally with the third amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The words formerly used had been "as the Legislature may direct."¹⁰⁴ The requirement of a test oath of allegiance both to Maryland and the United States, was inserted in Article 37, which treated of the tests or qualifications required for office. The minority opposed this. An additional change was made in the same article by omitting the word "Jews" and allowing all persons, with-

¹⁰⁰ Deb., i, 168-80, 190-201, 217-20. Mr. Jones, of Somerset, favored an income tax (Deb., i, 188-9).

¹⁰¹ Proc., 106-8, 110-4, 123-5.

¹⁰² Article 24 in Constitution of 1850-1.

¹⁰³ Proc., 131, 138-41; Deb., i, 239-47, 249-70.

¹⁰⁴ Proc., 158-9; Deb., i, 356-60 (observe the different numbering of the articles in the report of the committee, etc.).