

good, order, peace or safety of the state, or shall infringe the laws of morality, or injure others in their natural, civil or religious rights; nor ought any person to be compelled to frequent or maintain, or contribute, unless on contract, to maintain any place of worship, or ministry; but the churches, chapels, glebes, and all other property now belonging to the church of England, ought to remain to the church of England for ever. And all acts of assembly lately passed for collecting monies for building or repairing particular churches or chapels of ease, shall continue in force and be executed, unless the legislature shall by act supersede or repeal the same; but no county court shall assess any quantity of tobacco or sum of money hereafter, on the application of any vestrymen or churchwardens; and every incumbent of the church of England who hath remained in his parish and performed his duty, shall be entitled to receive the provision and support established by the act entitled, "An act for the support of the clergy of the church of England in this province," till the next November court to be held for the county in which his parish shall lie, or partly lie, or for such time as he hath remained in his parish and performed his duty.

"35. That every gift, sale, or devise of lands to any minister, public teacher or preacher of the gospel, as such, or any religious sect, order or denomination, or to or for the support, use or benefit of, or in trust for, any minister, public teacher or preacher of the gospel, as such, or any religious sect, order or denomination; and every gift or sale of goods or chattels, to go in succession, or to take place after the death of the seller or donor, to or for such support, use or benefit; and also every devise of goods or chattels to, or to or for the support, use or benefit of, any minister, public teacher or preacher of the gospel, as such, or any religious sect, order or denomination, without the leave of the legislature, shall be void; except always any sale, gift, lease or devise of any quantity of land not exceeding two acres, for a church, meeting, or other house of worship, and for a burying ground, which shall be improved, enjoyed, or used only for such purpose, or such sale, gift, lease, or devise shall be void.

"36. That no other test or qualification ought to be required on admission to any office of trust or profit, than such oath of support and fidelity to this state, and such oath of office as shall be directed by this Convention or the legislature of this state, and a declaration of a belief in the christian religion.

"37. That the city of Annapolis ought to have all its rights, privileges and benefits, agreeable to its charter and the acts of assembly confirming and regulating the same; subject nevertheless to such alterations as may be made by this Convention or any future legislature.

"38. That the liberty of the press ought to be inviolably preserved.

"39. That monopolies are odious, contrary to the spirit of a free government, and the principles of commerce, and ought not to be suffered.

"40. That no title of nobility or hereditary honours ought to be granted in this state.

"41. That the subsisting resolves of this and the several Conventions held for this colony ought to be in force as laws, unless altered by this Convention or the legislature of this state.

"42. That this declaration of rights, or the form of government to be established by this Convention, or any part of either of them, ought not to be altered, changed or abolished, by the legislature of this state, but in such manner as this Convention shall prescribe and direct."

In progression on reading the declaration of rights, the question was put, That the third article thereof be concurred with? Resolved in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

McMieus Barnes, Fenwick, Jordan, Dent, Parnham, B. Hall, Sprigg,	Marbury, Hammond, J. Hall, Worthington, S. Chase, Paca,	Carroll, J. Wilson, Bayly, Sheredine, Edelen, Beall,	Stull, J. Smith, J. T. Chase, Gilpin, D. Smith, Brevard,	Ringgold, Earle, T. Wright, Kent, Bruff, S. Wright,	Edmondson, Gibson, Murray, Potter, Mason, Dickinson,	Johnson, Gust. Scott, Geo. Scott, Horsley, Chaille, Mitchell.
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N E G A T I V E.

McF. Fitzhugh, J. Mackall,	Williams, Fischer,	Schraver, Ridgely,	Deye, Stevenson,	Shepherd, Bond,	H. Wilson, Love,	Archer, Ewing.
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