

3. The legislative, executive, and judicial powers of government, ought to be for ever separate and distinct from each other.—*ibid.* § 6.

4. Freedom of speech, and debates of proceedings, in the legislature, ought not to be impeached in any other court or judicature.—*ibid.* 8.

5. A place for the meeting of the legislature ought to be fixed, the most convenient to the members thereof, and to the depository of the public records, and the legislature ought not to be convened or held at any other place but from evident necessity.—*ibid.* 9.

6. For the redress of grievances, and for amending, strengthening and preserving the laws, the legislature ought to be frequently convened.—*ibid.* 10.

7. Every man hath a right to petition the legislature for the redress of grievances, in a peaceable and orderly manner.—*ibid.* 11.

8. No aid, charge, tax, burthen, fee or fees, ought to be set, rated or levied, under any pretence, without the consent of the legislature.—*ibid.* 12.

9. 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.—*ibid.* 42.

10. The legislative shall consist of two distinct branches, a senate, and a house of delegates, which shall be styled The General Assembly of Maryland.—*Const.* 1.

11. The general assembly shall meet annually, on the first Monday of November, and if necessary oftener.—*ibid.* 23.

12. Each house shall appoint its own officers, and settle its own rules of proceeding.—*ibid.* 24.

13. The senate and delegates may adjourn themselves respectively; but if the two houses should not agree on the same time, but adjourn to different days, then shall the governor appoint and notify one of those days, or some day between, and the assembly shall then meet and be held accordingly, and he shall, if necessary by advice of the council, call them before the time to which they shall in any manner be adjourned, on giving not less than ten days notice thereof, but the governor shall not adjourn the assembly otherwise than as aforesaid, nor prolongue or dissolve it at any time.—*ibid.* 29.

The act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly