

lic liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought, to reform the old, or establish a new government: the doctrine of non-resistance against arbitrary power and oppression is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind

Right of suffrage
18 Md 479

ART 7 That the right of the people to participate in the legislature is the best security of liberty and the foundation of all free government, for this purpose, elections ought to be free and frequent; and every white male citizen, having the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, ought to have the right of suffrage.

Separation of the departments of government
5 H & J 304, 1 G & J 463, 1 G

ART 8 That the legislative, executive, and judicial powers of government ought to be forever separate and distinct from each other; and no person exercising the functions of one of said departments shall assume or discharge the duties of any other.

66, 2 G. 147, 8 G 141, 2 Md 341, 429, 4 Md 189, 9 Md 526, 10 Md 478, 15 Md 376, 18 Md 193, 22 Md 183, 4 Md Ch 349, 37 Md 65

Suspension of laws

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

Freedom of speech

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

Seat of government

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

Meeting of legislature

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

Right of petition

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

Levying of taxes

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.

Poll taxes oppressive
Paupers not to be taxed

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 person in the State, or person holding property therein, ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes for the support of the 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.

Taxation according to actual worth
Fines, etc
45 Md 361, 44 Md 181, 40 Md 22, 40 Md 273, 28 Md 577,

3 H & McH 169, 12 G & J 117, 1 G 302. 11, 2 G 11, 244, 254, 487, 3 G 14, 6 G 290, 1 Md. 368, 7 Md 1, 12 Md 195, 18 Md 1, 451, 20 Md 516

Sanguinary laws

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.

Retrospective 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 with liberty, wherefore, no *ex post facto* law ought to be made; nor any retrospective oath or restriction be imposed or required.

2 H & J 41, 4 G & J 1, 12 G & J 399, 2 G 79, 9 G 302, 1 Md Ch 66, 8 Md

551, 10 Md 129, 12 Md 195, 19 Md 351

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ART 18 That no law to attain particular persons of treason or felony ought to be made in any case, or at any time, hereafter

Right to have justice
2 Md 452

ART 19. That every man, for any injury done to him in his person or property, ought to have remedy by the course of the law of the land, and ought to have justice and right, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay, according to the law of the land.

Trial of facts where they arise

ART 20 That the trial of facts, where they arise, is one of the greatest securities of the lives, liberties, and estate of the people.

Criminal prosecutions
39 Md 355
Copy of indictment

ART 21 That in all criminal prosecutions, every man hath a right to be informed of the accusation against him; to have a copy of the indictment, or charge, in due time (if required) to prepare for his defence; to be allowed