

Art. 35. That no person ought to hold, at the same time, more than one office of profit, created by the Constitution or Laws of this State, nor ought any person in public trust to receive any present from any Foreign Prince or State, or from the United States, or any of them, without the approbation of this State.

Art. 36. That as it is the duty of every man to worship God in such manner as he thinks most acceptable to Him, all persons are equally entitled to protection in their religious liberty; wherefore no person ought, by any law, to be molested in his person or estate on account of his religious persuasion or profession, or for his religious practice, unless under the color of religion any man shall disturb the 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 any ministry; nor shall any person be deemed incompetent as a witness or juror, who believes in the existence of God, and that under his dispensation such person will be held morally accountable for his acts, and be rewarded or punished therefor, either in this world or the world to come.

Art. 37. That no other test or qualification ought to be required, on admission to any office of trust or profit, than such oath of allegiance and fidelity to this State, and the United States, as may be prescribed by this Constitution; and such oath of office and qualification as may be prescribed by this Constitution, or by the laws of the State, and a declaration of belief in the Christian religion, or in the existence of God, and in a future state of rewards and punishments.

Art. 38. That every gift, sale or devise of land to any minister, public teacher or preacher of the Gospel, as such, or to any religious sect, order or denomination, 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 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 prior or subsequent sanction of the Legislature, shall be void; except, always, any sale, gift, lease or devise of any quantity of land not exceeding five acres, for a church, meeting house, or other house of worship, or parson-