

STYLE OF LAWS AND INDICTMENTS.

ART. 57. That the style of all laws run thus: 'Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.' That all public commissions and grants run thus: 'The State of Maryland,' &c. and shall be signed by the governor, and attested by the chancellor, with the seal of the state annexed, except military and militia commissions, which shall not be attested by the chancellor, or have the seal of the state annexed. That all writs shall run in the same style, and be tested, sealed and signed, as usual. That all indictments shall conclude, 'against the peace, government and dignity of the state.'

PENALTIES AND FORFEITURES.

ART. 58. That all penalties and forfeitures heretofore going to the king, or proprietary, shall go to the state, save only such as the general assembly may abolish or otherwise provide for.

ALTERATION OF THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT, AND DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

ART. 59. That this form of government, and the declaration of rights, and no part thereof, shall be altered, changed or abolished, unless a bill so to alter, change or abolish the same, shall pass the general assembly, and be published at least three months before a new election, and shall be confirmed by the general assembly after a new election of delegates, in the first session after such new election; *Provided*, that nothing in this form of government, which relates to the eastern shore particularly, shall at any time hereafter be altered, unless for the alteration and confirmation thereof at least two-thirds of all the members of each branch of the general assembly shall concur.

SIGNING OF THE LAWS.

ART. 60. That every bill passed by the general assembly, when engrossed, shall be presented by the speaker of the house of delegates, in the senate, to the governor for the time being, who shall sign the same, and thereto affix the great seal, in the presence of the members of both houses. Every law shall be recorded in the office of the court of appeals of the western shore, and in due time printed, published and certified, under the great seal, to the several county courts, in the same manner as hath been heretofore used in this state.

