

to any person, ought to be such as those of the religious persuasion, profession, or denomination of which he is a member, generally esteem the most effectual confirmation by the attestation of the Divine Being.

Art. 37. That the city of Annapolis ought to have all its rights, privileges, and benefits, agreeably to its charter, and the acts of assembly confirming and regulating the same; subject to such alterations as have been or as may be made by the legislature.

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

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

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

Art. 41. That the legislature ought to encourage the diffusion of knowledge and virtue, the promotion of literature, the arts, sciences, agriculture, commerce, and manufactures, and the general melioration of the condition of the people.

Art. 42. This enumeration of rights shall not be construed to impair or deny others retained by the people.

Art. 43. That this constitution shall not be altered, changed, or abolished, except in the manner therein prescribed and directed.

THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Elective Franchise.

§ 1. Every free white male person, of twenty-one years of age or upwards, who shall have been one year next preceding the election a resident of the state, and for six months a resident of the city of Baltimore, or of any county in which he may offer to vote, and being at the time of the election a citizen of the United States, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides, in all elections hereafter to be held; and at all such elections the vote shall be taken by ballot. And in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of congressmen, senator, delegate, or other officer or officers, then to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote, for six months next preceding the election; but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed.

§ 2. That if any person shall give, or offer to give, directly or indirectly, any bribe, present, or reward, or any promise, or any security for the payment or delivery of money or any other thing, to induce any voter to refrain from casting his vote, or forcibly to prevent him in any way from voting, or to obtain or procure a vote