times have the exclusive right of electing their public teachers and contracting with them for their support & maintenance.

2nd Every member of the community may freely speak, write and publish his sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty.

3rd The people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers and possessions, from unreasonable seizures and searches: and no warrant to search any place or to seize any person or thing, shall issue, without describing them as nearly as may be, nor without probable cause supported by Oath or affirmation.

4 No person shall be accused, arrested or detained except in cases ascertained by law, and according to the forms which the same has provided, and no person shall be punished, but by virtue of a law established and promulgated prior to the offence, and legally applied.

5. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused has a right to be heard by himself & Counsel: to demand the nature and cause of the accusation and to have a Copy thereof. to be confronted by the witnesses against him: to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favour: and in all prosecutions a speedy trial by an impartial Jury of the neighborhood or district in which the offence shall have been committed: he shall not be compelled to give evidence against himself, nor shall he be deprived of his life, liberty or property, but by due course of law.

6. No person shall for the same offence, be twice put in jeopardy of his life or limb: nor shall any persons property be taken or applied to public use, unless just compensation be made therefor

7. All Courts shall be open, and every person for an injury done him in his lands, goods person or reputation, shall have remedy by due course of law, and right and Justice administered freely without any sale: fully without any denial, and speedily without any delay

8. No power of suspending laws shall be exercised, except by the authority which has enacted them, or its direction.

9. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed nor cruel punishments inflicted. All persons shall before conviction be bailable by sufficient securities, except for capital offences, when the proof is evident, or the presumption great; and the privileges of the writ of "Habeas Corpus" shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion, or invasion, the public safety may require it

10. The person of a debtor, where there is not strong presumption of fraud shall not be detained in prison, after delivering up his estate for the benefit of his creditors, in such manner as shall be prescribed by law.

11 No Ex post facto law, nor law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be made

12. The members of the community have a right, in a peaceable manner to assemble together for their common good, and to apply to those invested with the powers of government, for redress of grievances or other proper purposes, by Petition, address or remonstrance.

13. Every member of the community has a right to bear arms in defence of himself and the community.

14 The military shall in all cases, and at all times be in strict subordination to the civil power.

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