Colony of Liberia

Sept 12th 1838

The Commonwealth Hall on the eighteenth instant the Court of Inquiry held on the eighteenth instant the Constitution of the Colony when any fact has been violated by any of the Citizens we will our selves in duty bound use our every effort to bring the offender to justice in support of our laws.

Under the following Clause in Article of the Constitution and regulations of the temporary government of this Colony we support our grounds upon 4th Clause

No person shall be compelled to attend any place of worship except in pursuance of a law established and promulgated by the authority of a law established and promulgated

Upon the offence being legally applied 13th Clause 7th Art

Every person in criminal prosecution has a right to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, to have a copy thereof, to meet the witnesses face to face, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to defend himself in person and by counsel at his election. There shall be appointed from time to time by the Governor whose commission shall remain in force during his pleasure one Clerk of Court, who shall reside in the Colony where the Court of Inquiry shall be held, who shall perform the duties of his office and shall receive for his services such compensation as shall be established by the Legislature of the Colony. The Governor shall appoint a Sheriff