Declaration of Rights.

Article. XII. That laws made to punish actions done before the existance of such laws, and which have not been declared crimes by preceding laws; are unjust, op= pressive, and inconsistant with the principles of a free government.

Article. XIII. That no conviction shall ever work corruption of blood.

Article. XIV. That all Courts shall be open to every person; just remedy given for every injury to property, person, or reputation; that right and justice shall be ad= ministered, without any sale, denial, or delay; and that no private property shall be taken for public use, unless just compensation be made therefor.

Article XV. That in all criminal cases the ac= cused has a right, to be heard by himself and counsel, to demand the nature and cause of the accusation, and to have a copy thereof: to have compulsory process for witnesses in his favor: to meet the witnesses against him face to face; and to have a speedy trial by an impartial jury of the neighbor= hood, County, or district, where the offence shall have been committed: without the consent of three fourths of the Jury, he ought not to be found guilty; and in capital offences, a verdict by the unanimous agreement of all the jurors, ought to be required to determine his guilt.

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XIII. Colonization Pamphlets

1. The Declaration of Rights,
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