Declaration of Rights.

He ought not to be compelled, to give evidence against himself, nor ought he to be deprived of life, liberty or property, but by the law of the land.

Article XVI. That neither excessive bail nor excessive fines, ought to be required, nor ought cruel punishments to be inflicted. All persons committing offences, before conviction, ought to be bailable by sufficient sureties; Capital offences when the proof is clear, and the presumption great, excepted; 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.

Article XVII. That the people shall be secure in their persons, papers, houses, and effects from unreasonable searches and seizures, and that no writ shall issue for search or seizure, without a probable case of guilt is made out under oath.

Article XVIII. That a well regulated Militia is the proper defence of a free government: that standing armies being dangerous to Liberty, they ought not to be tolerated, without the consent of the Legislature, and that the Military in all cases and at all times shall be under strict subordination to the Civil power.

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