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Declaration of Rights.

religious persuasion, profession or denomination, of which he is a member, generally esteem to be the most effectual, except such persons as are conscientiously scrupulous of receiving, an oath, on any occasion, in which case their solemn promise or affirmation, shall be a substitute for an oath.

Article, XXVIII. That the liberty of the press ought to be inviolably preserved.

Article, XXIX. That no title of nobility or hereditary honor shall ever be granted or conferred.

Article, XXX. That the free communication of thoughts and opinions is one of the invaluable rights of freemen; wherefore every man may freely speak, write, and print on any subject, being responsible, for every abuse of that liberty.

Article, XXXI. That the Legislature ought to adopt measures for the encouragement and promotion of literature, the arts, sciences, agriculture, commerce and manufactures; and for the diffusion of knowledge and virtue, for the general melioration of the people: - and they ought also to institute - measures for the improvement of the character, and habits of the Native inhabitants of our jurisdiction; and adopt laws for their protection, against wrongs and infringements. injuries

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