







By Authority.

The New Constitution of Virginia.

WITH THE AMENDMENTS. BILL OF RIGHTS. REFORM CONVENTION OF 1850-51.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA. BY THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

A Declaration of Rights made in the city of Richmond on the second Monday in October, 1851, pursuant to law, to consider, discuss and propose amendments to the existing Constitution of this Commonwealth...

JOHN P. WILEY, Governor, and the lesser seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this 24th day of August, 1851, in the 70th year of the Commonwealth.

VIRGINIA BILL OF RIGHTS.

Adopted with alteration by the Convention of 1829 and 1850-51, and by the Convention of 1850-51.

A Declaration of Rights made by the Representatives of the good people of Virginia, assembled in Convention on the first day of August, 1776, to support the Declaration of Independence and their posterity on the basis and foundation of government.

1. That all men are by nature equally free and independent, and that they possess certain unalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...

Constitution of Virginia.

Whereas, the Delegates and Representatives of the good people of Virginia, in Convention assembled, on the twenty-seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, did declare their independence of Great Britain, and did establish a Provisional Government...

And whereas, the General Assembly of Virginia, in Convention assembled, on the first day of August, 1776, did declare their independence of Great Britain, and did establish a Provisional Government...

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Section 1. The Legislative, Executive and Judiciary Departments shall be separate and distinct, so that neither shall exercise the powers properly belonging to either of the others...

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Section 1. The Executive Power shall be vested in one and the same Person, who shall be called the Governor of Virginia...

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