

# CONSTITUTION.

## New Constitution Proposed to the Citizens of this Commonwealth for their Approval.

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### PREAMBLE.

We, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify to Almighty God for the blessing of civil and religious liberty, and humbly petition this Legislature to do so.

### DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

That the general, great and essential principles of liberty and free government are recognized and unalterably established.

SECTION 1. All men are born equally free and independent.

SECTION 2. All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

SECTION 3. All men have a natural and indefeasible right to acquire and possess property.

SECTION 4. No person shall be deprived of his life, liberty or property without due process of law.

SECTION 5. No person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense until he has been indicted by a grand jury.

SECTION 6. No person shall be deprived of his property without just compensation being first made or secured.

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