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| 1 Adoption of Code not to affect vested rights, existing contracts, etc., pending suits, actions, and prosecutions | 6 Masculine.  |
| 2 Prosecution, when crime, etc., committed before adoption of Code and no proceeding against offender.             | 7 Singular and plural.                                  |
| 3 Charters and grants.   | 8 Oath or affirmation.                                  |
| 4 Administrator and executor   | 9 Boundaries of counties and city of Baltimore          |
| 5 Decedent.  | 10 Conflict between public general and public local law |
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**1.** THE adoption of this Code shall not affect or impair any right vested or acquired and existing at the time of its adoption, nor shall it impair, discharge, or release any contract, obligation, duty, or liability of any kind whatsoever now existing. All suits and actions pending and all prosecutions for crimes or misdemeanors, including all civil and criminal proceedings whatsoever, shall be prosecuted and proceeded with to final determination and judgment entered therein as if this Code had not been adopted.

Art 1, s 1.  
Adoption of Code not to affect vested rights, existing contracts, etc  
Pending suits and actions, and prosecutions 33 Md 7, 26 Md 473, 24 Md 360, 22 Md 335

The General Assembly of Maryland, by adopting the Code January 12, 1860, intended an entire repeal of the statutes of the character of those embraced in the Code, then on the statute-book and not included in the codification 80 Md. 486.

The act of 1860, ch. 236, which authorized the incorporation of the acts of 1860 in the Code, and the preparation of the work for the printer and its supervision, construed in 33 Md 304.

Enactment of laws in articles and sections as prescribed in section 29 of article 3 of the Constitution, not essential to validity of laws 23 Md 525.

For style of Acts of Assembly, as required under section 29, article 3 of the Constitution. 29 Md. 377; 34 Md. 163.

Evidence of the Acts of Assembly, published by authority. 32 Md. 471; 41 Md. 461.

Distinction between what is merely directory and what is of the essence of a thing required to be done by an act 34 Md 569.

Court of Appeals to decide according to laws existing at time of decision. 22 Md. 539

Special acts. 31 Md. 113.

Effect of repealing a statute. 45 Md 615

Repeal by implication. 34 Md 382; 38 Md. 364; 39 Md. 164; 44 Md 131.

Constitutionality of acts. 32 Md. 369, 27 Md. 452.

Judicial construction of acts. 28 Md. 370; 31 Md. 201; 23 Md. 533, 512; 22 Md 491.

Assumption of judicial powers by legislature. 37 Md. 75.

The rule for construing the Code is to read and construe together all the sections relating to the same subject-matter, without reference to the particular article or heading under which they may be placed. 45 Md. 437.