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TRIAL BY JURY.

SECTION 7. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate; but in civil actions and the legislature may provide that in all cases of misdemeanors five sixths of the jury may render a verdict three-fourths of the jury may render a verdict. A trial by jury may be waived in all criminal cases not amounting to felony, by the consent of both parties, expressed in open Court; and in civil actions, by the consent of the parties, signified in such manner as may be prescribed by law.

In civil actions and cases of misdemeanor the jury may consist of twelve, or of any number less than twelve, upon which the parties may agree in open court.

CRIMINAL PROSECUTION BY INFORMATION OR INDICTMENT—GRAND JURY.

Section 8. No person shall be held to answer any felony or criminal offense of any grade, unless on the presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, or on information of the Public Prosecutor, after a commitment by a magistrate, except in cases of impeachment, in cases cognizable by Probate Courts or by Justices of the Peace, and in cases arising in the Militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger; provided that a Grand Jury may be summoned upon the order of the District Court in the manner provided by law.

LIBERTY OF SPEECH AND OF THE PRESS—LAW OF LIBEL.

SECTION 9. Every person may freely speak, write and publish, on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty; ~~and in all trials for libel both civil and~~