

The Kings and Queens of the Jury
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TWO IMPORTANT VOTES

BALLOT BOX - Your informed vote for public officials is an important exercise in the preservation of liberty.

The JUROR'S VOTE - This may be your most important vote! More than guilt or innocence in a particular case is at stake; rather the very foundation of liberty is on trial when you cast your vote as a juror! It takes only ONE juror holding fast for justice to upset tyranny!

TWO GREAT PRINCIPLES

The U.S. Constitution and its amendments is the supreme authority in the U.S. Article VI. "THIS CONSTITUTION and THE LAWS of the UNITED STATES WHICH SHALL BE MADE IN PURSUANCE THEREOF; and ALL TREATIES . . . SHALL BE the SUPREME LAW of the LAND; and the JUDGES IN EVERY STATE SHALL BE BOUND THEREBY, ANY THING IN the CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF ANY STATE TO the CONTRARY NOT WITHSTANDING."

Jurors are JUDGES of both FACTS and LAW! This is a great barrier to injustice being perpetrated on the people by gov't. (State of Ga. v. Brailsford, 3 Dall 1 (1794))

The HISTORY of LIBERTY

MAGNA CHARTA 1215 - King John of England forced at swordpoint by his barons to sign the great charter which foreshadowed our present liberties!

Prior to this climactic showdown at Runnymede, Englishmen were subjected to arbitrary seizures and imprisonments by their rulers, King John being an especially despotic example. The Magna Charta greatly limited his power, and among other things, provided that a citizen could not be dispossessed or imprisoned except according to the law or "judgment of his peers."

The PETITION of RIGHT (1628) curtailed the King's taxing powers and reinforced other rights!

The ENGLISH BILL of RIGHTS (1689) was still another milestone in freedom's history. All of these were forerunners to the American Bill of Rights (the first 10 Amendments).

The U. S. CONSTITUTION

Adopted 1787, setting up a limited republican form of gov't with a balance and separation of powers clearly defined:

Articles		Bill of Rights	
I	Legislative	I	Religion, Speech, Press, Grievances
II	Executive	II	Militia & Arms
III	Judicial	III	Quartering of troops
IV	States Rights	IV	Privacy
V	Amendment Procedures	V	Indictment, Double jeopardy, Self witness, Due process
VI	Debt, Law of land, Oaths	VI	Speedy trial
VII	Ratification	VII	Jury trial
		VIII	Bail, Fine, Punishment
		IX	Rights retained by people
		X	Powers reserved to states or people

Today instead of a SEPARATION OF POWERS we have a COOPERATION OF POWERS . . . A DICTATORSHIP!

BUT . . .

"If the government dictate the standard of trial . . . it dictates the results of the trial!" (pg. 9, "An Essay on the Trial by Jury" by L. Spooner) The judge, then, in such an instance, becomes a DICTATOR!

The JURY JUDGES THE LAW

The U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights was designed to hold the National Government in check! Should evil men thwart these built-in checks, the jury then has the final veto power!

The judge SHOULD tell the jury of its right to JUDGE the LAW, as to its . . .

1. MEANING: The intent of the lawmakers.
2. JUSTNESS: Is it a good or a bad law.
3. APPLICATION: To the instant case.

U.S. v. Moylan 417 F2d 1002 (1969)

The jury has power to acquit even if contrary to law!

The JURY JUDGES FACTS

The jury also has a duty to judge the RULES of EVIDENCE and decide what facts are relevant to the case and should be considered in arriving at the verdict.

When you serve as a juror you have both the RIGHT and POWER to judge both the LAW and the FACTS! As a juror you are really a JUDGE!

The "JUDGE" IS AN "UMPIRE"

In an action at law the judge simple directs the courtroom traffic in an orderly fashion!

YOU, as a juror, are the real judge, judging LAW and FACT in the light of the U.S. Constitution, the intent of the lawmaker, and your moral conscience, to the end that justice and justness be served!

You may, in this way, NULLIFY any unconstitutional or unjust law, treating it as if it never existed!*

- * A good example of unjust laws are the so-called "income tax laws."

KNOW the LAW of the LAND and the LAW of GOD

In order to be a good juror you must know the law of the land, the U.S. Constitution, and its amendments. Ignorance of these foundation stones of liberty makes you vulnerable to power hungry politicians and judges, who will pervert justice and in the long run enslave you and your children! Study the law of the land!

God wrote his moral law the 10 Commandments on the hearts of all men, but universal sin has obscured and distorted it! Therefore, God's incredible word, the Bible (containing the 10 Commandments and case law applications), is needed to promote a Godly moral conscience in each of us. Only then can we serve as knowledgeable and just jurists!

FAITH without WORKS is DEAD

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP BEGINS WITH YOU. You cannot be a passive patriot, nor can you compromise truth and justice and maintain your freedom! Tyranny trembles before an informed citizenry!

WHAT YOU CAN DO . . .

- * Register to vote (you're then a candidate for jury duty).
- * Elect, Godly, law-oriented people to public office.
- * Obtain and study a copy of the U.S. Constitution and your State Constitution.
- * Inform other prospective jurors and champions of liberty by distributing this in quantity!

The JURY is a buffer or protector between the people and the gov't.

- * The House and senate can block or veto each other.
- * The Executive can veto the Legislative Branch.

* The Judicial can veto by finding a law unconstitutional.

* The JURY is the 5th or final check.

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"Unless the American patriot is
Christian, liberty cannot be
restored."