

ARTICLE I, Section 9, Paragraph 8: “No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.”

Sending a fake photo of oneself with a crown does not make one a king, any more than forwarding a doctored photo of oneself in the raiment of the Pope makes one the leader of the world’s Catholics. And regarding oneself above the law, enriching oneself and one’s family on the backs of the American people, and disregarding all standards of law and even propriety do not make it acceptable.

A giant airplane that would not be ready for use as Air Force One until near the end of the Trump administration, and that would then be transferred to the Trump Library for his use after his Presidency, the plane coming from the Emir of Qutar—there couldn’t be a more blatant violation of the provisions of ARTICLE I, Section 9, Paragraph 8 than that. Or, if there is, it will be coming during the rest of the Trump presidency.

How has this clause been used in the past? A puppy given to George W. Bush was turned over to the National Archives which preserves records. They placed the pup with a family. But, some gifts during the previous Trump Presidency just disappeared—a painting of the President from the president of El Salvador, and golf clubs from the prime minister of Japan worth thousands of dollars. Almost \$300,000 worth of gifts to Trump and his family were not ever reported.

I guess, though, a Boeing 747 will be harder to hide.

There is an old saying that “there is no great loss without some small gain.” If this applies to the destruction to our country during the Trump administration, might it be that at least some of us are beginning to really look at the U.S. Constitution that we have pointed to with pride for over two centuries? The document upon which our government is based is more than the gun rights touted by those who know the Constitution only as their dubious interpretation of the Second Amendment. It is more than the Fifth Amendment provision that one can assert to avoid incriminating one self—the “I Take the Fifth” declaration that was pronounced hundreds of times by Trump and his allies while testifying under oath.

Right now would be a good time for all of us to check out  
ARTICLE I, Section 9, Paragraph 8.