

to involve the State in the construction of works of internal improvement, nor in granting any aid thereto, which shall involve the faith or credit of the State, nor make any appropriation therefor, except in aid of the construction of works of internal improvement in the counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert, which have had no direct advantage from such works, as have been heretofore aided by the State; and provided, that such aid, advances, or appropriations, shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars. And they shall not use, or appropriate the proceeds of the internal improvement companies, or of the State tax now levied, or which may hereafter be levied, to pay off the public debt, [or] to any other purpose, until the interest and debt are fully paid, or the sinking fund shall be equal to the amount of the outstanding debt; but the General Assembly may, without laying a tax, borrow an amount never to exceed fifty thousand dollars, to meet temporary deficiencies in the Treasury, and may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defence of the State.

SEC. 35. No extra compensation shall be granted, or allowed by the General Assembly to any public officer, agent, servant or contractor, after the service shall have been rendered, or the contract entered into; nor shall the salary, or compensation of any public officer be increased, or diminished during his term of office.

SEC. 36. No lottery grant shall ever hereafter be authorized by the General Assembly.

SEC. 37. The General Assembly shall pass no law providing for payment, by this State, for slaves emancipated from servitude in this State; but they shall adopt such measures as they may deem expedient, to obtain from the United States, compensation for such slaves, and to receive, and distribute the same, equitably, to the persons entitled.

SEC. 38. No person shall be imprisoned for debt.

SEC. 39. The General Assembly shall grant no charter for banking purposes, nor renew any banking corporation now in existence, except upon the condition that the stockholders shall be liable to the amount of their respective share, or shares of stock in such banking institution, for all its debts and liabilities, upon note, bill, or otherwise; the books, papers and accounts of all banks shall be open to inspection, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law.