

Police power.

The act of 1898, chapter 306—see article 58, section 20, *et seq.*, of the Annotated Code—creating a state live stock sanitary board and charging it with various duties looking to the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases amongst live stock, held not to violate this article. Nature and extent of the police power. *State v. Broadbelt*, 89 Md. 574. And see *State v. Knowles*, 90 Md. 657; *Scholle v. State*, 90 Md. 741.

The act of 1886, chapter 439, requiring plumbers to secure certificates of competency, held not to violate this article. Nature and extent of the police power. *Singer v. State*, 72 Md. 465. And see *State v. Loden*, 117 Md. 379; *State v. Knowles*, 90 Md. 657; *Scholle v. State*, 90 Md. 741.

The act of 1896, chapter 378—see article 32, section 4, of the Annotated Code—requiring dentists to pass an examination, register, etc., but permitting graduates of colleges to register without examination, held not to grant arbitrary power or create an arbitrary classification, and hence not to violate this article. *State v. Knowles*, 90 Md. 653. And see *Scholle v. State*, 90 Md. 741.

So much of the act of 1890, chapter 513, as provided for the forfeiture of the property of unknown owners upon their failure to produce evidence of their title, held in conflict with this article. *Scharf v. Tasker*, 73 Md. 382.

The registry act of 1865, chapter 174, disfranchising those who had been in the Confederate army and requiring a test oath, held not to be in violation of this article—see note to article I, section 1, of the Md. constitution. *Anderson v. Baker*, 23 Md. 612, 585, 590 and 573.

The act of 1910, chapter 211, requiring corporations or individuals engaged in mining coal or fire clay in Garrett county to pay their employees twice a month, held to be void because it creates an arbitrary classification and is not justified by the police power. Nature and extent of the police power. Cases reviewed. *State v. Potomac Coal Co.*, 116 Md. 395.

The act of 1902, chapter 160, section 8, as amended by the acts of 1904, chapter 389, and 1908, chapter 496—see footnote on page 1150 of volume one of the Annotated Code—providing that undertakers shall be skillful embalmers, held to violate this article, since it has no relation to the police power. *State v. Rice*, 115 Md. 327.

The act of 1910, chapter 693, regulating moving picture machines in Baltimore city, held not to violate this article. The act of 1910, held not to discriminate between moving picture operators, but to include all classes. The police power may be delegated to subordinate boards and commissions. *State v. Loden*, 117 Md. 379.

This article does not abridge the power of the state to pass laws for the safety and welfare of its people. Nature and extent of the "police power." *Deems v. Baltimore*, 80 Md. 173; *Spriggs v. Garrett County Park*, 89 Md. 411; *McAllister v. State*, 72 Md. 390; *Wright v. State*, 88 Md. 439; *State v. Gurry*, 121 Md. 541.

Ordinance No. 692 of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, providing for the segregation of white and colored people, held invalid because it ignored all vested rights which existed at the time of its passage. Terms of ordinance criticised. The mayor and city council of Baltimore has the power by ordinance to segregate the white and colored people. Nature and extent of the "police power." Cases reviewed. *State v. Gurry*, 121 Md. 540.

Taxation.

The act of 1912, chapter 688, known as the "Special Paving Tax" act for Baltimore city, held not to violate this article. The constitutionality of the act of 1912 is not affected by the fact that the proceeds of the paving tax go into a fund not raised to pay for improvements specifically benefiting the property assessed. Where the legislature fixes the amount of the tax, no notice is necessary, and in the absence of clear evidence that the tax is arbitrary or oppressive, the legislative action is conclusive upon the courts. *Leser v. Wagner*, 120 Md. 673.