

to exchange the State's interest as stockholder and creditor in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, for an equal amount of the bonds or registered debt now owing by the State; and subject to such regulations and conditions as the General Assembly may from time to time prescribe, to sell the State's interest in the other works of Internal Improvement, whether as a stockholder or a creditor, also the State's interest in any banking corporation, and receive, in payment, the bonds and registered debt now owing by the State, equal in amount to the price obtained for the State's said interest; *provided*, that the interest of the State in the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, be reserved and excepted from sale; *and provided further*, that no sale or contract of sale of the State's interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and the Susquehanna and Tide Water Canal Companies, shall go into effect, until the same shall be ratified by the ensuing General Assembly.

Sec. 53. The General Assembly, before authorizing the sale of the State's interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and before prescribing regulations and conditions for said sale, shall pass all laws that may be necessary to authorize the counties of Allegany, Washington, Frederick and Montgomery, or any one of them, to create a debt by the issue of bonds or otherwise, so as to enable them, or any of them, to become the purchasers of said interest.

Sec. 54. The General Assembly shall have power to regulate, by law, not inconsistent with this Constitution, all matters which relate to the Judges of Election, time, place and manner of holding elections in this State, and of making returns thereof.

Sec. 55. The General Assembly shall have power to pass all such laws, as may be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested by this Constitution, in any department or office of the government, and the duties imposed upon them thereby.

ARTICLE IV. JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.

PART I.

General Provisions.

SECTION 1. The Judicial power of this State shall be vested in a Court of Appeals, Circuit Courts, Orphans' Courts, such Courts for the city of Baltimore as may be hereinafter prescribed or provided for, and Justices of the Peace; all said