

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.

Sec. 36. The General Assembly shall enact no law authorizing private property to be taken for public use without just compensation, as agreed upon between the parties, or awarded by a jury, being first paid, or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation, or adequate security shall first be given to such party by the deposit of a sufficient sum of money in such place and manner, and subject to such conditions as may be provided by law.

Sec. 37. Any citizen of this State who shall after the adoption of this Constitution, either in or out of this State, fight a duel with deadly weapons, or send or accept a challenge so to do, or who shall act as a second, or knowingly aid or assist in any manner those offending, shall ever thereafter be incapable of holding any office of profit or trust under this State.

Sec. 38. The General Assembly shall pass laws for the preservation of the purity of elections by the registration of voters, and by such other means as may be deemed expedient.

Sec. 39. The property of the wife shall be protected from the debts of her husband.

Sec. 40. Laws shall be passed by the General Assembly to protect from execution a reasonable amount of the property of the debtor, not exceeding in value the sum of five hundred dollars.

Sec. 41. The General Assembly shall provide a simple and uniform system of charges in the offices of Clerks of Courts and Registers of Wills, in the counties in this State, and the City of Baltimore, and for the collection thereof; *provided* the amount of compensation to any of the said officers in the various counties shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars a year, and in the City of Baltimore thirty-five hundred dollars a year over and above office expenses, and compensation to the assistants; and provided further, that such compensation of Clerks, Registers, Assistants and office expenses shall always be paid out of the fees or receipts of the offices respectively.

Sec. 42. The General Assembly shall have power to receive from the United States any grant or donation of land, money or securities for any purpose designated by the United States,