

it of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be given or loaned to, or in aid of any individual association or corporation, nor shall the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore have the power to involve the City of Baltimore in the construction of works of internal improvement, nor in granting any aid thereto, which shall involve the faith and credit of the City, nor make any appropriation therefor, unless such debt or credit be authorized by an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, and by an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and be submitted by such ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore at such time and place as may be fixed by said ordinance, and be approved by a majority of the votes cast at such time and place, but the Mayor and City Council may temporarily borrow any amount of money to meet any deficiency in the City Treasury, or to provide for any emergency arising from the necessity of maintaining the Police, or preserving the safety and sanitary condition of the City, and may make due and proper arrangements and agreements for the removal and extension in whole or in part of any and all debts and obligations created according to law before the adoption of this Constitution.

Sec. 8. That all laws and ordinances now in force applicable to the City of Baltimore, not inconsistent with this article shall be, and they are hereby continued until changed in due course of law.

Sec. 9. Nothing in this article shall prevent the General Assembly of this State from making such changes in this article except in section seventh thereof, as it may deem best, nor shall this article be so construed or taken, as to make the political corporation of Baltimore independent or free from the control which the General Assembly of Maryland has over all such corporations in this State.

Which was read the first time.

At the hour of eleven o'clock A. M., His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State, and suite, entered the Hall, escorted by the Committee on Reception appointed on the part of the Convention,—and by His Excellency Governor Swann and Staff.

Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Reception, then reported as follows :

*Mr. President:* I have the honor to report, on behalf of the Committee who were charged with the very agreeable duty of meeting the President of the United States and his suite, in the city of Baltimore, that the Committee have per-