

Sec. 48. Corporations may be formed under general Laws, but shall not be created by special act, except for municipal purposes, and except in cases, where no general Laws exist, providing for the creation of corporations of the same general character, as the corporation proposed to be created; and any Act of Incorporation, passed in violation of this Section shall be void. And as soon as practicable after the adoption of this Constitution, it shall be the duty of the Governor, to appoint three persons learned in Law, whose duty it shall be, to prepare drafts of general Laws, providing for the creation of Corporations, in such cases as may be proper, and for all other cases, where a general Law can be made; and for revising and amending, so far as may be necessary, or expedient, the general Laws which may be in existence on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, providing for the creation of corporations, and for other purposes; and such drafts of Laws shall by said Commissioners be submitted to the General Assembly, at its first meeting, for its action thereon; and each of said Commissioners shall receive a compensation of five hundred dollars for his services, as such Commissioner.

All charters granted or adopted, in pursuance of this section, and all Charters heretofore granted and created, subject to repeal or modification, may be altered, from time to time, or be repealed; *provided*, nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to Banks, or the incorporation thereof.

Sec. 49. 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. 50. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly at its first session held after the adoption of this Constitution, to provide by Law for the punishment, by fine or imprisonment, in the Penitentiary, or both, in the discretion of the Court, of any person who shall bribe, or attempt to bribe, any Executive or Judicial officer of the State of Maryland, or any member, or officer of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, or of any Municipal corporation in the State of Maryland, or any Executive officer of such Corporation, in order to influence him in the performance of any of his official duties; and also to provide by Law for the punishment, by fine, or imprisonment in the Penitentiary, or both, in the discretion of the Court, of any of said officers, or members, who shall demand, or receive any bribe, fee, reward, or testimonial for the performance of his official duties, or for neglecting, or failing to perform the same; and also to provide by Law for compelling any person, so bribing, or attempting to bribe, or so demand-