

challenge so to do, or who shall act as 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 \$500.

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 of 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 \$3,000 a year, and in the city of Baltimore \$3,500 a year, over and above office expenses and compensation to 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, and shall administer or disburse the same according to the conditions of said grant.

Sec. 43. The General Assembly shall make provision for all cases of contested elections of any of the officers not herein provided for.

Sec. 44. 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 vio-