

by the imposition of an annual tax of not less than five cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property throughout the State, the proceeds of which tax shall be known as the Public School fund, and shall be invested by the Treasurer, together with its annual interest, until such time as said fund shall, by its own increase and any additions which may be made to it from time to time, together with the present school fund, amount to six millions of dollars, when the tax of ten cents on the hundred dollars, authorised by the preceding section, may be discontinued in whole or in part, as the General Assembly may direct, the principal fund of six millions hereby provided shall remain forever inviolate as the free public school fund of the State, and the annual interest of said school fund shall be disbursed for educational purposes only, as may be prescribed by law.

ARTICLE IX.

MILITIA AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

SECTION 1. The Militia shall be composed of all able bodied male citizens residents of this State, being eighteen years of age, and under the age of forty-five years, who shall be enrolled in the Militia, and perform military duty in such manner, not incompatible with the Constitution and Laws of the United States, as may be prescribed by the General Assembly of Maryland, but persons whose religious opinions and conscientious scruples forbid them to bear arms, shall be relieved from doing so, on producing to the proper authorities satisfactory proof that they are thus conscientious.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly shall provide at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, and from time to time thereafter, as the exigency may require, for organizing, equipping and disciplining the Militia in such manner not incompatible with the laws of the United States, as shall be most effective to repel invasion and suppress insurrection, and shall pass such laws as shall promote the formation of volunteer Militia associations in the city of Baltimore and in every county and to secure them such privileges or assistance as may afford them effectual encouragement.

Sec. 3. There shall be an Adjutant General, who shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. He shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Governor: shall perform such duties, and shall receive such compensation or emoluments as are now or may be hereafter fixed by law.