

1 Special Act, except for municipal purposes and except
2 in cases where no general laws exist providing for
3 creation of corporations of the same general character
4 as the corporation proposed to be created; and any act
5 of incorporation passed in violation of this section
6 shall be void. All charters granted or adopted in
7 pursuance of this section and all charters heretofore
8 granted and created, subject to repeal or modification,
9 may be altered from time to time, or be repealed;
10 Provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed
11 to extend to Banks or the incorporation thereof.
12 The General Assembly shall not alter or amend the
13 charter of any corporation existing at the time of
14 the adoption of this Article, or pass any other general or
15 special law for the benefit of such corporation, except
16 upon the condition that such corporation shall surrender
17 all claim to exemption from taxation or from the
18 repeal or modification of its charter, and that such
19 corporation shall thereafter hold its charter subject
20 to the provisions of this Constitution; and any cor-
21 poration chartered by this State which shall accept, use,