

been rendered, or the contract entered into; nor shall the salary or compensation of any public officer be increased or diminished during his term of office.

Lotteries prohibited.

Sec. 36. No Lottery grant shall ever hereafter be authorized by the General Assembly.

Lucas v. McBlair, 12 G. & J. 1.

Slaves.

Sec. 37. The General Assembly shall pass no Law providing for payment by this State for Slaves emancipated from servitude in this State; but they shall adopt such measures as they may deem expedient to obtain from the United States compensation for such Slaves, and to receive and distribute the same equitably to the persons entitled.

Sec. 38. No person shall be imprisoned for debt.

State v. Mace, 5 Md. 337. *Trail v. Snouffer*, 6 Md. 308.

Banks.

Sec. 39. The General Assembly shall grant no charter for Banking purposes, nor renew any Banking Corporation now in existence, except upon the condition that the Stockholders shall be liable to the amount of their respective share or shares of stock in such Banking Institution, for all its debts and liabilities upon note, bill or otherwise; the books, papers and accounts of all Banks shall be open to inspection under such regulations as may be prescribed by Law.

Hammond v. Strauss, 53 Md. 1. *Helfrich v. Catonsville Water Co.*, 74 Md. 269. *O'Brien v. Baltimore Belt R. R. Co.*, 74 Md. 363.

Compensation for property taken for public use.

Sec. 40. The General Assembly shall enact no Law authorizing private property to be taken for public use, without just compensation as agreed upon between the parties, or awarded by a jury, being first paid or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation.

C. & O. Canal Co. v. B. & O. Railroad Co., 4 G. & J. 1. *Tide-water Canal Co. v. Archer*, 9 G. & J. 479. *B. & S. Railroad Co. v. Compton*, 2 Gill, 20. *Alexander v. Mayor, &c., of Balto.*, 5 Gill, 383. *Binney's Case*, 2 Bl. 99. *Waring v. Warring*, 2 Bl. 673. *Hepburn's case*, 3 Bl. 95. *Compton v. The Susquehanna Railroad*, 3 Bl. 386. *Baltimore v. McKim*, 3 Bl. 453. *Hamilton v. Annapolis & Elkridge Railroad Co.*, 1 Md. Ch. 107. *Harness v. Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Co.*, 1 Md. Ch. 248. *Hamilton v. Annapolis & Elkridge Railroad Co.*, 1 Md. 553. *Hoye v. Swan*, 5 Md. 237. *Moale v. Mayor, &c., of Balto.*, 5 Md. 314. *Steuart v. Mayor, &c., of Balto.*, 7 Md. 500. *Graff v. Mayor, &c., Balto.*, 10 Md. 544. *Reddall v. Bryan*, 14 Md. 444. *Western Md. R. R. Co. v. Owings*, 15 Md. 199. *Kane v. Mayor, &c., of Balto.*, 15 Md. 240. *State v. Graves*, 19 Md. 369. *Douglass v. Boonsborough*