

in violation of this section shall be void; 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all charters heretofore granted and created subject to repeal or modification, may be altered from time to time, or be repealed; provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to banks or the incorporation thereof; the General Assembly shall not alter or amend the charter of any corporation existing at the time of the adoption of this Article, or pass any other general or special Law for the benefit of such corporation except upon the condition that such corporation shall surrender all claim to exemption from taxation or from the repeal or modification of its charter, and that such corporation shall thereafter hold its charter subject to the provisions of this Constitution; and any corporation chartered by this State which shall accept, use, enjoy or in anywise avail itself of any rights, privileges, or advantages that may hereafter be granted or conferred by any general or special Act, shall be conclusively presumed to have thereby surrendered any exemption from taxation to which it may be entitled under its charter, and shall be thereafter subject to taxation as if no such exemption has been granted by its charter.]*

New Central Coal Co. v. George's Creek Coal and Iron Co., 37 Md. 537. Montell & Co. v. Consolidated Coal Co., 39 Md. 164. State v. Northern Central R. R. Co., 44 Md. 131. Reed v. Balto. Trust and Guarantee Co., 72 Md. 531. Jackson v. Walsh, 75 Md. 304. Webster v. Cambridge Female Seminary, 78 Md. 193. Phinney v. Sheppard Hospital, 88 Md. 638. State v. N. C. Ry. Co., 90 Md. 471. Scholle v. State, 90 Md. 734. Mealey v. Hagerstown, 92 Md. 745.

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. Elections.

Lankford v. Commrs. Somerset Co. 73 Md. 105.

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 Bribery.

*As amended by Charter 186, Acts of 1860, ratified by the people November 8, 1891.