

*v. Spring*, 80 Md., 510. *Turnpike Co. v. R. R. Co.*, 81 Md., 247. *Mayor & City Council of Balto. et al. v. The Keeley Institute*, 81 Md., 106. *Baumgardner v. Fowler*, 82 Md., 631. *Poole v. Falls Road Ry.*, 88 Md., 536.

Duellists.

SEC. 41. Any citizen of this State who shall, after the adoption of this Constitution, either in or out of this State, fight a duel with deadly weapons, or send or accept a challenge so to do, or who shall act as a 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, unless relieved from the disability by an Act of the Legislature.

Elections.

SEC. 42. The General Assembly shall pass laws necessary for the preservation of the purity of elections.

Wife's property protected.

SEC. 43. The property of the wife shall be protected from the debts of her husband.

*Schindel v. Schindel*, 12 Md., 294. *Steffey v. Steffey*, 19 Md., 9. *Kennedy v. Lange*, 50 Md., 91. *Clark v. Wooton*, 63 Md., 113. *Beall v. Frank*, 93 Md., 335.

Exemption.

SEC. 44. 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 five hundred dollars.

Compensation of clerks and registers.

SEC. 45. 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 three thousand dollars a year, and in the city of Baltimore, thirty-five hundred dollars 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.

*Banks v. State*, 60 Md., 305.

Grants from U. S.

SEC. 46. 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 distribute the same according to the conditions of the said grant.

Contested elections.

SEC. 47. The General Assembly shall make provisions for all cases of contested elections of any of the officers, not herein provided for.

*State v. Jarrett & Harwood*, 17 Md., 309. *Groome v. Gwinn*, 43 Md. 572.