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Hopkins *v.* Baker, 78 Md., 363. Faust *v.* Building Association, 84 Md., 186. B., C. & A. Ry. *v.* Wicomico Co., 93 Md., 113. City *v.* Safe Deposit and Trust Co., 97 Md., 659. Baltimore City *v.* Allegany Co., 99 Md., 1.

SEC. 52. The General Assembly shall appropriate no money out of the Treasury for payment of any private claim against the State exceeding three hundred dollars, unless said claim shall have been first presented to the Comptroller of the Treasury, together with the proofs upon which the same is founded, and reported upon by him. Private claims.

SEC. 53. No person shall be incompetent, as a witness, on account of race or color, unless hereafter so declared by Act of the General Assembly. Witnesses.

SEC. 54. No county of this State shall contract any debt, or obligation, in the construction of any railroad, canal, or other work of internal improvement, nor give, or loan its credit to or in aid of any association, or corporation, unless authorized by an Act of the General Assembly, which shall be published for two months before the next election for members of the House of Delegates in the newspapers published in such county, and shall also be approved by a majority of all the members elected to each House of the General Assembly, at its next session after said election. Counties forbidden to contract debts without authority.

Baltimore & Drum Point Railroad Company *v.* Pumphrey, 74 Md., 86. Baltimore & Eastern Shore R. Co. *v.* Spring, 80 Md., 510.

\*Thus amended by Chapter 426, Acts of 1890, ratified by the people November 3, 1891.