

time, or be repealed; provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to banks or the incorporation thereof; the General Assembly shall not alter or amend the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 any wise 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. vs. George's Creek Coal and Iron Co., 37 Md., 537. Montell & Co. vs. Consolidated Coal Co., 39 Md., 164. State vs. Northern Central R. R. Co., 44 Md., 131. Reed vs. Balto. Trust and Guarantee Co., 72 Md., 531. Jackson vs. Walsh, 75 Md., 304. Webster vs. Cambridge Female Seminary, 78 Md., 193. Phinney vs. Sheppard Hospital, 88 Md., 638. State vs. N. C. Ry. Co., 90 Md., 471. Scholle vs. State, 90 Md., 734. Mealey vs. 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.

Lankford vs. 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 in the performance of any of his official duties; and also, to provide by law for the punishment, by fine, or imprisonment in the penitentiary, or both, in the discretion of the court, of any of said officers, or members, who shall demand or receive any bribe, fee, reward or testimonial for the performance of his official duties, or for neglecting or failing to perform the same; and also, to provide

*Thus amended by Chapter 195, Acts of 1890, ratified by the people November 3, 1891.