

interest until such time as said fund shall, by its own increase and any additions which may be made to it from time to time, together with the present school fund, amount to six millions of dollars, when the tax of ten cents in the hundred dollars, authorized by the preceding section, may be discontinued

in whole or in part, as the General Assembly may direct; the principal fund of six millions hereby provided, shall remain forever inviolate as the Free Public School fund of the State, and the annual interest of said school fund shall be disbursed for educational purposes only, as may be prescribed by law.

ARTICLE IX.

MILITIA AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Section 1. The Militia shall be composed of all able bodied male citizens, residents of this State, being eighteen years of age, and under the age of forty-five years, who shall be enrolled in the militia, and perform military duty in such manner, not incompatible with the Constitution and laws of the United States, as may be prescribed by the General Assembly of Maryland, but persons whose religions opinions and conscientious scruples forbid them to bear arms, shall be relieved from doing so on producing to the proper authorities satisfactory proof that they are thus conscientious.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly shall provide at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, and from time to time thereafter, as the exigency may require, for organizing, equipping

and disciplining the militia in such manner, not incompatible with the laws of the United States as shall be most effective to repel invasion and suppress insurrection, and shall pass such laws as shall promote the formation of Volunteer Militia Associations in the city of Baltimore and in every county, and to secure them such privileges or assistance as may afford them effectual encouragement.

Sec. 3. There shall be an Adjutant General, who shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. He shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Governor; shall perform such duties, and shall receive such compensation or emoluments as are now or may be hereafter fixed by law.

ARTICLE X.

COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS.

Section 1. The General Assembly may provide for organizing new counties, locating and removing county seats and changing county lines, but no new county shall be organized without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits about to form said county, nor shall the lines of any county be changed without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing

within the limits of the lines proposed to be changed, nor shall any new county contain less than four hundred square miles nor less than ten thousand white inhabitants nor shall any county be reduced below that amount of square miles, nor below that number of white inhabitants.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly shall provide by general law for dividing the