Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
			the State's interest in any banking corporation, and receive in payment the bonds and registered debt now owing by the State, equal in amount to the price obtained for the State's said interest; *Provided,* that the interest of the State in the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road be reserved and excepted from sale; and, *Provided further,* that no sale or contract of sale of the State's interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and the Susquehanna and Tide-Water Canal Companies shall go into effect until the same shall be ratified by the ensuing General Assembly.
Habeas Corpus.	Sec. 55. The General Assembly shall pass no Law suspending the privilege of the Writ of *Habeas Corpus.*	Sec. 55. The General Assembly shall pass no Law suspending the privilege of the Writ of *Habeas Corpus.*	
General Assembly: Legislative power.	Sec. 56. The General Assembly shall have power to pass all such Laws as may be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested, by this Constitution, in any Department, or office of the Government, and the duties imposed upon them thereby.	Sec. 56. The General Assembly shall have power to pass all such Laws as may be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested, by this Constitution, in any Department, or office of the Government, and the duties imposed upon them thereby.	Sec. 55. The General Assembly shall have power to pass all such laws as may be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested by this Constitution, in any department or office of the Government, and the duties imposed upon them thereby.
Rate of interest.	Sec. 57. The Legal Rate of Interest shall be six per cent per annum; unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly.	Sec. 57. The Legal Rate of Interest shall be *six per cent. per annum;* unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly.	Sec. 50. The rate of interest in this State shall not exceed six per centum per annum, and no higher rate shall be taken or demanded, and the General Assembly shall provide by law, all necessary forfeitures and penalties against usury.

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
Art. X, sec. 2. The Legislature shall have power to pass all such laws as may be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested by this Constitution, in any department or office of the government, and the duties imposed upon them thereby.		
Sec. 49. That the rate of interest in this State shall not exceed six per cent. per annum, and no higher rate shall be taken or demanded, and the Legislature shall provide, by law, all necessary forfeitures and penalties against usury.		