

corporation; nor shall the General Assembly have the power in any mode to involve the State in the construction of works of internal improvement, nor in granting any aid thereto which shall involve the faith or credit of the State; nor make any appropriation therefor, except in aid of the Construction of works of internal improvement in the counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert, which have had no direct advantage from such works as have been heretofore aided by the State; and provided that such aid, advances or appropriations shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars. And they shall not use or appropriate the proceeds of the internal improvement companies, or of the State tax, now levied, or which may hereafter be levied, to pay off the public debt (or) to any other purpose until the interest and debt are fully paid or the sinking fund shall be equal to the amount of the outstanding debt; but the General Assembly may, without laying a tax, borrow an amount never to exceed fifty thousand dollars to meet temporary deficiencies in the Treasury, and may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defence of the State. And provided further that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the raising of funds for the purpose of aiding or compensating in such manner or way as the General Assembly of the State shall deem proper, those citizens of the State who have served, with honor, their Country and State in time of War; provided, however, that such action of the General Assembly shall be effective only when submitted to and approved by a vote of the people of the State at the General Election next following the enactment of such legislation.]¹

Sec. 35. No extra compensation shall be granted or allowed by the General Assembly to any public Officer, Agent, Servant or Contractor, after the service shall have been rendered, or the contract entered into; nor shall the salary or compensation of any public officer be increased or diminished during his term of office.

Where the fee table of justices of the peace is not affected by an act so far as the costs to litigants is concerned, but is repealed by said act in so far as it relates to the ultimate disposition of those fees, the act is valid. See notes to art. 4, sec. 42. *Levin v. Hewes*, 118 Md. 642.

See notes to sec. 32.

Sec. 36. No Lottery grant shall ever hereafter be authorized by the General Assembly.

In the adoption of this section, there was no design to interfere with existing private lottery grants or to impair the existing power of the legislature to regulate the same, or modify the means by which such grants might be more effectually or speedily accomplished. Object and construction of this section. *Lucas v. McBlair*, 12 G. & J. 17.

For a case dealing with the provisions of the Constitution of 1851 relative to lotteries, see *Broadbent v. State*, 7 Md. 429.

See notes to sec. 32.

Sec. 37. The General Assembly shall pass no Law providing for payment by this State for Slaves emancipated from servitude in this State; but they

¹ This amendment was submitted by act of 1924, ch. 327, and will be voted upon by the people in November, 1924.