

1 MR. SAYRE: No County of this State shall con-
2 tract any debt, or obligation, in the construction of any
3 Railroad, Canal, or other Work of Internal Improvement,
4 nor give, or loan its credit to, or in aid of any association,
5 or corporation, unless authorized by an Act of the General
6 Assembly.

7 MR. CASE: All right, but the point there is
8 that you have to have an act and you will find that Section
9 54 has been interpreted exactly the same way as 34 has, in
10 what I'm talking about, namely -- and the Frostburg case
11 says this, that the counties cannot lend their credit for
12 private purposes.

13 MR. SAYRE: Well, that's all right.

14 MR. CASE: And that's all I'm saying and the
15 Court of Appeals has expressly interpreted this section to
16 so provide. The two sections came into the Constitution in
17 1851. The two sections were identical in purpose. The
18 county section was a little more detailed at first and some
19 of the mish-mash has been taken out, but the same situation
20 came up in Anne Arundel County, and I forget the name of the
21 case, but in that case the same thing came up as came up in