

the removal (renewal) and extension, in whole or in part, of any and all debts and obligations, created according to Law before the adoption of this Constitution.

Sec. 8. All Laws and Ordinances, now in force, applicable to the City of Baltimore, not inconsistent with this Article, shall be, and they are hereby continued until changed by due course of Law.

Sec. 9. The General Assembly may make such changes in this Article, except in Section Seventh thereof, as it may deem best; and this Article shall not be so construed, or taken, as to make the political Corporation of Baltimore independent of, or free from the control, which the General Assembly of Maryland has over all such Corporations in this State.

ARTICLE XII. PUBLIC WORKS.

Section 1. The Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer, shall constitute the Board of Public Works in this State. They shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and shall hold regular sessions in the City of Annapolis, on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October, in each year, and oftener if necessary; at which sessions they shall hear and determine such matters as affect the Public Works of the State, and as the General Assembly may confer upon them the power to decide.

Sec. 2. They shall exercise a diligent and faithful supervision of all Public Works, in which the State may be interested, as Stockholder or Creditor, and shall represent, and vote the stock of the State of Maryland, in all meetings of the Stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal; and shall appoint the Directors in every Railroad and Canal Company in which the State has the legal power to appoint Directors, which said Directors shall represent the State in all meetings of the Stockholders of the respective Companies for which they are appointed, or elected; and the President and Directors of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company shall so regulate the tolls of said Company, from time to time, as to produce the largest amount of revenue, and to avoid the injurious effects to said Company of rival competitors by other Internal Improvement Companies. They shall require the Directors of all said Public Works to guard the public interest, and prevent the establishment of tolls which shall discriminate against the interest of the citizens or products of this State, and from time to time, and as often as there shall be any change in the rates of toll on any of the said Works, to furnish the said Board of Public Works a schedule of such