

icy and authority of the United States, compensation, in consideration thereof, is due from the United States.”

In accordance with this view and the former declarations and actions of both the executive and legislative branches of the federal government on the subject, it is provided that the Legislature “shall take such steps as may be deemed necessary to urge upon the United States such aid in compensation for emancipation in this State as was pledged by the joint resolution passed by the Congress of the United States, April 10th, 1862, and shall pass such laws as may be necessary for the distribution of such aid as may be received from the United States for that purpose.”

The only material changes in the executive department are the conferring of the veto power on the Governor and the abolition of the office of Lieutenant Governor.

The legislative article restricts the regular sessions of the Legislature to ninety days and the extra sessions to thirty days. The disability of ministers of the gospel to become members of the General Assembly, which was left out in the Constitution of 1864, is restored. The State is forever prohibited from loaning its credit to works of internal improvement, with an exception to the extent of \$300,000 in favor of the counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert. All counties and municipal corporations are also prohibited from embarking their credit in works of internal improvement without authority from the Legislature, subject to the ratification by a majority of the qualified voters therein.

A new clause is provided against bribery, by requiring the Legislature, at its first session, to pass laws to punish, by fine and imprisonment in the penitentiary, all who bribe, or attempt to bribe, executive, judicial or State officers, or members of the Assembly, or municipal or executive officers of municipal corporations, and to punish, in the manner, all such officers or members as shall demand or receive bribes. An article also is added making the personal property of