

this constitution, either in or out of this State, fight a duel with deadly weapons or send or accept a challenge so to do, or who shall act as second, or knowingly aid or assist in any manner those thus offending, shall ever thereafter be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under this state.

§ 37. No lottery grant shall ever hereafter be authorized by the legislature.

§ 38. The general assembly shall pass laws necessary to protect the property of the wife from the debts of the husband during her life, and for securing the same to her issue after her death.

§ 39. Laws shall be passed by the legislature to protect from execution a reasonable amount of the property of a debtor, not exceeding in value the sum of five hundred dollars.

§ 40. The legislature shall, at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, adopt some simple and uniform system of charges in the offices of clerks of courts and registers of wills in the counties of this state and the city of Baltimore, and for the collection thereof; provided, the amount of compensation to any of said officers shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars a year, over and above office expenses, and compensation to assistants; and provided further, that such compensation of clerks, registers, assistants, and office expenses, shall always be paid out of the fees or receipts of the offices respectively.

§ 41. The house of delegates shall have the sole power of impeachment in all cases, but a majority of all the members must concur in an impeachment; all impeachments shall be tried by the senate, and when sitting for that purpose they shall be on oath or affirmation to do justice according to the law and evidence, but no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of all the senators.

§ 42. That it shall be the duty of the legislature so soon as the public debt shall have been fully paid off, to cause to be transferred to the several counties and the city of Baltimore, stock in the internal improvement companies, equal to the amount respectively paid by each toward the erection and completion of said works, at the then market value of said stock.

§ 43. The legislature shall not pass any law abolishing the relation of master or slave, as it now exists in this state.

§ 44. No person shall be imprisoned for debt.

§ 45. The legislature hereafter shall grant no charter for banking purposes or renew any banking corporation now in existence, except upon the condition that the stockholders and directors shall be liable to the amount of their respective share or shares of stock in such banking institution for all its debts and liabilities upon note, bill, or otherwise; and upon the further condition that no director or other officer of said corporation shall borrow any money from said corporation; and if any director or other officer shall be convicted upon indictment of directly or indirectly violating this article, he shall be punished by fine or imprisonment at the discretion of the court. All banks shall be open to inspection of their books, papers, and accounts, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law.

§ 46. The legislature shall enact no law authorizing private pro-