

Constitution, nor to the Constitution and laws of the General Government, which may hereafter be established by confederation. They shall have power to establish inferior courts, and prescribe their jurisdiction: create other offices, not otherwise provided for, and fix fees of offices and provide for the payment of the same.

Sec. 21st. Each House shall keep and publish from time to time a journal of its proceedings: all votes in the House shall be viva voce, and on the final passage of any Bill it shall be entered on the Journals.

Sec. 22nd. Laws for the protection of the property of the wife from the debts of the husband during her life, and for securing the same to her issue after death, and also to protect from execution a reasonable amount of the property of a debtor, not exceeding one hundred dollars, shall be passed by the Legislature.

Sec. 23rd. Corporations may be formed under such cases and in such manner as may be hereafter established by law.

Sec. 24th. The Legislature shall make provision for all cases of contested elections of any of the officers not herein provided for.

Sec. 25th. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly at its first Session, to establish a Currency or paper issue, a medium for the State, to be based on as good money in its redemption as the means of the State will warrant.

Sec. 26th. The Salary or compensation of any public officer shall not be increased or diminished during his term of office; Provided that the Legislature at its first session may fix the compensation of all the then existing officers.

Sec. 27th. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury of the State, except in accordance with an appropriation made by law, and every such law shall distinctly specify the sum appropriated, and the objects to which it shall be applied; Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Legislature from placing a Contingent Fund at the disposal of the Executive who shall report to the Legislature at each session the amount expended and the purposes to which it was applied. An accurate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the public money shall be attached and published with the laws after each such regular session of the General Assembly.

Sec. 28th. The General Assembly shall have power to regulate by law the subject of Divorces, but they shall not authorize any Divorce unless after a Judicial inquiry into the facts, to be conducted before the Supreme Court.

Sec. 29th. The Legislature may borrow an amount never to exceed Ten thousand Dollars to meet deficiencies in the Treasury, and may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defence of the State.

Sec. 30th. The House of Delegates may examine and pass the accounts of the State relating

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