

gages executed prior to the enactment without an unconstitutional impairment of the obligation of contracts under Art. I, § 10.

32. *Bank of Commerce v. New York City*, 67 U.S. (2 Black) 620 (1863).

Securities of the United States being exempt from state taxation, inclusion of their value in the capital of a bank subjected to taxation by the terms of a New York law rendered the latter void.

33. *Bank Tax Case*, 69 U.S. (2 Wall.) 200 (1865).

An 1863 New York law, enacted after the *Bank of Commerce* decision, was held invalid as, in effect, a tax on the securities of the United States.

34. *Hawthorne v. Calef*, 69 U.S. (2 Wall.) 10 (1865).

A Maine statute terminating the liability of corporate stock for the debts of the corporation impaired the obligation of contracts with respect to claims of creditors outstanding at the time of such termination.

35. *The Binghamton Bridge*, 70 U.S. (3 Wall.) 51 (1866).

An obligation of contract was impaired when the New York legislature, after having issued a charter to a bridge company containing assurances that erection of other bridges within two miles of said bridge would not be authorized, subsequently chartered a second company to construct a bridge within a few rods of the first.

36. *McGee v. Mathis*, 71 U.S. (4 Wall.) 143 (1867).

An 1855 Arkansas statute that repealed an 1851 grant of a tax exemption applicable to swamp lands, paid for either before or after repeal with scrip issued before the repeal, impaired a contract of the state with holders of such scrip (Art. I, § 10).

37. *Cummings v. Missouri*, 71 U.S. (4 Wall.) 277 (1867).

Missouri constitutional provisions that required clergymen, as a prerequisite to the practice of their profession, to take an oath that they had never been guilty of hostility to the United States, or of certain other acts that were lawful when committed, was void as a bill of attainder and as an *ex post facto* law.

Justices concurring: Wayne, Grier, Nelson, Clifford, Field
Justices dissenting: Swayne, Davis, Miller

38. *Von Hoffman v. Quincy*, 71 U.S. (4 Wall.) 535 (1867).

An Illinois law limiting taxing powers granted to a municipality under a prior law authorizing it to issue bonds and amortize the same by levy of taxes impaired the obligation of contract under Art. I, § 10.