

Disputed elections.

47. Until the Parliament otherwise provides, any question respecting the qualification of a senator or of a member of the House of Representatives, or respecting a vacancy in either House of the Parliament, and any question of a disputed election to either House, shall be determined by the House in which the question arises.

Allowance to members.

48. Until the Parliament otherwise provides, each senator and each member of the House of Representatives shall receive an allowance of four hundred pounds a year, to be reckoned from the day on which he takes his seat.

Privileges, &c., of Houses.

49. The powers, privileges, and immunities of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, and of the members and the Committees of each House, shall be such as are declared by the Parliament, and until declared shall be those of the Commons House of Parliament of the United Kingdom, and of its members and Committees, at the establishment of the Commonwealth.

Rules and orders.

50. Each House of the Parliament may make rules and orders with respect to—

- (1.) The mode in which its powers, privileges, and immunities may be exercised and upheld :
- (2.) The order and conduct of its business and proceedings either separately or jointly with the other House.

PART V.—POWERS OF THE PARLIAMENT.

Legislative powers of the Parliament.

51. The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth with respect to—

- (1.) Trade and commerce with other countries, and among the States :
- (2.) Taxation ; but so as not to discriminate between States or parts of States :
- (3.) Bounties on the production or export of goods, but so that such bounties shall be uniform throughout the Commonwealth :
- (4.) Borrowing money on the public credit of the Commonwealth :
- (5.) Postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services :
- (6.) The naval and military defence of the Commonwealth and of the several States, and the control of the forces to execute and maintain the laws of the Commonwealth :
- (7.) Lighthouses, lightships, beacons, and buoys :
- (8.) Astronomical and meteorological observations :
- (9.) Quarantine :
- (10.) Fisheries in Australian waters beyond territorial limits :
- (11.) Census and statistics :
- (12.) Currency, coinage, and legal tender :
- (13.) Banking, other than State banking ; also State banking extending beyond the limits of the State concerned, the incorporation of banks, and the issue of paper money :
- (14.) Insurance other than State Insurance ; also State Insurance extending beyond the limits of the State concerned :
- (15.) Weights and measures :
- (16.) Bills of exchange and promissory notes :
- (17.) Bankruptcy and insolvency :
- (18.) Copyrights, patents of inventions and designs, and trade marks :
- (19.) Naturalisation and aliens :
- (20.) Foreign corporations, and trading or financial corporations formed within the limits of the Commonwealth :
- (21.) Marriage :
- (22.) Divorce and matrimonial causes ; and, in relation thereto, parental rights and the custody and guardianship of infants :
- (23.) Invalid and old-age pensions ;
- (24.) The service and execution throughout the Commonwealth of the civil and criminal process and the judgments of the courts of the States :
- (25.) The recognition throughout the Commonwealth of the laws, the public acts and records, and the judicial proceedings of the States :
- (26.) The people of any race, other than the aboriginal race in any State, for whom it is deemed necessary to make special laws :
- (27.) Immigration and emigration :
- (28.) The influx of criminals :
- (29.) External affairs :
- (30.) The relations of the Commonwealth with the Islands of the Pacific :
- (31.) The acquisition of property on just terms from any State or person for any purpose in respect of which the Parliament has power to make laws :
- (32.) The control of railways with respect to transport for the naval and military purposes of the Commonwealth :
- (33.) The acquisition, with the consent of a State, of any railways of the State on terms arranged between the Commonwealth and the State :
- (34.) Railway construction and extension in any State with the consent of that State :