

16. The Directors shall have the control and management of the financial affairs of the Institution, and no bill against the same shall be paid until it has been certified by the President of the Board or by the Monthly Committee, nor shall any promissory note of the Institution be issued unless the same shall have been so directed by the Board at a stated or special meeting thereof. They shall direct the making of all repairs and improvements in the buildings and on the premises. They shall make or direct to be made purchases of all materials and supplies, including fuel, food, clothing, hospital stores, bedding, furniture, and all other articles necessary for the use of the Institution; provided, that no contract for fuel or such supplies as may be necessary or expedient to enter into a yearly contract for shall be made by them, unless they shall have first given one week's public notice in two or more of the daily papers of Baltimore city, inviting proposals and setting forth the quantity and quality of supplies required, and the time within which proposals for such supplies shall be made, and they shall accept such proposals as may in their opinion under all the circumstances be most advantageous to the Institution.

Directors to control.

Make purchases.

Advertise.

17. The party with whom any contract may be made under the provisions of the foregoing Section shall enter into bond with security approved by the Board of Directors, (and which security shall not be a party or parties in anywise officially connected with the Penitentiary,) in double the amount of the estimated contract, conditioned for the faithful performance thereof, and it shall be the duty of the Directors, at a Board meeting, to rescind any contract as soon as there shall be a failure to comply therewith, and they shall direct at their discretion a suit on said bond for damages sustained by reason of the said non-compliance.

Bond.

87. The Warden shall have the superintendence of the financial and manufacturing operations of the Institution, and it shall be his special duty to see that the Clerk shall make regular and proper entries of the receipts and disbursements thereof.

Warden and clerk.

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.

Approved March 3, 1868.