

CHAP. 225. clerk of said court, shall be good and sufficient evidence thereof in any court in the same manner, and to the same effect as if the original thereof had been produced and proved.

Valuation of
warehouses.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That as soon as the said commissioners shall be duly qualified to act as hereinbefore required, they shall proceed to ascertain and estimate the value of the several Tobacco Warehouses, and the lots attached thereto belonging to the State, and shall return a separate estimate and valuation of each of said lots and Warehouses to the office of the Secretary of State, to be there kept and preserved; *Provided, however*, that said commissioners shall not dispose of any of said Warehouses or any lot or lots wherever said Warehouse or Warehouses are located for a sum less than the estimated value of said Warehouse or Warehouses the lot or lots upon which said Warehouses stand, and the said commissioners shall be required to sell the same at public auction, after having first given public notice of at least ten days previous to said sale; *Provided*, the sum bid shall equal or exceed the estimated value.

Provisos.

Authorised
to purchase
lot and con-
tract for the
erection of a
warehouse on
branch of the
Patapsco
river.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall have power to contract for the purchase or leasing of a lot or contiguous lots of ground fronting and binding on navigable water of sufficient depth to admit the access of vessels drawing twenty feet of water when loaded, and on the northwest branch of the Patapsco river, and of sufficient number of feet both in front and in depth to admit of the building thereupon of a warehouse or warehouses competent to receive for inspection and storage all the tobacco which in the judgment of said commissioners will be on hand for inspection and storage in the city of Baltimore at any one time, and they shall also have power to contract for the building of the said warehouse or warehouses, with all the screws, weights and appurtenances necessary for the prompt and convenient inspection of tobacco; *Provided, however*, that the said commissioners shall not enter into any contract as hereinbefore provided, until and unless they shall first have ascertained that the proceeds of the lots and warehouses now owned by the State, will be sufficient to defray the whole cost of the new warehouse or warehouses authorised to be built by this act, and

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