

given one week's public notice in all the daily papers in the city of Baltimore, inviting proposals, and setting forth the quantity and quality of the provisions required, and the time within which all proposals for said supply shall be made, and he shall accept such proposals as may in his opinion, under all circumstances, be most advantageous to the institution.

17. The party with whom any contract may be made, shall enter into bond, with security approved by the warden, and not connected with the prison in any way whatever, in double the amount of the estimated contract, conditioned for the faithful performance thereof, and it shall be the duty of the warden to rescind any contract as soon as there shall be a failure to comply therewith, and the directors may direct a suit on said bond for damages sustained by reason of the said non-compliance.

18. The directors may enter into such contracts for the employment of the convicts in the penitentiary, and for the sale of the manufactures in the institution, as they may deem proper; and may employ such agent or agents for the purchase of articles or goods wanted by the institution, and allow the agents so employed such compensation as the directors may deem right and proper.

19. All expenses of the said penitentiary shall be defrayed out of the funds thereof, and no demand shall be made upon the State for that purpose, except for such sums as may be payable by law.

20. The directors, or any two of them, may, at the end of every quarter of the fiscal year, draw on the Treasurer of the State for the sum of two thousand dollars, to be expended by them towards payment of the salaries of the officers of the institution.

21. They shall, within thirty days after the end of each fiscal year of the institution, transmit to the Comptroller of the State an accurate detailed statement of all its receipts and disbursements during the year immediately preceding, including the receipts from the treasury; and if there be any surplus in the receipts over the expenditures, shall pay the same over to the Treasurer of the State.

22. They shall, at the time of making their annual report to the Executive, as required in the next succeeding section, transmit