

15. After the purchase of any grounds and improvements by the said Commissioners as authorized and provided in the fourteenth section of this chapter, they, the said Commissioners, are hereby authorized and directed to make, or cause to be made, such alterations and improvements upon the buildings already upon such grounds, and to erect or cause to be erected such additional building or buildings, and improvements thereon, as in their judgment may be necessary for the purposes of this Act; *Provided*, the entire cost of the erection or adaptation and alteration of such buildings and improvements, including the purchase of the grounds and improvements thereon, and the furnishing said buildings, shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the sum of eighty thousand dollars, appropriated in this Act.

16. The said Commissioners before entering into any contract for the construction or erection of such improvements or alterations as they may deem necessary, upon said premises, shall invite sealed proposals for said work upon specifications furnished by publication, in at least two of the daily papers of Baltimore City, for at least ten days before hand, and said sealed proposals shall be opened upon a day and at an hour specified in said publication, in the presence of all such interested parties as may wish to be present; and the contract for such improvements or alterations, shall be awarded by them to the lowest responsible bidder; *Provided*, that the party or parties entering into said contract, shall first give and execute to the said Commissioners a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury, for twice the amount of said contract conditioned for the faithful performance of the work, and that a sum equal to not less than twenty per cent. of the whole cost of said alterations and improvements shall be retained by the Treasurer from the amount to be paid, under said contract, for the erection and final completion of the same until their acceptance and approval by the said Commissioners.

The question on the adoption of the amendment was determined in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Compton,  
Claggett,  
Dennis,

Earle,  
Steiner,  
Wilson—6.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Blake,  
Carroll,  
Downs,  
Fields,  
Jump,  
Longwell,

Miller,  
Sellman,  
Spencer,  
Tuck,  
Williams—11.