

completed, which said time shall not be more than twelve months from the date of awarding the contract as herein provided; and said advertisement shall name the day and hour at which proposals for said work will be opened; at which time the said commissioners or a majority of them shall open the proposals for the completion of the work mentioned in this section, in the presence of any persons who may desire to attend; and they shall award the contract therefor to the lowest competent and responsible bidder, who shall within ten days' from that time give bond to the county commissioners of Baltimore county in double the amount of the contract price of said work, with at least two good sureties conditioned for the faithful performance and completion of the work within the time designated; and in case there is no bid for said work, or in case the party to whom the contract was awarded, shall fail, neglect, or refuse to give bond within ten days', the county commissioners may in their discretion advertise again for proposals for said work, in the manner above-mentioned; and the county commissioners shall retain at least twenty-five per cent., or more if they deem it advisable, of the amount claimed, from time to time, for work done by the contractor as a further security for the faithful performance and completion of said work.

Shall award the contract.

Retain

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the said contractor shall return plats of the survey or surveys, location or locations of the above-mentioned work, with proper explanation, to said commissioners of Baltimore county, within thirty days after the completion of the same, and of such part thereof as he may be required and directed to do, from time to time, by said commissioners, and whenever and as often as they shall think proper and desirable, to be by them filed and recorded in a book kept for that purpose, and preserved as other records of their office; provided, however, before the report and return of said contractor, or any part thereof, shall be ratified and confirmed by said commissioners, and before any street, avenue or alley, located and returned by him, or any grade by him established, shall be ratified, confirmed and established by said commissioners, and before any such street, avenue or alley shall be recorded as a street, avenue or al-

Return plats

Proviso.