

stock, and may for that purpose, purchase in the name and on behalf of the state, such additional extent of grounds as the public wants may, in his judgment, require; and may, if he deems it expedient, sell or exchange for the benefit of the state, such portions of the ground now belonging to the state, and purchase for said purpose; *provided*, that no such sale or purchase shall be valid or effectual, unless and until the same shall have been approved by the governor and comptroller; nor shall the purchase money, in case of such purchase, or any part thereof, be paid until the governor and comptroller shall be satisfied as to the sufficiency of the title or titles of the vendor or vendors, and shall sign a certificate to that effect, to be filed in the office of the comptroller; and in case of any such purchase, the purchase money therefor, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon the execution and delivery of a conveyance therefor; and in case of such sale the purchase money therefore shall be paid to the comptroller; and upon such payment the comptroller, on behalf of the state, shall, in the name of the state, execute and deliver a deed therefor to the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

How purchases shall be made.

Proceedings in cases of tort, trespass, &c.

476. In case any tort, trespass, or other wrong shall be done by any person or persons, whatever, to any of the property belonging to the state, and composing parcel of, or appertaining to said state cattle scales, it shall be the duty of the weighmaster to sue for the same in the name of the state, as plaintiff, in the superior court of Baltimore city, or in the court of common pleas of Baltimore city, or before any justice of the peace of Baltimore, as the case may be; and no plea shall be received on behalf of any defendant to the jurisdiction of said court, either on the ground that the locality of the tort, trespass, or other wrong was in Baltimore county, or that the residence of said defendant was in some part of the state, other than Baltimore city.