

said directors, in the name of the State, for the use of the said penitentiary, before any justice of the peace or court having jurisdiction, as debts are collected.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 73, sec. 15. 1837, ch 320, sec. 12. 1845, ch. 83, sec. 2.

403. No person having any official connection with the said institution shall be directly or indirectly concerned or interested in any contract, purchase or sale of anything, for, by or on account of the said prison, nor shall he sell to or purchase from the said prison, or its authorities, any article whatever; and any person so offending shall be immediately dismissed from his employment, and on conviction, be subject to a fine of five hundred dollars, to be recovered as other fines are; and the said directors and other officers are hereby required to make report to the board of directors, of all such offences coming to their knowledge, and a failure or neglect shall be considered as a breach of duty, and punishable under the preceding section; but the directors may authorize the payment, in whole or in part, of the salaries and dues of the several officers and others officially connected with the institution, in the goods, work or manufactures of the penitentiary.

Ibid. sec. 16. 1832, ch. 209. 1837, ch. 320, sec. 24. 1868, ch. 97.

404. The directors shall have the control and management of the financial affairs of the institution, and no bill against the same shall be paid until it has been certified by the president of the board or by the monthly committee; nor shall any promissory note of the institution be issued unless the same shall have been so directed by the board at a stated or special meeting thereof. They shall direct the making of all repairs and improvements on the buildings and on the premises. They shall make, or direct to be made, purchases of all materials and supplies, including fuel, food, clothing, hospital stores, bedding, furniture, and all other articles necessary for the use of the institution; provided, that no contract for fuel or such supplies as may be necessary or expedient to enter into a yearly contract for shall be made by them, unless they shall have first given one week's public notice in two or more of the daily papers of Baltimore city, inviting proposals and setting forth the quantity and