

quality of supplies required, and the time within which proposals for such supplies shall be made, and they shall accept such proposals as in their opinion, under all the circumstances, may be most advantageous to the institution.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 73, sec. 17. 1837, ch. 320, sec. 24.

**405.** The party with whom any contract may be made under the provisions of the foregoing section shall enter into bond with security approved by the board of directors, (and which security shall not be a party or parties in anywise officially connected with the penitentiary,) in double the amount of the estimated contract, conditioned for the faithful performance thereof; and it shall be the duty of the directors, at a board meeting, to rescind any contract as soon as there shall be a failure to comply therewith, and they shall direct at their discretion a suit on said bond for damages sustained by reason of the said non-compliance.

1870, ch 141.

**406.** 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, but shall not enter into any contract for the making or manufacturing of the articles known as tin cans, used for oyster and fruit packing purposes, nor employ any convicts in the making thereof; the directors may, however, employ an 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.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 73, sec. 19. 1837, ch. 320, sec. 16.

**407.** 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.

Ibid. sec. 20. 1852, ch. 151, secs. 1, 3.

**408.** 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.