

**SEC. 5.** *And be it further enacted,* That said building committee shall adopt a plan and specification for said buildings and the necessary furniture therefor, and may **Power to contract for buildings.** contract for the same, having first invited sealed proposals by advertisement or otherwise, and contract or contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, who shall give good and sufficient bond to the county commissioners, to be approved by the said building committee, for the faithful performance of said contract or contracts, and the said building committee are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of such material of the present court house and jail as may not be required in erecting the building aforesaid, and also sell and dispose of the present court house and jail lots and convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and the proceeds of said sale shall be part of the fund for erecting the buildings at La Plata.

**SEC. 6.** *And be it further enacted,* That said buildings shall be completed on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, unless said committee, **Buildings—when to be completed.** shall otherwise determine, and when so completed and accepted by the building committee then the public records, archives, offices, and court for the county shall be removed to La Plata and occupy respective quarters allotted to them; provided that until said buildings are completed and ready for occupancy, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to provide proper accommodations for the holding of the courts and transaction of public business, either in Port Tobacco or La Plata.

**SEC. 7.** *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of raising funds necessary for the building of the said Court House and Jail, furnishing the same, purchasing a site or sites therefor, if necessary and enclosing the same, the **Authority to issue bonds** County Commissioners of Charles County are hereby authorized to issue coupon bonds of said county to be denominated Court House bonds, not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, and in sums of not less than one hundred dollars from time to time as the same may be required the said bonds to be signed by the said County Commissioners, countersigned and registered by the clerk to bear interest at the rate of not more than five per cent. per annum, said interest to be payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July respectively, and not be sold for less than the par value, thereof, the principal of said bonds to be payable in thirty years, with the right to the County Commissioners to redeem them whole or in part, at any time after ten years, the said bonds also to be exempted from all taxes, and the coupon therein when due, to be received by