

highest price or prices shall in their judgment be insufficient they shall have power and it shall be their duty to reject said bid or bids.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall not apply to the stocks of the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company now held by the State of Maryland and amounting to the sum of five hundred and fifty thousand dollars. What not to apply to.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if after advertising as provided in the preceding section for sealed proposals, no such sealed proposals shall be submitted, or if as authorized in said section, they shall reject all of said proposals, they shall be authorized to sell and transfer the State's interest in any or all works of internal improvement and any or all banking corporations at private sale upon the best terms and highest prices which they can obtain therefor. And in making said public or private sale or sales, they shall be authorized to employ such agents to assist them in making said sales to the best advantage as they shall deem necessary to secure the most advantageous sale or sales of the State's said interest, and to pay said agent or agents so employed such compensation for their services as shall be mutually agreed on, such compensation to be paid only out of the proceeds of sales and not otherwise. Private sale—when allowed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses which shall be incurred by the Board of Public Works in carrying this act into effect. Appropriation.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 4th, 1892.

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## CHAPTER 311.

AN ACT in relation to the sentences of convict minors.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That minors under the age of sixteen years upon conviction of any offense punishable by imprisonment may in the discretion of the court or justice of the peace, instead of imprisonment in the place provided for in case of offenders generally, be sentenced to imprisonment in any house of Sentence of convict minors