

notes issued by said Commission to finance the purchase of park lands in that portion of the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District lying within Montgomery County from the proceeds of the tax or taxes therein directed to be levied and collected for that purpose. In like manner, the limitation on indebtedness contained in Section VII of said Chapter 1008 of the Laws of Maryland of 1943 is hereby increased from \$1,200,000 to \$2,000,000, such increase in limitation also to embrace and be applicable to any refunding bonds authorized by said Section VII which said Commission may issue from time to time hereafter with respect to the acquisition of park lands in that portion of the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District lying within Montgomery County.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, that any contract or commitment hereafter entered into by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission with the United States of America or with any bureau or agency thereof, or with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, pursuant to the authority of Chapter 1008 of the Laws of Maryland of 1943, or any amendment of a pre-existing contract or commitment shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations insofar as any such contract or commitment may have reference to obtaining the advances authorized by sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 1 of the Act of Congress of the United States known as Public Law No. 284 of the 71st Congress, as amended, for the purpose of acquiring park lands in that part of the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District lying within Montgomery County. Any such contract or commitment with respect to the acquisition of park lands within Montgomery County, so entered into by the Commission prior to the year 1947, pursuant to any Act of the General Assembly of Maryland enacted prior thereto, is hereby validated and approved and declared to be binding, in accordance with its terms, upon the State of Maryland, said Commission and upon the County Commissioners of Montgomery County. In the event however, said Commission shall desire to amend any such contract or commitment, with respect to the acquisition of park lands within Montgomery County, (other than supplementary agreements hereinafter mentioned having reference to the acquisition of particular units of park land comprising portions of a general park plan theretofore approved by the County Commissioners of Montgomery County), such amendment shall not be binding upon the State of Maryland, said Commission or upon the County Commissioners of Montgomery County until the same shall have been ratified and approved by the County Commissioners of Montgomery County. In the event said Commis-