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said court-house and jail erected, and selecting a site therefor at La Plata; and in case of the death or refusal to act, or resignation of any one or more of them, the judges of the Circuit Court, or a majority of them, shall fill the vacancy or vacancies; the members of said committee shall serve without pay; a majority of them shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and shall be necessary for the decision of all questions arising in the discharge of their duties; and said committee shall, as speedily as may be, procure a site or sites for the erection of said buildings, by gift, purchase or condemnation for and in the name of the county commissioners of said county, and if proceedings by way of condemnation are necessary, they shall be instituted by said building committee in the name of the county commissioners for Charles county, and the proceedings shall be in pursuance of article forty of the Revised Code of Maryland, sub-title "Condemnation of property by Corporations," so far as the provisions of the same may be applicable hereunto; provided the Circuit Court for Charles county may confirm the inquisition taken in pursuance of the provisions of said article on such notice as shall be fixed by an order passed on said inquisition of not less than ten nor more than thirty days after the passage of said order.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That said building committee shall adopt a plan and specifications for said buildings and the necessary furniture therefor, and may contract for the same, having first invited sealed proposals by advertisement or otherwise; and said 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 materials of the present court-house and jail as may not be required in erecting the buildings aforesaid, and also to sell and dispose of the present court-house lot and convey the same to the purchasers thereof, and proceeds of said sale shall be part of the fund for erecting the buildings at La Plata.