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Said building to
be arranged in
small cells
Treasurer autho-
rised to borrow
money

3. *And be it enacted*, That the said building shall, except the basement story, be arranged in small cells, in which the convicts shall be confined separately at night, or whenever it may be necessary.

4. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of defraying the expense of erecting the said building, the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorised, on or before the first day of January next, to borrow, on the credit of the state, at a rate of interest not exceeding five *per cent.* a sum of money not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, on the best terms on which the same can be obtained, either from individuals, or any of the chartered banks of this state, which loan shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the state after the expiration of fifteen years, provided that the said treasurer shall advertise in such newspapers, as he shall think expedient, proposals for said loan, at least thirty days previous to contracting for the same.

Premiums may be
invested

5. *And be it enacted*, That any premium which the said treasurer may receive on said loan, shall be by him invested in the most profitable fund, and shall form a sinking fund for the redemption of said loan; and the directors of the penitentiary are hereby required to pay out of the nett profits of the institution, to the treasurer of the western shore, quarterly, such sum of money as shall be equivalent to the quarterly interest of the stock to be created in virtue of this act, and annually the sum of fifteen hundred dollars out of the said profits, which last mentioned sum shall be added to the sinking fund aforesaid, and be invested, together with all interest accruing from said investments, and the whole amount, thus invested and accumulated, shall remain specifically appropriated to the final redemption of the stock and debt aforesaid.

State to provide
payment of interest

6. *And be it enacted*, That the state of Maryland shall provide such funds as may be deemed advisable for the quarterly payment of the interest on said stock and for the redemption of the same.

Directors may in-
stitute suits, &c.

7. *And be it enacted*, That the directors of the penitentiary shall have power to institute any suit or suits, in the name of the state of Maryland, for their use, for any sums of money due to them for any articles sold or furnished by them, or any of their agents; for any injury done to the property or effects belonging to the said institution, or for the breach of any contract made with the said directors, in their capacity as such, by any officer or servant of said penitentiary, and to prosecute such suits to judgment and execution.

Sections of former
act repealed

8. *And be it enacted*, That the second, third, fourth, and fifth sections, of the act passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-five, chapter ninety-three, be and the same are hereby repealed; and hereafter all free negroes or mulattoes, shall be sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary, for the same term, and under the same circumstances, as other criminals are sentenced for the like offences.

Directors to pay
free negroes dis-
charged, a sum of
money

9. *And be it enacted*, That after the termination of confinement in the penitentiary, either by the expiration of the term, or by pardon by the executive, of any free negro or mulatto, the directors are authorised and directed to pay him or her, out