

posals shall be sent in sealed envelopes addressed to said Mayor and City Council, and by them shall be publicly opened on the day named in said advertisement; said proposals shall set forth the amount of money for which the parties proposing will construct such works according to the plans and specifications submitted, and the time or times at which payment therefor shall be made, and the time when said water works and sewerage system, or water works separately, as the case may be, will be completed; and the said Mayor and City Council may reject any and all bids, or award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder therefor in their discretion, requiring any accepted bidder to give bond in such penalty as said Mayor and City Council shall determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract entered into; and the said Mayor and City Council may receive bids and contract in manner aforesaid for water works and a sewerage system separately, if deemed by them to the advantage of the city to do so, or they may erect water works without a sewerage system.

Contract
entered into.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That if for any reason the Mayor and City Council shall deem it impracticable to build and erect water works and a sewerage system for said city, as heretofore in this Act provided, or should they deem it unadvisable for the erection and building of said water works and sewerage system to be undertaken at the expense of said city, the Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to allow the erection of such works and system, or water works without a sewerage system, in said city by any person or corporation, and to enter into a contract with such person or corporation for the use by the city of such water works and sewerage system or water works alone.

Repeal.

SEC. 24. *And be it enacted*, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Effective.

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 9, 1898.

CHAPTER 529.

AN ACT to incorporate the "Home Trust Company of Maryland."

SECTION 1. *And be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Alfred E. Booth, Samuel B. Sexton, Jr., George R. Willis, Francis T. Homer and Jacob Klein, and the