determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract entered into, and no partial or final payment shall be made to the contractor until and unless the work already done, as far as it is done, shall be strictly in accordance with the specifications and plans signed and accepted by the contractor, and be accepted by said Commission.

SEC. 11. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect Effective. from the date of its passage.

Approved April 9, 1898.

CHAPTER 151.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to appropriate annually a sum of . money to pay for the conduct and management of Saint Martha's Episcopal House, in the city of Baltimore.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be anthorized and empowered to appropriate annually the sum of Appropriative hundred dollars to pay for the conduct and management of tion. Saint Martha's Episcopal House, in the city of Baltimore.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect Effective. from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1898.

CHAPTER 152.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Baltimore County," under the new sub-title "Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes," to be numbered section 14 A, and to follow section 14.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Baltimore New section County," under the new sub-title "Bills of Exchange and added. Promissory Notes," to follow section 14 and to be numbered 14 A, and to read as follows:

14 A. It shall be lawful for banks and bankers in Baltimore county to close their doors for business at twelve o'clock noon on each and every Saturday in the year; after twelve o'clock Hours of clos-noon shall be a legal half-holiday, so far as regards the pre-Saturday. esenting for payments or acceptance, and the protesting and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank