

sum of money not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars, to purchase said tract of land and to erect a suitable public school house thereon.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That after the levy has provided for in the foregoing section shall have been made, it shall be the duty of the Board of School Commissioners for said county to advertise for two successive weeks in some newspaper published in said county for sealed proposals for the building of said school house according to plans and specifications furnished, and upon the day named in said advertisement they shall publicly open said bids and shall award the contract to the lowest bidder, who shall be required to give a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of such contract, and that said public school house shall be completed and ready for occupancy on or before the first day of September, 1898.

Advertise in paper.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 7, 1898.

CHAPTER 197.

AN ACT to amend charter of the Montgomery Power Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That sections 7 and 12 of chapter 308 of the Acts of 1896, an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Montgomery Power Company," be and the same are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in lieu of section seven, repealed by the foregoing section of this Act, the said company shall be required to commence the construction of its works on or before the first day of December, 1898, and shall so far complete its works within five years therefrom as to be able to supply electric current to the citizens of Montgomery county, otherwise the powers, privileges and franchises hereby granted shall be forfeited.

When to commence work.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted*, That in lieu of section 12, repealed by the first section of this Act, no powers conferred upon said company by its original charter or by this Act shall be enjoyed or used to injure the corporate rights and vested properties of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and the said Montgomery Power Company, so far as it may be able to do, without injuring the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal as a waterway may, having first received the consent of the Board of

Powers conferred not to injure the corporate rights etc.