

after public notice of at least three weeks in such newspapers as the said County Commissioners shall select of the letting of the said contract; and each bidder shall file with his said bid a bond to the said County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county in the penalty of double the amount of his bid, conditioned for the execution of a contract, with good and sufficient securities, for the building of the said jail, sheriff's residence and stable, in accordance with the specifications furnished by the said County Commissioners; provided, that the said jail, sheriff's residence and stable and the furnishing and equipping of the said jail when completed shall not cost exceeding twenty thousand dollars; and provided, further, that when built, the said jail, sheriff's residence and stable shall be under the control and superintendence of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of paying for the construction of said jail, sheriff's residence and stable and the furnishing and equipping of said jail, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to borrow on the credit of said county such sum or sums of money as may be necessary, not exceeding in all the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and to issue bonds or coupon bonds therefor in sums of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, to be signed by the president of the said Board of County Commissioners, to be attested by the clerk of said Board of County Commissioners, and to have the corporate seal of said County Commissioners affixed thereto, bearing interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and the first day of July in each and every year thereafter and until the same are paid.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in negotiating the sale of said bonds the said County Commissioners shall first give not less than three weeks' notice by advertisement in one or more newspapers printed and published in Queen Anne's county; also by advertisement once a week for three successive weeks in one or more newspapers printed and published in Baltimore city, inviting proposals in writing for the purchase of said bonds, to be opened on a day certain, and the same shall be disposed of to the highest bidder for cash at not less than the par value and accrued interest thereof; but the said County Commissioners shall have the power to offer any or all of said bonds at one time, or to offer them or any of them at such times as they shall deem necessary for the purpose herein provided; and shall have power to refuse and reject any and all bids, and to re-offer the same bonds, or any part thereof, as