

to sell or otherwise dispose of, personal property, whenever such purchase or acquisition, sale or disposal, may be appropriate to the needs of said institutions, or either of them, or to the discharge of any of the official duties of said Board; the said Board shall not borrow any money that may be needed for the maintenance of said institutions, without the consent first obtained of the Board of Public Works; and the said Board shall not execute or make any mortgage or deed of trust, of any property, real or personal, held by the said Board.

The State Board of Prison Control shall have power to make any and all contracts, appropriate to the needs of said institutions, or either of them, or to the discharge of any of the official duties of said Board.

630. The said Board shall establish and maintain a system of labor for prisoners to supersede the present system of contract labor in the Maryland Penitentiary and the Maryland House of Correction, as soon as it shall deem the same expedient and proper, and in case said Board does not establish such a system of labor before the convening of the General Assembly of 1918, then the Board shall report to such General Assembly the result of the investigation of the subject, and any recommendations which it may deem desirable to make thereon. The said Board shall have power and authority to place prisoners at labor upon State works whenever in the judgment of said Board the same shall be expedient and proper, upon such terms as to it shall seem wise. The said Board is hereby directed to provide, whenever in its judgment the same may be expedient, such form of labor as will offer an opportunity to prisoners to earn a surplus over the cost of their maintenance to the State, and said Board shall further provide in its discretion for the payment of any surplus so earned, to the prisoner earning the same, or to such person or persons as he may direct.

631. The said Board shall have the control and management of the financial affairs of the said institutions, and no bill against any of said institutions shall be paid until it has been approved by said Board and certified by the Chairman. The said Board shall make or direct to be made all purchases of supplies, including fuel, food, clothing, hospital stores, bedding, furniture and all other articles necessary for the use of said institutions or any of them; provided, that no contract for yearly supplies shall be made by them unless they shall have first given one week's public notice in some one of the daily papers of Balti-