

the said commissioners shall have power either to sell the said lots and warehouses now owned by the State, or any part thereof, and to apply the proceeds or any part thereof to the erection of a new warehouse or warehouses, or to dispose of them in exchange for the lot or lots hereby authorised to be purchased, and for the erection of the warehouse or warehouses hereby authorised to be built, as in the opinion of said commissioners may be most advantageous and economical; *Provided*, that the said commissioners before they proceed to purchase sites for said warehouses and before they proceed to enter into contracts for erecting said warehouses, they shall open proposals for the purchase of said sites and the erection of said warehouses setting forth the number of contiguous lots together with the warehouses to be built thereon, and all the necessary specifications relating thereto, as also the day when said proposals shall be opened, and the contract or contracts awarded and the said contract or contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder for the erection of said warehouses, and the lowest offer per foot for the fee simple title to said lots upon which said warehouses may be erected.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said warehouse or warehouses shall be fire-proof, built upon the most approved plan, and in the most substantial manner, and in case the said commissioners shall determine to build more than one, they shall be erected upon adjoining lots, so that the inspection of all the tobacco inspected in the city of Baltimore may be conducted under the supervision of all inspectors, instead of separately and in different warehouses, as by the existing law and practice.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said commissioners to require all persons contracting with them for the erection of the said warehouse or warehouses, or for any part thereof, to give bond to the State, in penalties fixed by them, and with sureties to be by them approved, conditioned for the faithful performance of said contract or contracts according to the terms thereof, which bond or bonds shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Superior court for Baltimore city, and a copy thereof, under the seal of said court, shall be as good and sufficient evidence thereof in any court, as if the original thereof had been produced and proved.

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