

extent of its admissibility in the new cells, so as to be able to report to the Governor annually the effects thereof upon the convicts, as a reformatory and punitive confinement, and also upon the financial and manufacturing operations of the penitentiary, for the purpose of affording a comparative estimate of the merits of the two great systems of punishment now in use in the United States.

Sec. 23. And be it enacted, That the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary shall have power to institute any suit or suits, in the name of the State, for their use, as fully as if the said directors were a body corporate, for any sums of money due the institution—for any injury done to the property or effects of the said institution, or for the breach of any contract made with the said directors, in their official capacity; or on the official bonds of any officer who shall commit a breach thereof, and to prosecute said suits to judgment and execution—Provided that the lien and preference incident to suits and claims of the State of Maryland, shall not be considered to attach to the claims and suits of the said penitentiary.

Sec. 24. And be it enacted, That any money, bank notes, or chattel property employed, use or attempted to be used or introduced within or about the buildings, yards, or enclosure of the said penitentiary, for the purpose of rescuing or procuring the release of any convict confined in the said penitentiary, shall be forfeited thereby to the use of the State, and the Directors may and shall take possession thereof, and appropriate the same by sale or otherwise to the use of the penitentiary, and they may prosecute, in the name of the State, any suit or suits that may be necessary for the recovery or forfeiture of such money, bank notes, or property.

Sec. 25. And be it enacted, That no contract for the supply or victualling of the penitentiary, shall be made by the Agents, unless they shall first have given one week's public notice in all the daily papers in the city of Baltimore, inviting proposals and setting forth the quantity and quality of the provisions required, and the time within which all proposals for said supply shall be made, and they shall accept such proposals as may in their opinion, under all circumstances, be most advantageous to the institution. And the party with whom any contract may be made, shall enter into bond with security, approved by the agents, and not connected with the prison in any way whatever, in double the amount of the estimated contract, conditioned for the faithful performance thereof, and it shall be the duty of the said agents to rescind any contract as soon as there shall be a failure to comply therewith, and the directors may direct a suit on said bond for damages sustained by reason of the said noncompliance, as hereinbefore mentioned in the twenty-third section of this act.

Sec. 26. And be it enacted, That the following rules and regulations shall be observed at the said penitentiary, and the same may be altered or modified, and new ones adopted, as provided in the first article thereof.