and in all work in or about streams, bays or water fronts, or in or about embankments, or other works for protection against overflow, and in furnishing any supplies or materials for the same, when the expenditure required for the same exceeds the sum of one hundred dollars the same shall be done by contract and shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, after due notice, under such regulations as may be prescribed by ordinance: Provided, That the council may reject all bids presented and re-advertise in their discretion or if in the judgment of the council such work can be performed or supplies or materials furnished by the city independent of contract cheaper than under the lowest bid submitted, it may cause such work to be performed or supplies or materials to be furnished independent of contract.

Passed the House February 5, 1903.
Passed the Senate February 24, 1903.
Approved by the Governor March 4, 1903.

CHAPTER 32.
[H. B. No. 404.]
PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL GROUND FOR SCHOOL FOR DEFECTIVE YOUTH.

AN ACT to provide for the purchase of additional land adjoining the grounds upon which is located the main building of the School for Defective Youth and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That there be and is hereby appropriated out of the general fund in the State Treasury the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purchase of forty acres, more or less, of land adjoining the grounds upon which is located the main building of the School for Defective Youth.

SEC. 2. The State Board of Control is hereby author-
ized and empowered to negotiate and purchase said tract of land in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Passed the House February 25, 1903.
Passed the Senate February 26, 1903.
Approved by the Governor March 5, 1903.

CHAPTER 33.

[H. B. No. 62.]

PROVIDING FOR AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS.

AN ACT providing for the appointment and qualification of an Assistant Commissioner of Public Lands, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That the Commissioner of Public Lands may appoint an assistant who shall act as chief clerk in his office, and such assistant shall have power to perform any act or duty relating to the office of Commissioner of Public Lands that the Commissioner has, and, in case of vacancy by death or resignation of the Commissioner of Public Lands, said assistant shall perform the duties of said office until the vacancy is filled. Such assistant shall subscribe, take and file the oath of office provided by law for other state officers before entering upon the performance of his duties. The principal shall be responsible under his official bond for all of the official acts of the assistant, and may revoke such appointment at his pleasure, and may require his assistant to give him a bond in such sum as the principal may determine, which bond shall be made, executed, approved and filed as other state official bonds.

Sec. 2. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 19, 1903.
Passed the Senate February 27, 1903.
Approved by the Governor, March 5, 1903.