

from beef-cattle, and calves, slaughtered in the city of Baltimore, and purchased therein.

To examine for holes. **SEC. 6.** *And be it enacted,* That in such inspection it shall be the duty of the inspector, to carefully examine each side of every hide, and each calf-skin, and ascertain whether the same is injured or damaged, by reason of any holes, cuts, slashes, or wounds, it may have received in the process of skinning, or from any other cause; he shall provide proper stamps, and legibly stamp the butt of each side of every hide, and each skin, inspected with the letter or figures G. 1, 2, or 3, and so on, as the judgment of the inspector shall dictate, and as the same shall, upon such inspection, appear to be more or less injured, or not injured at all.

Provide stamps. Stamp directed.

Qualities defined.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That those sides and skins which, upon inspection, shall be found free from injury, shall be stamped 'G.' and be taken for good, merchantable and prime; those injured from the cause aforesaid, five cents, shall be stamped '1;' those injured ten cents '2;' those injured fifteen cents '3;' and so on, increasing the number of the stamp one, for every additional five cents of injury which the side or skin may have sustained, which sum thus indicated by the number of the stamp, shall be deducted by the purchaser from the value of the side or skin so stamped, had the same been good, prime and merchantable.

Deputy inspector.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That the inspector shall appoint, not exceeding two, deputies, who may perform all the duties, and shall be subject to all the liabilities created, and take the oath prescribed, by this act.

Fees for inspecting.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted,* That the said inspector shall receive for inspecting each hide, four cents, and for each calf-skin, two cents, and no more, to be paid by the purchasers of hides and skins.

Notification required.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of all purchasers of hides and calf-skins, subject to inspection by this act, to notify the inspector, of the place at which such hides and skins will be collected by him from the butchers, and where he must attend to inspect the same.

Labels containing the name of butcher.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted,* That each purchaser of hides and skins, subject to inspection, shall provide himself with a number of labels, containing the name of the butcher from whom he may purchase, which shall be firmly fastened to each hide and skin at the time it is received from the butcher, and remain so fastened until the same is inspected, and an account of the inspection thereof taken; and if any person shall wilfully remove, obliterate or destroy any such label so attached as aforesaid, with intent to defraud the seller, any butcher or other person, he shall, on conviction, be deemed guilty of a

Penalty for removing, &c.