

in the name of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, the one-half thereof to the said mayor and city council of Baltimore, for the use of the city, and the other half thereof to the use of the informer.

A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT, entitled, an Act to fix and regulate the Quality of Silver Plate Manufactured and Sold, or offered for Sale, in the City of Baltimore, and for other purposes.—1814, ch. 106.

Assayer may mark any silver vessel, &c. brought to him.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the assayer appointed under the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, to assay, mark or stamp, any silver vessel or vessels, plate or manufacture of silver whatsoever, over the weight of five pennyweights, which shall be brought to him to be assayed, marked or stamped, within ten days after the passage of this act; *Provided,* that the maker or owner thereof shall produce to the assayer aforesaid, a certificate, under oath, duly administered, specifying the weight of each article, and the number thereof, and that the said silver vessel or vessels, plate or manufacture of silver, was or were manufactured in the city of Baltimore, or precincts thereof, previous to the first day of August, eighteen hundred and fourteen; *And provided also,* that the said silver vessel or vessels, plate or manufacture of silver, shall be respectively stamped with the initials of the name of the worker or maker thereof.

Provisos.

Number of stamp to correspond with weight

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the stamp which shall be used by the assayer for the marking or stamping of the silver vessel or vessels, plate, or manufacture of silver as aforesaid, shall be numbers corresponding with the number of ounces, pennyweights and grains, of pure silver, contained in such articles to every pound troy.

Silver vessels, &c. so marked, may be sold

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the silver vessel or vessels, plate or manufacture of silver, so assayed, marked or stamped, may be sold, exchanged, or offered or exposed to sale or exchange, in the city and precincts of Baltimore, any thing contained in the act to which this is a supplement, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Assayer's fees.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the assayer aforesaid shall be entitled to ask, demand and receive, for his own use, of and from the person or persons whose property is required to be assayed and marked, or stamped as aforesaid, the same compensation as is provided for by the sixth section of the act to which this is a supplement.

Penalty for counterfeiting stamps.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That if any person whatsoever, from and after the passage of this act, shall cast, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be cast, forged or counterfeited, the stamps or marks directed to be used in pursuance of this