

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 22, sec. 154.

**290.** All others who shall assist in preserving any ship or other vessel in distress, when employed or summoned by the wreckmaster, for such service shall be paid two dollars a piece for each day he shall be engaged.

Ibid. sec. 155.

**291.** In default of such payment, the vessel or goods shall remain in the custody of the wreckmaster until all charges are paid, or security given for the same, to the satisfaction of the parties.

Ibid. sec. 156.

**292.** If no person shall claim the goods saved, he shall take possession thereof, and cause a true description of the marks, numbers, and kinds of such goods to be advertised four weeks in Baltimore and Philadelphia newspapers.

Ibid. sec. 157.

**293.** He shall, if the goods be perishable, sell the same forthwith, but if not, he shall retain them three months, and if no person shall within that time claim them he shall sell them at public sale, and after deducting all charges, shall pay the balance to the treasurer of Maryland, who shall keep an account of the same for the benefit of the owners or insurers, who, upon proof of their property to the satisfaction of the comptroller, shall, upon his warrant, receive the same.

Ibid. sec. 158.

**294.** If any person besides those empowered by the wreckmaster shall enter, or endeavor to enter on board any vessel in distress, without the leave of the commanding officer, or if any person shall molest him or them in saving the vessel or goods, or shall endeavor to hinder the saving of such vessel or goods, or shall deface the marks of any such goods before they are taken down in a book by the wreckmaster, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be recovered by the owner of the vessel or goods in any court of record in this State; and in case of failure to pay such forfeiture immediately, or to give security to pay the same within one month, he shall receive not exceeding thirty-nine lashes on his bare back, by order of such court.