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by this act, and before they shall enter upon the duties of their appointment, they shall each give bond to the levy court of the county for which they, or any of them may be appointed, in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of all the duties appertaining to their office.

All weights  
and measures  
to be annually  
inspected and  
branded—

3. *And be it enacted,* That all weights and measures used within the several counties of this state, in the vending of articles, shall be inspected and stamped or branded by the said standard-keeper for the county, under a penalty, not exceeding twenty dollars, to be paid by the person or persons owning or using the same; and when adjusted, shall be by the standard-keepers branded, marked or stamped with the letters, M. S. meaning thereby, Maryland Standard, in such manner, and on such parts of the said weights and measures as in their judgment shall be most lasting and affectual in preventing and detecting fraudulent practices or impositions in the use of such weights or measures, and the like inspection shall be repeated once in every year, and the branding or stamping renewed when necessary, and such weights and measures so examined and branded or stamped as aforesaid, and no other shall be used within this state in the vending of such articles as are directed by law to be, or are usually sold by weight or measure, under a penalty, not exceeding twenty dollars; and all articles sold within this state, and usually sold by weight or measure, or by law directed so to be, shall be sold by weight or measure aforesaid, as the case may be, under a penalty, not exceeding twenty dollars.

Penalty for  
altering.

4. *And be it enacted,* That if any weight or measure which shall have been branded or stamped agreeably to the provisions of this act, shall be broken, injured, altered or changed, or condemned by the standard keeper, and found thereafter in the use of any person within this state, every such person shall forfeit and pay twenty dollars for each and ever such offence.

Scale beams.

5. *And be it enacted,* That all scale-beams used in the vending of articles in this state, shall be inspected and stamped by the keeper of the standards of weights, as weights are directed to be stamped, and any person using scale-beams in this state, not stamped as herein directed, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for each and every offence.

Keeper to attend—advertisement required—register.

6. *And be it enacted,* That the keepers of the standards of weights and measures shall attend at the different markets, towns and villages, in the county for which they may be respectively appointed, at least once in each and every year, and at the different public inspecting warehouses in each and every county, for which they may be respectively appointed, at least twice in each and every year, on some certain days to be appointed by the respective Levy courts, of which days, public notice shall be given by advertisements inserted in some one or more newspapers in the county in which there may be such paper or papers printed, and also by advertisements set up at some conspicuous place in the said markets, warehouses, villages and towns, and