

in manner aforesaid, on the first Mondays in — and — annually, and if any person so appointed, not having a reasonable excuse, to be approved of by the said mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore, shall refuse to serve in the said office, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of — dollars, to be recovered by action of debt, as debts of like nature are recoverable by the laws of this state, to be applied towards defraying the annual expences of said institution.

XXXIX. **And be it enacted,** That the said inspectors, seven of whom shall be a quorum, shall meet once in three months, in an apartment to be provided for that purpose in the said gaol, and may be specially convened by the two acting inspectors when occasion shall require, and they shall, at their first meeting, appoint two of their members to be acting inspectors, who shall continue for such time as shall be directed by the said inspectors, or a majority of them, when met together; and the acting inspectors shall attend at the said gaol at least once in each week, and shall examine into and inspect the management of the said gaol, and the conduct of the said keeper and his deputies, so far as respects the said offenders employed at hard labour under the directions of this act, and shall do and perform the several matters and things herein before directed by them to be performed.

XL. **And be it enacted,** That the board of inspectors appointed in pursuance of this act, at their quarterly or other meeting, shall make such further orders, rules and regulations, for the government of all convicts confined in said gaol and penitentiary-house, and for the purpose of carrying this act into execution, (not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state,) as shall be approved of by the mayor and two judges of the criminal court of Baltimore city, and to prescribe the allowance of all such convicts, ascertaining the quantity by weight and measure, and not by piece, and all such orders, rules and regulations, shall be hung up in at least six of the most conspicuous places in the said gaol.

XLI. **And be it enacted,** That it shall be lawful for the board of inspectors aforesaid, on the first day of — annually, to appoint a suitable person to be keeper of the said gaol and penitentiary-house, who shall be liable to be removed by said board when occasion may require, in which case another shall, from time to time, be appointed in like manner, who shall receive, as a full compensation for his services, and in lieu of all fees and gratuities by reason or under colour of the said office, so much *per annum* as the said board of inspectors, at the time of such appointment, shall direct, to be paid, in quarterly payments, by orders drawn on the treasurer of the western shore by the said board; and such keeper shall have power, with the approbation of the said board, to appoint a suitable number of deputies and assistants, and such reasonable allowances as the said board shall think just, which allowances shall be paid quarterly, in like manner; and before