File No. 2703 Continued.

OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore. March 22,1905.

A. J. Sugar, Baq.,

Inspector of Weights and Measures, 1202 Jackson Street,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 22nd inst. In my opinion scales or platforms "used to buy goods", to adopt your expression, are not required by law to be inspected and stamped. The law is concerned that the seller shall not cheat the buyer; it is not concerned as to whether the buyer cheats himself or not. As I understand it, such scales or platforms are used by buyers merely for the purpose of checking the accuracy of weights that they are asked to accept by sellers.

I am also of the opinion that bakers' seales used for weighing dough are not required by law to be inspected and stamped. Neither the size nor the weight of a loaf of bread is fixed by law in this City, therefore it seems to me that the interests of buyers, which is what the law has at heart, is not involved in the use of such scales at all. They are used, as I understand it, merely for the convenience of the bakers themselves.

Truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,

City Solicitor.

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