

his executing the said Office to make Oath (or Affirmation) if a Quaker before a Justice of the Peace, that he will without Fear, Affection, Malice, Partiality or Respect of Persons diligently & carefully view examine inspect cull garble & count all Staves Heading & Shingles brought to & offered for Sale within the North West Branch of Patapsco River, & which he shall be called upon to view examine inspect cull garble & Count to the best of his Skill & Knowledge & according to the Directions of this Act & that he will not wittingly or willingly charge ask take receive exact or Demand any other or larger Fees or Rates for doing his Duty in his said Office of Inspector or Culler, Garbler & Counter of Staves Heading & Shingles than is mentioned & directed by this Act.

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And Whereas it is represented that Advantages are taken by the Sellers of Wood, in short Measuring & Cording the same to the great Prejudice of the Inhabitants of the said Town.

Be it therefore further enacted that from & after the first Day of December next all Fire Wood brought to & offered for Sale in the said Town whether by Land or Water shall be set up corded & measured by some Wood Corder for that Purpose as aforesaid appointed, & that each & every Cord of Wood shall be eight Feet in Length, four feet in Breadth four Feet in Height & well stowed & packed & that the said Wood Corder for his Trouble in Cording & Packing the same shall have & receive the Sum of four Pence Current Money for each & every Cord, the one half thereof to be paid by the Seller the other Half by the Person purchasing the same.

[Fire-wood brought to said Town to be Corded by a Wood Corder appointed for that Purpose.]

[His Allowance.]

And be it further enacted that if any Person shall purchase & buy any Fire Wood brought to the said Town & shall neglect or refuse to have the same corded & measured by some Wood Corder appointed as aforesaid such Person shall forfeit & pay the Sum of five Shillings Current Money for each & every Cord so purchased & bought & which he shall refuse or neglect to have corded as aforesaid or shall refuse or omit to request one or other of the said Corders to cord, pursuant to this Act.

[Persons neglecting to have their Wood Corded, to forfeit 5 s. Currency for each Cord.]

And be it further enacted that the said Wood Corders & each of them so as aforesaid to be appointed shall & they & each of them are hereby required on his or their Appointment & before his or their executing the said Office, to make Oath (or Affirmation if a Quaker) before a Justice of the Peace that he will when required in a just & impartial Manner, well & truly set up, pack, cord & measure all Fire Wood, brought for Sale to the Town of Baltimore according to the best of his Skill & Knowledge & the Directions of this Act, & that he will not wittingly or willingly charge ask take receive exact or Demand any other or larger Fees or Rates for doing his Duty in his said Office of Wood Corder than is mentioned & directed by this Act; a Minute of the Choice of which said several Officers of Inspector of Flour, Measures of Grain Salt & Flax Seed, Cullers or Garblers &

[Oath of Office required.]

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[A Minute of Choice of the several Officers to be entered among the Proceedings]