

barrel staves to be twenty-eight inches in length, and the heads to be seventeen inches between the chines, and to contain not less than twenty-nine nor more than thirty-one gallons; and the barrels, half barrels and tierces, shall be made in a good and workman-like manner, so as to hold pickle, the tierces to hold not less than forty-five gallons, and the half barrels not less than fifteen gallons; *Provided however*, that nothing contained in this act shall extend to fish packed in kegs of less than ten gallons.

Proviso.

Inspector to be appointed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the council, appoint and commission, for the city of Baltimore, a person of integrity, skilful in the goodness, quality, and well-curing of salted fish; and it shall and may be lawful for said inspector, with the approbation of the mayor of the city of Baltimore, to appoint a deputy, who shall have the same power, and be allowed the same fees, as the said inspector, and who shall hold his appointment during the pleasure of the principal inspector, removable nevertheless by the mayor aforesaid for any misconduct in office.

By 1821, ch. 221, the power of appointment was transferred to the corporation. By 1826, ch. 137, it was re-invested in the State Executive. Two additional inspectors are to be appointed by 1835, ch. 348. The power of substituting a deputy is abolished by 1821, ch. 221.

SEC. 3. Repealed by 1826, ch. 137.

To see that fish have been well struck with salt, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said inspector, or his deputy, shall see that all fish, offered for inspection, shall have been well struck with salt or pickle in the first instance, and preserved sweet and free from rust, taint or damage; and all such fish as are or may be cured as aforesaid, and of a good and fat quality, with sweet pickle in the barrels, and sufficient salt to preserve them, shall be branded herrings (or other fish as the case may be,) No. 1; those which are not as good, though sound and free from taint, shall be branded No. 2; and such as are not sound or very materially tainted and damaged, shall be condemned and marked with a broad arrow on the bilge of the barrel, half barrel or tierce, as the case may be.

By ch. 170, the inspectors and their deputies are to brand their names, and the name of the place on each barrel of fish by them inspected, and keep an account, &c. See 1818, ch. 99.

Owners of fish to report to inspectors.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That when any fish are or shall be brought to the city of Baltimore, the owners or importers, or their agents, shall within forty-eight hours after the landing of the same, deliver to the inspector, or his deputy, a written report, containing the number and kinds of casks of fish, and the place or places where they may be deposited, so that the same may be inspected, under the penalty of one dollar for each and every cask imported and neglected to be reported as aforesaid.