

inspected, packed and branded, according to the directions of this act;* and the certificate shall express the number of barrels half barrels and tierces thus shipped, the kind and quality of the fish they contain, with the name of the master or owner, and the name of the vessel in which such fish are received for exportation;† and every such master or owner shall take and subscribe the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before the officer authorized as aforesaid; 'I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, the certificate hereunto annexed contains the whole quantity of pickled and barrelled fish on board the —, — master, and that no fish is shipped on board said vessel for the ship's company, or on freight or cargo, but what is inspected and branded according to the law of this state; so help me God.'

* By ch. 170, this provision is not to extend to persons sending fish from the fisheries in Potomac to Virginia or the District of Columbia.

† By 1818, ch. 99, one cent and an half to be paid by the master or owner for every barrel, half barrel, or tierce of fish, mentioned in the certificate.

Penalty for
so doing.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That if any master of a vessel or other person, shall put or receive on board any vessel, or other carriage of conveyance, to transport the same from this state, any pickled or salted fish, packed in casks which are not inspected and branded in manner by this act prescribed, he, she or they, on conviction, shall forfeit and pay not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, for each and every barrel, half barrel or tierce, of such uninspected fish.

Inspectors
not to
purchase
fish except
for family
use.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the said inspector, or his deputy, shall not purchase directly or indirectly, any salted fish by them, or either of them respectively condemned, or any fish whatever other than for their family's use; nor shall they, or either of them, directly or indirectly, be concerned in making, vending or furnishing, any cask or casks, for the purpose of packing, re-packing, or curing any fish brought to, packed in, or exported from, the city or port of Baltimore; nor shall they, or either of them, be concerned in the cooperage of any cask containing fish that shall be inspected in said city; nor shall they, or either of them, vend or furnish any salt for the curing or salting any fish that are or shall be inspected in the city of Baltimore, under the penalty of forfeiting and paying for every offence five dollars.

Penalty for
erasing
stamp, &c.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall alter, erase or deface, the mark or brand of the inspector upon any barrel, half barrel or tierce, or shall mark or brand any barrel, half barrel or tierce of fish, which hath not been inspected, with any mark or brand similar to, or in imitation of, the inspector's mark or brand, or after the said inspector shall have