

misdemeanor, and punished by fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the court before whom the conviction was had.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That if any butcher or other person, shall sell or otherwise dispose of any hide or skin, liable to inspection under this act, with intent to evade or prevent the inspection thereof, or if any person shall purchase in the city of Baltimore, any hide or skin, liable to inspection, and which shall not have been inspected; and shall not within forty-eight hours after such purchase, cause the same to be inspected and stamped according to this act, every person offending against either of the provisions aforesaid, shall forfeit double the value of each hide or skin so sold, disposed of, or purchased, to be sued for and recovered, with costs of suit, in any court having cognizance thereof, in the name and for the use of the person prosecuting therefor.

Penalty for selling without inspection, &c.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the inspector, created by this act, to make and subscribe a report to the legislature of this state, on the first Monday in January of each year, which report shall set forth the number of hides and skins, inspected by him for the year preceding, the amount paid to the deputies and assistants, and the amount of fees by him received for inspection, which report shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of such inspector.

Inspector to report to the legislature annually.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall be in force after the first day of March next.

To commence.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, on or before the first day of April next, and on or before the first day of April, annually thereafter, to appoint three arbitrators, one of whom shall be a butcher, one a tanner, and one a dealer in leather, who or a majority of them shall have power, and whose duty it shall be immediately to decide upon the justice or injustice of any decision to be made by any inspector appointed by virtue of this act, and the decision of such arbitrators or a majority of them, shall be conclusive on the subject; *Provided*, that no person making such appeal shall be considered as having incurred any of the penalties of this act, until the decision against him shall have been made as aforesaid, by such arbitrators.

Three arbitrators for appeals.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That every such arbitrator, when appointed, shall before he enters upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, before some person authorized to administer the same; I do solemnly swear or affirm, (as the case may be,) that I will faithfully, truly, and impartially, according to the best of my judgment and ability, execute and perform the duties of the office of an arbitrator of inspection of green hides and skins in the city of

Oath of arbitrator.