

owner, seller or butcher of the same, to the agent or collector, and the amount of inspection of all hides and skins free from damage, shall be paid by the tanner or purchaser, and that it be the duty of the inspector to make his account out monthly to the collector.

LEATHER.

AN ACT for the Inspection of Sole Leather, and Rough Harness, and Rough Skirting Leather, in the City of Baltimore.—1831, ch. 103.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Appoint-
ment of
inspectors.
That the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, shall, after the passage of this act, and before the first day of April next, and in every year thereafter, appoint two persons of integrity, and of experience and skill, in regard to the various qualities of sole leather, to be inspector of sole leather and rough harness and skirting leather, or any other rough leather, in the city of Baltimore, neither of whom shall be either directly, or indirectly, for himself, or any other person concerned in tanning or currying, or in any wise concerned in any dealing or trafficking in leather of any kind.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* Their oath.
That every such inspector, 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 inspector of sole leather, and rough harness and rough skirting leather, in the city of Baltimore; which oath, when taken and reduced to writing, shall be lodged in the office of the clerk of Baltimore county court, to be by him recorded, at the expense or charge of the inspector.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* Their
duties.
That it shall be the duty of every such inspector, to provide himself with such and so many proper scales, weights and stamps as may be required in the performance of the duties of his office, both by himself and any deputy or deputies which he may, under the provisions herein after contained, from time to time appoint: and that it shall be his duty, when required thereto, to go himself, or to send some deputy appointed in virtue of this act, to inspect any sole leather, rough harness or rough skirting leather, within the city of Baltimore, and the manner of inspection shall be as follows, viz: each side of leather shall be accurately weighed, and the weight thereof shall be stamped or branded thereon, in plain, Manner of
inspection.
strong and legible figures, expressing the number of pounds and quarter pounds, (if any,) and the quality of each side, shall also be stamped or branded thereon, in plain, strong, and legible