

letters, according to the following criteria or distinctions, that is to say, if the side is of good quality of hide and of the best manufacture, there shall be stamped or branded upon it the word best: if the side be of good quality of hide, and of good manufacture, the word good: if the side is of good quality of hide; but of bad manufacture, the word bad: and if the side is damaged, the word damaged. There shall also be stamped or branded on each side inspected, the surname of the inspector, and the word Baltimore.

Good quality.

Bad.

Damaged.

Unmerch-
antable.

Penalty for
wrong
marking.

For wrong
weighing.

Appoint-
ment of
deputy
inspectors;
duties; re-
sponsibili-
ties; oath.

Penalty for
delay in
inspecting.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any such inspector shall refuse to inspect any leather which is unmerchably damp, but, in all cases in which any side or sides of leather so inspected, shall fall short of the inspection weight marked thereon, equal to five per cent. such inspector shall be liable to the owner of the same, in an action of debt, with costs, before any justice of the peace, for all such deficiency, and in all cases in which any side or sides of leather, being merchantably dry, shall exceed the inspection weight marked thereon, equal to five per cent. such inspector shall be liable to the tanner of the same, in a like action, recoverable in like manner, for all such overplus or excess.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That in case any such inspector shall, at any time, by reason of sickness, or other cause, be unable, personally, to attend to the duties of his office, or in case the quantity of leather required to be inspected by him, shall, at any time, be greater than he can inspect without aid, then, in either case, he may and shall appoint one or more deputy inspectors, to act in his stead, or in his aid, in the performance of the duties of his office, which deputies shall be paid by the inspector appointing them, and shall be accountable to him for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office, and the inspector appointing them, shall be responsible for their acts in the same manner as he would be, if done or committed by himself personally, which said deputy or deputies shall take and subscribe, the same oath or affirmation, as is required of the inspector, which oath or affirmation, when reduced to writing, shall also be lodged in the office of the clerk of Baltimore county, and recorded at the expense of the inspector.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That if any such inspector shall omit or delay to inspect or cause to be inspected any parcel of leather required by this act to be inspected, for a time exceeding twenty-four hours after he shall have been requested to inspect the same, he shall forfeit and pay to the owner of such parcel of leather ten cents an hour upon each and every side of leather therein contained, for so many hours as he shall omit or delay to inspect the same, over and above the said term of twenty-four