

may be, before some person authorized to administer the same, viz: 'I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will faithfully, truly and impartially, according to the best of my judgment, skill and understanding, execute, do and perform the office and duty of an inspector of lumber, according to the true intent and meaning of the laws of this state, relative to the same; so help me God.'

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all planks, boards or scantling, not exceeding eight inches square, that are sound, shall be measured by the rule of board measure, except boards under three-fourths of an inch thick, which shall be measured on the surface, and marked and deemed merchantable; and all timber above eight inches square, to be measured, if required by the seller; all unsound, worm-eaten, irregular sawed boards, plank or scantling, all wind-shaken boards and plank shall be deemed of inferior quality, and shall be condemned and marked with a round O and cross made thereon, the rotten parts shall not be included; all shingles shall be, in the opinion of the inspectors, of sufficient thickness, sound cypress or cedar wood, free from rot, splits or twists, of good merchantable quality; and all laths for plastering shall be put up and packed in bundles of one hundred each, and be of the following dimensions, to wit: All laths for plastering shall not be less than four feet in length, and not less than three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness, and not less than one inch wide, inspected, if required by the seller or purchaser.

Rules and regulations to be observed by them.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That no inspector of lumber shall appoint any deputy to purchase any lumber, except for his own use, nor sell any lumber whatsoever, on pain of forfeiting his office.

Not to buy or sell lumber.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said inspectors shall be entitled to receive as a compensation for inspecting all boards, plank and scantling, at the rate of forty cents for every thousand feet board measure, except in the city of Baltimore they shall be entitled to receive only thirty cents for every thousand feet board measure; and for inspecting all shingles, they shall be entitled to receive twenty cents for each and every thousand; and for all laths ten cents for each and every thousand, so in proportion for a greater or less quantity, the one-half to be paid by the buyer, and the other half by the seller.

Their compensation.

SEC. 6. Merged in 1817, ch. 141, sec. 1.

A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT, entitled, an Act to regulate the Inspection of Lumber.—1817, ch. 141.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That no person shall act as inspector of lumber except those commissioned by the governor and council, under the penalty

Penalty for acting as inspector unless ap-