

pointed by
governor
and council.
Proviso.

of five hundred dollars, one-half to the informer, the other half to the state, to be collected as other fines and forfeitures are collected in this state; *Provided always*, that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to extend to any person or persons who shall, by consent of the buyer and seller, measure any boards, plank, scantling, or other lumber, in the river Susquehanna, or within five miles of the mouth thereof.

Persons
conceiving
themselves
aggrieved
may complain
to
mayor.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any person or persons, thinking themselves aggrieved by the measurement of any inspector of lumber, may lodge their complaint to the mayor of the city of Baltimore, or any magistrate in the said city, who shall issue their warrant, directed to two of the inspectors of lumber, not concerned in the measurement of the lumber complained of, and before they enter upon the execution of their warrant, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may be: 'We, A and B, do solemnly, truly, and sincerely swear, that we will without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, execute the warrant directed to us, to the best of our skill and judgment; so help us God;' then proceed and re-measure the said lumber, and make their return to the mayor or magistrate, which shall be conclusive; and provided the judgment of the inspector complained of be reversed, he shall forfeit and pay to the complainant not exceeding twenty dollars at the discretion of the mayor or justice of the peace and all costs; if the judgment should be affirmed, the complainant shall pay all costs, to be collected as other small debts are collected in this state.

Modified by 1821, ch. 100, sec. 2.

White
boards and
plank to be
designated
in three
qualities.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, all white pine boards, or plank, shall be marked and designated by the inspectors into three qualities, as follows: those which are unmerchantable shall be marked and designated as cullings, as is directed by the act to which this is a supplement, the first quality shall not contain more than one inch of sap on each edge, on any one board or plank measuring twelve feet board measure, and so in proportion for any one board or plank of a greater or less size, or three feet of straight split, or three knots of not more than an inch diameter in any one board or plank, and shall be marked with its contents in board measure; all other boards or plank which are merchantable, and not of first quality, shall besides the mark of its contents, contain the figure two, to designate its second quality.

Penalty on
persons
altering
marks.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall alter any mark made by any inspector of lumber, either as it may regard the contents of the board, plank or scantling, or as it may regard the qualities that may be designated by the inspectors, with an intent to defraud or deceive any person or persons, he, she or they, shall for every offence forfeit and pay