

measurement, or if any person or persons shall knowingly purchase and receive any fire-wood brought by water to the city of Baltimore, which hath not been corded, measured and passed, by one of the inspectors and wood-corders aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay two dollars for every cord, and so in proportion for any less quantity of wood so sold and delivered by him or them, to be recovered by warrant, in the name of the informer, one-half for the use of the informer, and the other half for the benefit of the city of Baltimore, before a justice of the peace, in the same manner as other small debts are recovered under the act,\* entitled, an act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned; *Provided always*, that in case any person may think himself aggrieved by the measurement of an inspector and wood-corder, he may appeal to the mayor of the city of Baltimore, and the mayor shall, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint one or more of the other inspectors and wood-corders to examine into the cause of complaint, and it shall be the duty of said inspectors and corders, so appointed by the mayor, to attend for that purpose, and their decision shall be final.

\* 1791, ch. 63.

Proviso.

Modified, as regards appeals, by 1829, ch. 85, and 1832, ch. 300.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all fire-wood brought by water to the city of Baltimore for sale, shall be at least four feet in length, including one-half of the kerf, and not less than two inches in diameter at the small end, and shall be set up, packed and corded, under the direction of one of the inspectors and wood-corders, and shall be measured, and every cord of wood shall be eight feet in length, four feet in breadth, and four feet in height, well stowed and packed, and where the wood to be measured exceeds or falls short of four feet in length, including half the kerf, the cord of wood shall be proportionably increased or diminished, so as to make the quantity of each cord of wood as nearly equal as possible.

Length of wood, &c.

Modified by 1838, ch. 93, as to the size.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the corporation of the city of Baltimore shall not have power to appoint inspectors and wood-corders of the city of Baltimore; and all persons acting under any authority given them by said corporation, shall cease to act from and after the first day of March next; every person so offending, shall forfeit and pay a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars, one-half to be paid to the informer, and the other half to the state.

Corporation to have no power to appoint inspectors, &c.