

WARDENS.

AN ACT appointing Wardens for the Port of Baltimore Town, in Baltimore County.—APRIL, 1783, ch. 24.

To take an oath, &c. . SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That before the said wardens take upon themselves the office of wardens, each and every of them shall take an oath or affirmation, that he will well and faithfully, to the best of his skill, understanding and judgment, perform, do, execute and discharge, the office and duty of a warden, according to the directions of this act; which qualification any justice of the peace is hereby authorized and enjoined to administer.

Wharfs not to be made, &c. SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That no wharf or wharfs shall be run out, made, altered, enlarged or extended, from and after the publication hereof, so as to divert the course of the channel, obstruct the harbour or basin, or to the injury of the same; and that no person or persons shall make, alter or extend, a wharf or wharfs, from and after the publication hereof, without laying before the said wardens a plan of his or their intended wharf or wharfs, and without consent first obtained, under the seal of the board, to carry the same into effect; and in case any person or persons shall make, alter or extend, a wharf or wharfs, without such permission, it shall and may be lawful for the said wardens to recover, by warrant, before a magistrate, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, as in cases of debts not exceeding five pounds, and forthwith to cause the same to be demolished; *Provided*, that this act is not meant to extend to the demolition or removal of wharfs already made, built and extended.

Basin to be cleansed, &c. SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That said wardens shall and may cause the basin and harbour, or such part or parts thereof as to them shall seem meet, as soon as enabled to carry the same into effect, to be cleansed, scoured, cleared and ballasted, and all obstructions and annoyances in and upon the said basin, harbour and river, whether from vessels sunk or any other cause, to be removed; and, towards defraying the charges and costs thereof, to impose on every vessel entering or clearing at said port one penny per ton; which sum is to be collected and paid to the naval officer for said port, which officer is to draw the same commission upon said collection as on collections made for the state; and the naval officer is hereby enjoined to collect and receive the rate aforesaid, and to pay the same from time to time, deducting the commission aforesaid, or four times each year, to said wardens; said rate to continue till a sufficient sum shall be raised for defraying the expense aforesaid; and in case of refusal, it shall and may be lawful for the said wardens to recover the same before a magistrate, as in cases of debt not exceeding five pounds.