

arriving at the said port of Baltimore, of sixty ton or more, a sum of money not exceeding two cents per ton, to be appropriated and applied by the said board of wardens to carry into effect the rules and regulations which they may, from time to time make, respecting the harbour and port of Baltimore.

Part of
two acts
repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the act of assembly, entitled, an act appointing wardens for the port of Baltimore town, in Baltimore county, which empowers the said board of wardens to assess and levy a duty of one penny per ton on every vessel entering or clearing at the said port; and also so much of another act of assembly, entitled, a supplement to the act, entitled an act appointing wardens for the port of Baltimore town, in Baltimore county, which empowers the board of wardens to assess, levy and collect, on every vessel arriving at the said port of Baltimore, except pilot boats, and vessels not coming from sea belonging to citizens of this state, a sum not exceeding two-pence current money per ton, be, and are hereby repealed.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. *Provided always,* That this act of assembly shall not operate and take effect until the same be ratified and confirmed by an act of the congress of the United States.

Congress have assented to this act for limited times by sundry acts, one of which, yet in force, contains the following proviso:

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall authorize the demand of a duty on tonnage on vessels propelled by steam, employed in the transportation of passengers.

By 1796, ch. 68, sec. 9, the powers of the port wardens are vested in the mayor and city council.

WHARFINGERS.

AN ACT to appoint State Wharfingers in the City of Baltimore, and to authorize the Collection of Wharfage in certain cases in the said City. 1827, ch. 162.

Appoint-
ment
authorized.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, by and with the advice and consent of the council, to appoint annually one or more persons of integrity, competent to discharge the duties of wharfingers in the city of Baltimore, whose duty it shall be to collect wharfage in the manner herein after mentioned and prescribed.

Bond and
oath of
office.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That before any person or persons so appointed shall proceed to act, he shall enter into bond to the state of Maryland in the penalty of five thousand dollars, current money, with two securities, to be approved by the governor and council, conditioned for the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of state wharfinger in the city of Baltimore, according to law; and he shall also take an oath or affirmation before some justice of the peace of this state, to be