

vessel in distress, or by the merchant whose vessel or goods shall be saved, and in default thereof the vessel or goods shall remain in the custody of the wreck-master until all charges be paid, or security given for that purpose, to the satisfaction of the parties; and in case the parties shall disagree, touching the moneys deserved by the persons employed, it shall be lawful for the commander of such vessel saved, or the owner, supercargo or factor of the goods or merchandise saved, to call on either of the associate justices of the said county, giving the parties interested at least five days' notice of the time and place, for determining the quantum of salvage or compensation to be paid, who is hereby authorized to determine the same in a summary way, and whose judgment and determination shall be conclusive; and if the amount of such salvage so to be adjudged be not paid within thirty days thereafter, the wreck-master is hereby authorized to sell any of the goods, wares, merchandise, or articles saved to the amount of the judgment, so determined by the associate justice, from whose judgment or decision an appeal shall lie to the chief justice of the district, by any person or persons who shall or may consider him or themselves aggrieved by such determination of the associate justice, whose duty it shall be to determine the same within thirty days after such appeal, and if no appeal shall be made within ten days after such determination and decision of the associate justice aforesaid, such determination and decision shall be final and conclusive; and if no person shall claim the goods saved, the wreck-master shall take possession thereof, and cause a true description of the marks, numbers and kinds of such goods, to be advertised four weeks in the Easton, Baltimore and Philadelphia newspapers; and if no person shall claim the same within three months, public sale shall be made thereof by the said wreck-master, (but if perishable the goods shall be forthwith sold,) and after charges deducted, the residue of the money, with an account of the whole, shall be transmitted to the treasurer, who shall keep an account of the same for the benefit of the owners or insurers, who, upon proof of his, her or their property, to the satisfaction of the auditor, shall, upon his warrant, receive the same; if any person, besides those empowered by the wreck-master, shall enter or endeavour to enter on board any vessel in distress, without the leave of the commanding officer, or in case any person shall molest him or them in saving the vessel or goods, or shall endeavour to hinder the saving such vessel or goods, or shall deface the marks of any such goods before they be taken down in a book by the wreck-master, every person shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds, to be recovered, with costs, by action of debt in any court of record within this state, and applied to the use of the

A wreck-master to be appointed, &c.