

71. The person so appointed shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take the following oath: I, A. B., do swear that I will, so long as I continue assayer, well and faithfully behave myself in said office, and justly and impartially decide all matters which may be submitted to me as assayer, according to my best judgment and experience, and no undue profit to myself take to the hurting or hinderance of any person, either purchaser or seller, of any article of manufactured silver to be assayed, and will true account make of all acts done by me in virtue of my office of assayer, whenever I shall be required so to do by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, so help me God.

72. He shall enter into bond to the mayor and city council in such sum and with such security as they shall require for the true and faithful performance of the duties imposed upon him by law.

73. No assayer shall be concerned or any wise interested in the manufacturing or sale of silver plate, or manufacture of silver within the city or precincts of Baltimore, under the penalty of the forfeiture of his office and of his official bond.

74. The stamp which shall be used by the assayer for the marking or stamping of silver vessels, plate, or manufacture of silver, shall be numbers corresponding with the number of ounces, pennyweights and grains of pure silver contained in such articles to every pound troy.

75. The said stamp shall be approved by the mayor and city council, and it shall be the duty of the assayer, whenever required by the said mayor and city council, to produce for their inspection the stamp so used by him, and on failure his office shall be vacated or a fine imposed upon him, at their discretion.

76. If any person shall cast, forge or counterfeit, or cause to be cast, forged or counterfeited, the stamps or marks of the assayer, or shall mark or stamp, or cause or procure to be marked or stamped, any wrought plate of silver, or any wares of brass or other base metal silvered over or resembling silver, with any stamp or mark which hath been or shall be forged or counterfeited, in imitation of or to resemble any stamp or mark of said assayer, or shall transpose or remove, or cause or procure to be transposed or removed, from one piece of wrought plate to another, or to any plate of such base metal as aforesaid, any stamp,