

purchaser or purchasers of such ware, plate or manufacture of silver, to apply to the assayer of said city to have the same assayed, and if on assaying the same it shall be found that the said plate, ware or manufacture is less in fineness than eleven ounces in any pound troy, or hath not thereon the numerical figures and the name or names as aforesaid, the person or persons so selling or exchanging, or offering to sell or exchange the same, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for each and every piece or article of such ware, plate or manufacture so sold or exchanged, or offered for sale or exchange.

79. If any purchaser or purchasers of any vessel, plate or other manufacture of silver in said city shall believe that the stamp or mark designating by a numerical figure or figures the fineness thereof, is a false and deceptive mark or stamp, and does not truly designate the fineness thereof, he may apply and complain to the assayer, who shall assay the article and decide and declare the fineness thereof.

80. If the assayer, upon application and complaint as aforesaid, shall decide that the said mark or stamp, designating by a numerical figure or figures the fineness of the silver article in question before him, is a just and true mark, fairly designating the fineness thereof, the purchaser making the complaint shall pay to the assayer ten cents for every ounce of silver plate or manufactured silver assayed.

81. If the assayer shall decide that the mark or stamp designating by a numerical figure or figures the fineness of such silver plate or manufactured silver is a false and deceptive mark or stamp, and does not truly designate the fineness of such article, the seller or manufacturer against whom the application is made shall be fined twenty dollars for each case in which such decision is made by the assayer, and pay to the assayer ten cents for every ounce of silver plate or other manufactured silver so assayed.

82. All fines and penalties incurred for violating the provisions of this article relating to the assaying of silver plate shall be recoverable before a justice of the peace, as small debts are recoverable, in the name of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, the one-half thereof to the said mayor and city council for the use of the city, and the other half for the use of the informer.