

## HARBORS AND HARBOR MASTERS.

263. The mayor and city council may make an exact survey and chart of the basin, harbor and river Patapsco, and may ascertain the depth and course of the channel of the same, and if necessary affix buoys or water marks for facilitating and rendering more safe the navigation thereof.

264. They may cause the basin and harbor, or such parts thereof as they may deem proper, to be cleansed, scoured, cleared and ballasted, and all obstructions and annoyances in and upon the same, whether from vessels sunk or from any other cause, to be removed, and may levy a tonnage duty of two cents per ton on every vessel entering or clearing at said port.

265. They may pass such ordinances as they may deem proper respecting wharves and wharfage, and the keeping of wharves in repair so as to prevent their injuring the harbor or basin, and for preventing vessels from casting filth or ballast into the same, and to prevent filth, earth or soil from being thrown from the wharves or land into the said basin or harbor so as to fill up the same or obstruct the navigation thereof.

266. They may impose fines for the breach of any ordinance passed under the preceding section not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

267. No wharf shall be run out, made, altered, enlarged or extended so as to divert the course of the channel, obstruct the harbor or basin, or to the injury of the same; and no person shall make, alter or extend any wharf without laying before the mayor and city council, or some officer by them for that purpose appointed, a plan of said wharf, and obtaining the consent of the mayor and city council to carry the same into effect.

268. If any person shall violate the provisions of the last preceding section, the mayor and city council may recover, by warrant before a justice of the peace, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, and may forthwith cause the said wharf to be demolished.

269. The harbor master of the port of Baltimore may demand from the captain or commander of every foreign vessel coming