

shall be liable to the owner of the same in an action of debt before any justice of the peace for all such deficiency; and in all cases in which any side or sides of leather being merchantably dry, shall exceed the inspection weight marked thereon, equal to five per cent., such inspector shall be liable to the tanner of the same in a like action, recoverable in like manner, for all such excess.

430. If any licensed inspector shall omit or delay to inspect any parcel of leather he may be requested to inspect, for a time exceeding twenty-four hours after such request, he shall forfeit and pay to the owner of such parcel ten cents an hour upon each and every side of leather therein contained, for so many hours as he shall omit or delay to inspect the same, over and above the said term of twenty-four hours, to be recovered in an action of debt with costs before a justice of the peace.

431. It shall be the duty of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, on or before the first day of April annually, to appoint three arbitrators, two of whom shall be tanners and one of them a currier or dealer in leather, who, or a majority of them, shall decide upon the justice or injustice of any decision to be made by any licensed inspector, and the decision of such arbitrators, or a majority, shall be conclusive on the subject.

432. All appeals to the said arbitrators shall be made within three days after the decision of the inspector.

433. Every arbitrator, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the following oath before some person authorized to administer the same: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully, truly and impartially, according to the best of my judgment and ability, execute and perform the duties of the office of an arbitrator of the inspections of sole leather and rough harness and rough skirting leather in the city of Baltimore;" which oath when taken and subscribed shall be lodged in the office of the register of the said city, to be by him recorded.

434. Each of said arbitrators shall, for every arbitration in which he shall act, receive the sum of one dollar, to be paid by the person or persons making the appeal in case the decision appealed from shall be affirmed, or in case of the reversal of such decision by the inspector making the same.