

his office, both by himself and any deputy which he may, under the provisions hereinafter contained, from time to time appoint; and it shall be his duty, when required thereto, to go himself, or to send some deputy, to inspect any sole leather, rough harness, or rough skirting leather within the city of Frederick; and the manner of inspection shall be as follows, viz.: each side of the leather shall be accurately weighed, and the weight thereof shall be stamped or branded thereon in plain, strong, and legible figures, expressing the number of pounds and quarter pounds, (if any;) and the quality of each side shall also be stamped or branded thereon, in plain, strong, and legible letters, according to the following criteria or distinctions, that is to say: if the side is of good quality of hide, and of the best manufacture, there shall be stamped or branded upon it the word "best;" if the side be of good quality of hide, and of good manufacture, the word "good;" if the side be of good quality of hide, but of bad manufacture, the word "bad;" and if the side is damaged, the word "damaged."

157. There shall also be stamped or branded on each side inspected, the surname of the inspector, and the word "Frederick."

158. Any such inspector shall refuse to inspect any leather which is unmerchantably damp; but, in all cases in which any side of leather, so inspected, shall fall short of the inspection weight marked thereon, equal to five per cent., such inspector shall be liable to the owner of the same, in an action of debt, with costs, before any justice of the peace, for all such deficiency; and in all cases in which any side 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.

159. If any such inspector shall at any time, by reason of sickness, or other cause, be unable personally to attend to the duties of his office, or if the quantity of leather required to be inspected by him shall, at any time, be greater than he can inspect without aid, then, in either case, he may appoint one or more deputy inspectors to act in his stead, or in his aid, in the performance of the duties of his office, which deputies shall be paid by the inspector appointing them, and shall be accountable to him for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office, and the inspector appointing them shall be responsible for their acts in the same manner as he would be if done or committed by