

obstructing vessel to the master or owner of the passing vessel, unless in cases where some unavoidable casualty or accident may make it impracticable to remove said obstructing vessel; and if a vessel, when moving to make room for another, be obstructed by any vessel, the master or owner of such obstructing vessel shall forfeit five dollars for such obstruction, and at the rate of five dollars per hour during the continuance of such obstruction, to be recovered by the master or owner of the passing vessel aforesaid; *provided*, the said harbor master shall have directed said removal; and the harbor master shall receive for said service the sum of five dollars, to be paid by the captain or owner of such vessel causing the difficulty, but nothing herein contained shall give the harbor master any control, except in cases of dispute when called on.

Five dollars per hour.

Compensation

Sec. 196. *And be it enacted*, No vessel shall enter Smith's Dock, Union Dock, or Frederick Street Dock without first ascertaining whether there is a vacant place at the wharf where she can lie, under a penalty of five dollars, to be paid to the harbor master for the use of the city of Baltimore.

Cannot enter unless vacancy

Sec. 197. *And be it enacted*, All vessels which shall be found obstructing the passage of said docks shall remove when requested by the harbor master of the district in such manner as will afford a free and unobstructing passage to any passing vessel, under a penalty of five dollars for refusal to remove, and five dollars per hour for each hour they shall obstruct such passage after due notice shall have been given to the master, owner or person in charge of such obstructing vessel by such harbor master.

Fine for obstructing.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.

Approved April 4, 1870.