

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all planks(a), boards or scantling, not exceeding eight inches square, that are sound, shall be measured by the rule of board measure, except boards under three fourths of an inch thick, which shall be measured on the surface, and marked and deemed merchantable; and all timber above eight inches square, to be measured, if required by the seller; all unsound, worm eaten, irregular sawed boards, plank or scantling, all wind-shaken boards and plank shall be deemed of inferior quality, and shall be condemned and marked with a round O and cross made thereon, the rotten parts shall not be included; all shingles shall be, in the opinion of the inspectors, of sufficient thickness, sound cypress or cedar wood, free from rot, splits or twists, of good merchantable quality; and all laths for plastering shall be put up and packed in bundles of one hundred each, and be of the following dimensions, to wit: All laths for plastering shall not be less than four feet in length, and not less than three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness, and not less than one inch wide, inspected, if required by the seller or purchaser.

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Rules and regulations to be observed by them.

(a) By 1817, ch. 141, all white pine boards or plank, to be marked and designated into three qualities, &c.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no inspector of lumber shall appoint any deputy to purchase any lumber, except for his own use, nor sell any lumber whatsoever, on pain of forfeiting his office.

Not to buy or sell lumber.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said inspectors shall be entitled to receive as a compensation for inspecting all boards, plank and scantling, at the rate of forty cents for every thousand feet board measure, except in the city of Baltimore they shall be entitled to receive only thirty cents for every thousand feet board measure; and for inspecting all shingles, they shall be entitled to receive twenty cents for each and every thousand; and for all laths ten cents for each and every thousand, so in proportion for a greater or less quantity, the one half to be paid by the buyer, and the other half by the seller.

Their compensation.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no body corporate shall have the power to appoint an inspector of lumber; and all persons acting under any authority given them by any body corporate, shall cease to act from and after the first day of March next, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars, one half to be paid to the informer, the other half to the state.

No body corporate to have power to appoint an inspector.

See 1817, ch. 141.

CHAP. LXXI.

An Act for the benefit of John Reardon, of Harford County. Lib. Passed Dec 27.
TH. No. 3, fol. 88. A Private Act.

Validity given to a conveyance made to him by Samuel Durham for lot No. 3, in Belle-Air.

CHAP. LXXII.

An Act to prevent the opening of a Road in Baltimore County. Lib. Passed Dec 27.
TH. No. 3, fol. 89.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly by the petition of John Mackelfresh, of Baltimore county, that an order has lately passed the levy court of Baltimore county, for opening

Preamble.