

poration thereof, the sum of seventy-five dollars each, in lieu of the license fee heretofore received from inspectors by them appointed.

*Note that fish have been well struck with salt, &c.*

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said inspector, or his deputy, shall see that all fish, offered for inspection, shall have been well struck with salt or pickle in the first instance, and preserved sweet and free from rust, taint or damage; and all such fish as are or may be cured as aforesaid, and of a good and fat quality, with sweet pickle in the barrels, and sufficient salt to preserve them, shall be branded herrings (or other fish as the case may be,) No. 1; those which are not as good, though sound and free from taint, shall be branded No. 2; and such as are not sound or very materially tainted and damaged, shall be condemned and marked with a broad arrow on the bilge of the barrel, half barrel or tierce, as the case may be.

*Owners of fish to report to inspector*

By ch. 170, the inspectors and their deputies are to brand their names, and the name of the place on each barrel of fish by them inspected, and keep an account, &c See 1818, ch. 99

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when any fish are or shall be brought to the city of Baltimore, the owners or importers, or their agents, shall within forty-eight hours after the landing of the same, deliver to the inspector, or his deputy, a written report, containing the number and kinds of casks of fish, and the place or places where they may be deposited, so that the same may be inspected, under the penalty of one dollar for each and every cask imported and neglected to be reported as aforesaid.

*Fish of superior quality to be branded with owner's name.*

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when the inspector, or his deputy, shall upon examination adjudge and determine any fish to be of a very superior quality, and the owner or owners thereof shall furnish them with a branding iron, with the first letter of his christian name and surname at full length, or the name of the firm at full length, as the case may be, then and in that case the said inspector, or his deputy, shall add the word prime, to No. 1, and also the brand of the owner as aforesaid, and shall receive the sum of two cents for each cask in addition to the other fees that are hereafter by this law allowed.

*Inspectors to give bond.*

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before the said inspector, or his deputy, shall proceed to act as such, they shall give bond, with two sufficient securities, to the state of Maryland, in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, for the faithful discharge of their duties, which said bond shall be lodged with the clerk of Baltimore county; and they shall also take an oath, or affirmation, faithfully, and without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, to perform their duties as prescribed by law; and any person or persons conceiving himself, herself or themselves, aggrieved by the conduct of either the said inspector, or his deputy, may put the same in suit, in the name of the state, endorsed for their use, and upon trial such judgment shall be had as the justice and merits of the case may require.

*Persons thinking themselves aggrieved may appeal to mayor, &c.*

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall think himself, herself or themselves, aggrieved by the judgment of the said inspector, or his deputy, he, she or they, may at their option sue their bond as aforesaid, or may apply to the mayor of the city of Baltimore, who shall thereupon issue his warrant, directed to three disinterested persons, well skilled in the goodness, quality, and well curing of salted fish, to review and examine the same.