

CHAP. 106.

Manner of inspection.

this act, to inspect any sole leather, rough harness or rough skirting leather, within the city of Baltimore, and the manner of inspection shall be as follows, viz: each side of 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 is of good quality of hide, but of bad manufacture, the word bad: and if the side is damaged, the word damaged. There shall also be stamped or branded on each side inspected, the surname of the inspector, and the word Baltimore.

Good quality.

Bad.
Damage.

Unmerchantable.

Penalty for wrong marking.

For wrong weighing.

Appointment of deputy inspectors—duties—responsibilities—oath.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any such inspector shall refuse to inspect any leather which is unmerchantably damp, but, in all cases in which any side or sides 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 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 overplus or excess.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That in case 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 in case 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 and shall 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 himself personally, which said deputy or deputies shall take and subscribe, the same oath or affirmation, as is required of the inspector, which oath or affirmation, when reduced to writing, shall also be lodged in the office of the clerk of