

such abatement shall be made and verified to the satisfaction of said Mayor and City Council by the oath of the party applying for the same or other satisfactory evidence before the annual closing of said tax list in each year; and said Clerk shall further keep a record of all abatements made by them as aforesaid, and report in writing the aggregate amount thereof during the year to the said Mayor and City Council on or before the first day of December in each year, and said Mayor and City Council are further authorized and empowered for the purpose of inducing manufactories and manufacturing enterprises to locate their works and plant and operate the same in said City, to contract with the owners thereof to exempt for a term of years from all municipal taxation all such property both real and personal as may be actually used, occupied and employed for said manufacturing purposes; provided, that such contract shall not provide for said exemption for a larger period than fifty years, and the said Mayor and City Council are authorized and empowered to ratify and confirm any contract made by the said corporation during the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine with the firm of Faust and Son, to induce them to locate their shoe factory in said City to the same extent to which said Mayor and City Council could under this Section have made a valid binding contract with said firm.

Power Co. v. Havre' de Grace, 102 Md. 38.

1916, ch. 680, sec. 356.

**347.** The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint biennially an inspector of hay, straw and cattle for the scales in said City, and it shall be the duty of said inspector to weigh at said scales all hay, straw, cattle or other commodities there offered to him to be weighed, and he shall be entitled to demand and receive for each and every load of hay or straw weighing thirty hundred pounds and upwards, fifty cents, and for all loads . . . . . less, one and one-half cents per hundred pounds, and a like rate per hundred pounds for all other commodities; the minimum charge to be twenty cents, and which sums so received shall suffice as compensation for holding such office to the extent of three hundred dollars per annum; all sums in excess of said amendment shall be paid in the treasury of the State.

1916, ch. 680, sec. 357.

**348.** All hay and straw except hay and straw in bales with their weight marked on said bales brought into said City for sale and consumption therein, shall be weighed at said scales; and if any person so bringing hay and straw therein, except in bales, shall neglect to have the same weighed at said scales, or shall be detected in having stones, rubbish, wood or anything else concealed in his load, or shall in any manner change the condition of his cart or wagon with a fraudulent intent, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every such offense the sum of five dollars upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, to be recovered in the manner that small debts are now recovered.