

more for sale; the said inspectors before entering upon the duties of these offices shall take the following oath or affirmation, as the case may be, before some person qualified to administer the same; "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully, truly, and impartially, according to the best of my skill, judgment and understanding, execute, do and perform the office and duty of an inspector or corder of wood, according to the true intent and meaning of the laws of this State relative to the same; so help me God."

22. The mayor of the city of Baltimore is hereby authorized and directed at any time after the passage of this law, and before the first Monday in March next ensuing, to divide the city of Baltimore into as many districts for the purposes of this act, as there are wood corders appointed for the said city, making the said districts as nearly equal as may be with regard to the quantity of fire-wood usually landed or deposited therein, at wharves, wood-yards or other places of deposit in the city of Baltimore for the purposes of sale.

23. It shall be the duty of each and every wood corder in the city of Baltimore to repair to the office of the mayor thereof on the first Monday in May next, and every other Monday thereafter, at such hour as the said mayor shall designate; at which time the said mayor shall assign to each wood corder the district in which he shall act during the next two weeks, so that the said wood corders may act in rotation in the said districts, and no wood corder shall serve in the same district for more than two weeks in succession.

24. If any wood corder shall inspect or cord wood in any other district than that to which he may be appointed for the time being by the said mayor, except in the unavoidable absence of another wood corder from his proper district, and with the consent of the mayor, such wood corder so inspecting or cording wood shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars per cord for every cord of wood so inspected or corded by him, and so in proportion for any less quantity; the said penalty to be recovered