

been duly reported as ready to be weighed; *provided, however*, that the designation of the pen or yard into which stock shall be put, shall not be considered as giving any preference or priority; *and provided, also*, that the live stock of any kind, actually belonging to the government of the United States, or brought in to be weighed for delivery to the said government under any then subsisting contract, shall always be entitled to be weighed in preference and priority to all other stock belonging to private parties, or which are presented to be weighed for delivery under private contract.

28. Whenever, in his judgment, it may be necessary for the public accommodation to employ any clerk or assistant weighmaster, in addition to the clerk and assistant weighmaster, whom he is now authorized to appoint, he may, with the approbation of the Comptroller, appoint an additional clerk or additional weighmaster, or both, permanently or temporarily, whose compensation shall be fixed by the said weighmaster, subject to the approval of the Comptroller of the State; and the annual salary of the clerk, whom the said weighmaster is now authorized to appoint, shall, from and after the first day of May next, be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, and the salary of the assistant weighmaster, whom the said weighmaster, is now authorized to appoint, shall, from and after the said last mentioned date, be at the rate of seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

29. He shall, from and after the first day of May next, receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars per annum; and all the salaries shall be payable monthly out of any moneys received by the weighmaster for the use of the State.

30. The Police Commissioners of Baltimore city shall have and exercise the like powers and authority over and within the premises composing State cattle scales, the pens, yards, alleys, scales and appurtenances, as if the said premises were really situated within the boundaries of Baltimore city.

31. The weighmaster of live stock may enlarge the grounds now provided for the weighing live stock, and may for that