

and with such machinery and equipment as they may deem most suitable for the purpose of keeping open and free from ice, the harbor of the city of Baltimore and the access thereto in all weather and under all circumstances.

Vessel to keep harbor free from ice.

275. The said board are further authorized and directed to appoint a suitable superintendent of the construction and management of the said steamer, as well as suitable officers and crew for her navigation, at such reasonable salaries as the said board may determine, subject to removal, in the discretion of said board, and also to make, and cause to be obeyed and executed all such rules and regulations as they may consider necessary and proper for the control and direction of the said steamer and all persons connected with her in and about the service aforesaid. And the said board are further required to cause the said steamer to be employed, so far as they may deem prudent and proper, during the season when the said harbor may be unobstructed, in towing vessels and aiding and promoting the ingress and egress of the same to and from the said harbor, and in and upon the Chesapeake bay, and Patapsco river, at such moderate rates as they may establish, regard being had to the interests and facilities of commerce; *provided*, always, that said steamer shall not be so employed in anywise during the season when her services as an icebreaker shall be needed, except in the case of vessels in distress bound to or from said city, in which service she may be employed by the board at any time when her services, if any, shall be compensated only as in the nature of towage, and not salvage services.

Ibid. s 3. Superintendent and officers, &c., of vessel.

How vessel to be employed.

Proviso.

276. A majority of said board shall constitute a quorum, and determine the action of the same; they shall report their proceedings to the general assembly and the mayor and city council of Baltimore at the regular sessions thereof, and shall render an annual account of their receipts and disbursements to the accounting officers of the state and city re-

Ibid s 4 Annual statements of receipts and expenditures.

Reports to legislature, &c.