

measurement, or if any person or persons shall knowingly purchase or receive any fire wood brought by water or railroad to the city of Baltimore, which has not been corded, inspected and passed by one of the corders or inspectors aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay two dollars per cord, and so in proportion for any less quantity of wood so sold and delivered, or purchased by him or them, to be recovered in the name of the state, one-half for the use of the informer, the other half for the benefit of the state, before a justice of the peace in the same manner as small debts are now recoverable by law.

557. No person engaged in vending or trading in wood, or as a partner, as clerk or agent for a trader or vender of wood, shall be appointed inspector or corder, nor shall any inspector or corder while holding his office be so engaged, directly or indirectly, and the governor may summarily dismiss or remove from office such inspector or corder on receiving satisfactory proof of a violation on his part of the provisions of this act.

558. Any person not duly appointed according to the provisions of this act, who shall act as such inspector or corder of wood in the city of Baltimore, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred dollars, the said penalty to be imposed on conviction of the offender on indictment in the criminal court of Baltimore city, one-half to the informer, the other half to the state of Maryland.

559. Each inspector appointed under the provisions of this act, shall on the receipt of his commission pay to the treasurer of the state, for the use of the state, the sum of fifty dollars, and on the expiration of one year from the date thereof, an additional sum of fifty dollars, the failure of payment of which shall be deemed and taken as a resignation of the office of inspector; and no person can act as inspector or corder of fire wood in the city of Baltimore, unless having first complied with the requirements of this section.