

of Garrett and Allegany, at least once in every month, and oftener if necessary, to see that every precaution is taken to insure safety to all workmen that may be engaged in said mines, and to see that the provisions of sections 155 to 166, inclusive, are strictly observed; and it shall further be the duty of the said inspector, after being notified by a justice of the peace or coroner of either of said counties of Garrett or Allegany, to attend at every inquest that may be held on the body of every person that may lose his life while engaged at work in or about any of the coal mines of said counties, and he shall examine closely into the cause by which said person lost his life; and if it shall be fully proven that the said person lost his life by any wilful violation of any of said sections or any wilful failure to comply with any of their provisions, the widow or lineal heirs of the person whose life shall be so lost, may institute a suit against the owner, lessee or operator of said mine wherein the accident took place, and may recover such damages as the courts may determine, for the loss they have sustained by the death of the person whose life has been lost while engaged at work at said mines.

1878, ch. 157.

154. The said mine inspector, while in office, shall not act as land agent, or as agent or superintendent and manager of any mine, and shall in no manner whatever be under the employ of any of the mining companies operating mines in said counties; and it shall be the duty of said mine inspector, on or before the first day of January in every year, to make a report to the governor, of his proceedings as such mine inspector and the condition of each and every mine in said counties, stating therein all accidents that may have happened in or about the said mines, and to set forth in said reports all such information that may be proper and beneficial, and also to make such suggestions as he may deem important as to any further legislation on the subject of mining.

Ibid.

155. The owner or lessee of every coal mine that may be in operation in the said counties of Garrett and Allegany shall make or cause to be made an accurate map or plan of the workings of such mine, which shall be kept at the office of the company,