annual closing of said tax list in each year; and said clerk shall further keep a record of all abatements made by them as aforesaid, and report in writing the aggregate amount thereof during the year, to said mayor and city council, on or before the first day of December in each year.

1880, ch. 255.

184. The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint biennially an inspector of hay, straw and cattle for the scales in said city, and it shall be the duty of said inspector to weigh at said scales all hay, straw, cattle or other commodities there offered to him to be weighed; and he shall be entitled to demand and receive for each and every load of hay or straw weighing thirty hundred pounds and upwards, thirty-five cents, and for all loads less, one cent per hundred pounds, and a like rate per hundred pounds for all other commodities; and which sums so received shall suffice as compensation for holding such office to the extent of three hundred dollars per annum; all sums in excess of said amount shall be paid into the treasury of the State.

1878, ch. 262.

185. All hay and straw brought into said city for sale and consumption therein, shall be weighed at said scales; and if any person so bringing hay and straw therein shall neglect to have the same weighed at said scales, or shall be detected in having stones, rubbish, wood or anything else concealed in his load, or shall in any manner change the condition of his cart or wagon with a fraudulent intent, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every such offence the sum of five dollars upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace, to be recovered in the manner that small debts are now recovered.

Ibid.

186. Said scales shall be adjusted at least once in every six months by the standard of weights for the city of Baltimore, the expenses of which adjustment shall be paid by the inspector; and all expenses of repairs, incident to the keeping of said scales in good and perfect order, shall be paid by the mayor and city council of Havre de Grace.