

shall not be recoverable where the obstruction proceeds from any unavoidable cause.

WHARFINGER AND WHARVES.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 97, sec. 17.

363. No person shall land any wood or lumber on Pratt street wharf, between Light street and Franklin lane; and the mayor of the city of Baltimore shall enforce the provisions of this section.

Ibid. sec. 18.

364. If any person shall violate the provisions of the preceding section, he shall be subject to a fine of twenty dollars, one-half to the informer and the other half to the State.

Ibid. sec. 19.

365. The said fine may be sued for and recovered in the name of the State before any justice of the peace for said city, in the same manner as small debts.

Ibid. sec. 20.

366. It shall be the duty of every justice of the peace for said city to make an annual return to the State treasurer, of all fines imposed under the provisions of the foregoing section, and to receive and pay over the same at the time of making said return.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 944.

367. The mayor and city council shall not collect or impose any tax, duty, toll or wharfage upon any goods, wares or merchandise, or other articles for passing the same over any of the public wharves within the said city, but the said corporation may regulate by ordinance the time during which any goods, wares, merchandise or other articles may remain on said public wharves, or the time which the vessels, boats or scows taking in or discharging such goods, wares or merchandise, shall remain at said wharves.

1880, ch. 218.

368. The mayor and city council may regulate, establish and collect for the use of the city, such rate of wharfage as they may think reasonable from all vessels resorting to or lying at, landing, depositing or transporting goods or articles on any wharf