

to the accounting officers of the State and city, respectively, as soon as may be after the first of January in each and every year, and pay over into the respective treasuries of the State and city, one-half to each, of all the surplus from appropriations and earnings which may be in their hands and may not in their judgment be required for the efficient discharge of the duties imposed upon them by this sub-title of this article.

1867, ch. 248.

377. No member of the said board shall have or receive any salary or compensation, directly or indirectly, for his services as such, or be interested in any contract made by or under said board in any way; and before acting under the provisions hereof, each and every member of the said board shall make and sign an oath before some person duly authorized by law to administer oaths and affirmations, that he will in no case, and under no pretext, appoint or remove any person under the said board, or give to or take from any person whatsoever, any contract or advantage under the same, for or on account of the political opinions of such person, or for any other cause or reason than the fitness or unfitness of such person so appointed or removed, or so having or receiving such contract or advantage, to discharge or perform the duty connected therewith, or the fidelity of the said person in discharging or performing the same; said oath, duly subscribed, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the superior court of the city of Baltimore, who shall be entitled to the usual fees for recording the same, and whose certificate thereof, under his seal, shall be due evidence thereof at law and in equity.

HEALTH.

P. L. L., (1860.) art. 4, sec. 797.

378. The mayor and city council have power to pass ordinances to preserve the health of the city, to prevent and remove nuisances, and to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases within the city, and within three miles of the same, and may regulate the places for manufacturing soap and candles, the erecting of