

to the State of Maryland in the penalty of five thousand dollars, current money, with two securities, to be approved by the Governor and Council, conditioned for the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of State Wharfinger in the city of Baltimore, according to law; and he shall also take an oath or affirmation before some justice of the peace of this state, to be endorsed on said bond, that he will to the best of his skill and judgment, faithfully, honestly and impartially perform his duty as state wharfinger, which bond and oath shall be filed by the clerk of the Council, among the public documents and papers in his charge, a copy of which bond and oath, certified under the hand of the said clerk, shall be evidence of the execution and approval thereof, and shall be good evidence in any court of law or equity in this state.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of each of the state wharfingers so appointed, and he is hereby authorised to take charge of the wharves which he may be directed and authorised to take charge of, belonging to or rented by the state, within the city of Baltimore, and that part of the public wharf on Pratt street, reserved to the use of the citizens of this state, and to charge and collect from all vessels and persons resorting to, or using any of the said wharves, as he may have charge of, except that part of the public wharf on Pratt street, reserved to the citizens of this state, the same rates of wharfage as now are authorised by any law or ordinance within the said city, or hereafter shall be established or regulated by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, and he shall be vested with the same powers in regard to the care of the said wharves, or such part thereof as may be under his care and direction; and the regulating of vessels and persons resorting to and using them and the collection of wharfage, as any harbor master or other officer within the city of Baltimore; and it shall be the duty of each of the said wharfingers to deposit monthly in such banks as the Governor and Council shall designate, four fifth parts of the amount of all monies which he shall collect from time to time for wharfage, to the credit of the treasurer for the Western Shore, retaining the other one fifth part as a compensation allowed him for the collection thereof; and he shall half yearly, on the first day of May and November in each year, render upon oath or affirmation, as the case may be, to the said treasurer, an account of all monies collected by him for wharfage during the preceding half year; and the said wharfinger shall take care of and preserve from injury, all the wharves placed under his direction, belonging to or rented by, or for the state, and he shall have all necessary control of the said wharves for that purpose.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the Mayor and city council of Baltimore, shall be, and they are hereby empowered and authorised to regulate, establish, charge and collect, to the use of the said mayor and city council, such rate of wharfage as they may think reasonable, of and from all vessels resorting to or lying at, landing, depositing, or transporting goods, or articles other than the productions of this state, on

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