

deepening and improving a channel in the Chesapeake bay and Patapsco river and the harbor of the City of Baltimore.

275. It shall be the duty of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, on or before the fifteenth day of September in each year, to report to the Comptroller of the State a fair and strict account of their disbursement of the fund arising from said auction duties, as to the amount the same are appropriated in the preceding section, in relation to the deepening and improving said channel, Patapsco river and Baltimore City harbor; and the said Comptroller shall report the same to the General Assembly.

276. If the net proceeds of said auction duties shall exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars, the excess of said duties above that sum shall, for each and every year that they shall exceed that sum, be paid over by the Comptroller of the City of Baltimore to the Treasurer of the State; and in case of such excess as aforesaid, the Comptroller of the City shall also render to the Comptroller of the State a brief statement or account, showing the amounts received by him on account of auction duties, the amount paid the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, under section 274, and the balance due the State and payable to the State Treasurer—which said balance, if any, and whenever the same shall arise from said auction duties, shall be paid to said Treasurer on or before the twenty-fifth day of September in each and every year.

277. The provisions of the three preceding sections shall not have any effect if the City of Baltimore, by ordinance or otherwise, shall make any charge on articles passing over or deposited on the wharves of said City for a less time than one day, for the purpose of delivery only, from or on board of any vessel trading within the limits of this State, other than the regular wharfage chargeable on such vessel.

278. Nothing contained in this sub-division of this Article shall prohibit the sale of leather, iron or tobacco, by the person who manufactured the same, without the license herein required.