and convenience may seem to require make changes and alterations, in the arrangement of the pens, vards, alleys and appurtenances thereof, and may if he shall deem it necessary for the public accommodation, erect additional cattle scales; and may make such reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by the owners or other persons presenting live stock to be weighed, in the use of said pens, yards, alleys, scales appurtenances, as to him may seem expedient; provided, nevertheless, that no rules or regulations shall be made or be valid, which shall give any preference or priority to any owner or other person in the use of said pens, yards, alleys, scales or appurtenances, or in the order of weighing the stock, over any other owner or person, whose stock shall previously have been brought in to be weighed, and shall have been duly reported as ready to be weighed; provided, however, that the designation of the pen or yard, into which stock shall be put, shall not be considered as giving any preference or priority; and provided, also, that the live stock of any kind, actually belonging to the Government of the United States, or brought in to be weighed for delivery to the said Government under any then subsisting contract, shall always be entitled to be weighed in preference and priority to all other stock belonging to private parties or which are presented to be weighed for delivery under private contract.

Provisos.

469. Whenever, in his judgment, it may be necessary for the public accommodation to employ an additional Clerk, &c. any Clerk, or Assistant Weighmaster, in addition to the Clerk and Assistant Weighmaster, whom he is now authorized to appoint, he may with the approbation of the Comptroller, appoint an additional Clerk, or additional Weighmaster, or both, permanently or temporarily, whose compensation shall be fixed by the said Weighmaster, subject to the approval of the Comptroller of the State, and the annual salary of the Clerk, whom the said Weighmaster is now authorized to appoint, shall, from and after the first day of May next, be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, and the salary of the Assistant Weighmaster, whom the said Weighmaster is now authorized to appoint, shall, from and after the said last mentioned date,

May appoint