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ces pure silver to every pound troy, which shall not be stamped or marked in a conspicuous manner, with the stamp or mark of the assay officer, whose appointment is hereinafter provided for, upon pain that every such silversmith, or other person so offending shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recovered and disposed of as hereinafter is directed, and for default of not paying down the penalty upon conviction, shall be committed by the court in which judgment shall be given thereon to the common jail of the county, there to remain and to be kept for any time not exceeding the space of twelve months nor less than six months, or until payment be made of the said forfeiture, and also upon pain that such silver vessel, plate or manufacture of silver, which shall be sold, exchanged or exposed or offered for sale or exchange, without having the stamp or mark thereon as by this act is hereinafter provided for, shall be forfeited, one moiety thereof to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, for the use of the said city and the other moiety thereof to such person or persons who shall sue for and recover the same.

Silver smiths, &c shall send memorandums to assayor's office. His duty. Penalty on neglect.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the first day of August aforesaid, every working silversmith, and other manufacturer of silver whatsoever, who shall at any time or times work or make, or cause to be wrought or made, any silver vessel, plate, or manufacture of silver whatsoever, by this act required to be marked or stamped by the assay officer as aforesaid, shall from time to time send with every parcel of such silver to his assay office, a note or memorandum in writing, containing the day of the month and year, the christian and surname of the worker or maker, and place of his or her abode, with the total weight of such parcel; which note or memorandum, shall be entered by the assay officer in a book kept by him for such purpose, and shall be afterwards filed, and transmitted monthly to the mayor's office of the city aforesaid; and the mayor and city council aforesaid shall and may, and they are hereby fully authorised and empowered monthly, or oftener if they shall think fit, to appoint any person or persons to inspect and examine the book or books of the assay officer aforesaid, and for every default of such silversmith, or manufacturer of silver, and of such assay officer, touching or concerning any of the above mentioned premises, he, each and every of them, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty five dollars, to be recovered and disposed of as hereinafter is mentioned, and for want of payment, the offender shall be committed by the justice of the peace by whom judgment shall be given thereon, to the common jail of Baltimore county, there to remain and be kept for any time not exceeding the