

come entitled to in any way or manner whatever, be and the same is hereby annulled and made void, and the said Mary be, and she is hereby declared to be, capable to have, hold, take, receive, sue for and recover, by compromise, suit or suits in law or equity, all such property, in as full and ample manner as if she were a *feme sole*, and had never been married, and to hold, use or enjoy, the same, for her own use and benefit, and the same to dispose of according to her will and pleasure, without the molestation, hindrance, interference or consent, of her said husband, in the same manner as she could or might have done were she a *feme sole*.

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CHAPTER 141.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the Inspection of Lumber. Passed Feb 9

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* no person shall act as inspector of lumber except those commissioned by the governor and council, under the penalty of five hundred dollars, one half to the informer, the other half to the state, to be collected as other fines and forfeitures are collected in this state; *Provided always*, that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to extend to any person or persons who shall, by consent of the buyer and seller, measure any boards, plank, scantling, or other lumber, in the river Susquehanna, or within five miles of the mouth thereof.

Penalty for acting as inspector unless appointed by governor and council. Proviso

2. *And be it enacted, That* any person or persons, thinking themselves aggrieved by the measurement of any inspector of lumber, may lodge their complaint to the mayor of the city of Baltimore, or any magistrate in the said city, who shall issue their warrant, directed to two of the inspectors of lumber, not concerned in the measurement of the lumber complained of, and before they enter upon the execution of their warrant, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may be: We, A, and B, do solemnly, truly, and sincerely swear, that we will without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, execute the warrant directed to us, to the best of our skill and judgment, so help us God; then proceed and remeasure the said lumber, and make their return to the mayor or magistrate, which shall be conclusive; and provided the judgment of the inspector complained of be reversed, he shall forfeit and pay to the complainant not exceeding twenty dollars at the discretion of the mayor or justice of the peace and all costs; if the judgment should be affirmed, the complainant shall pay all costs, to be collected as other small debts are collected in this state.

Persons conceiving themselves aggrieved may complain to Mayor

3. *And be it enacted, That* from and after the passage of this act, all white pine boards, or plank, shall be marked and designated by the inspectors into three qualities, as follows: those which are unmerchantable shall be marked and designated as cullings, as is directed by the act to which this is a supplement, the first quality shall not contain more than one inch of sap on each edge, on any one board or plank measuring twelve feet board measure, and so in proportion for any one board or plank of a greater or less size, or three feet of straight split, or three knots of not more than an inch diameter in any one board or plank, and shall be marked with its contents in board measure; all other boards or plank which are merchant-

White boards and plank to be designated in three qualities.