

deputies, shall thereupon proceed to repack the same if judged fit for exportation, and mark the casks according to the directions of such viewers, and for his services therein shall have the same fees as is herein before directed; and if judgment shall be given upon such report in favour of the said inspectors, or their deputies, the said magistrate shall moreover award the sum of three-pence for each hundred weight of the said pot or pearl-ash, with costs, to be paid by the possessor thereof; but if such judgment shall be given against such inspector, or his deputy, the costs, and all reasonable charges, shall be awarded to be paid by such inspector, or his deputy, as the case may be.

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VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any person or persons whatever, who shall knowingly ship or cause to be shipped, or who shall receive on board any ship or vessel, for exportation out of this state, any pot or pearl-ash not inspected, marked and branded, in manner before directed, or the marks and brands whereof shall have been altered and counterfeited, or which shall have been condemned as unfit for exportation, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five pounds for every such offence; and that any person or persons who shall mark or brand any cask or other vessel containing, or intended to contain, pot or pearl-ash, or shall alter or efface any mark or brands made or impressed by such inspector, or his deputy, with design to evade the intent and meaning of this act, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds for every such offence, and shall also suffer imprisonment, without bail or mainprize, for the term of three months, and until such fine and costs of prosecution shall be paid.

Penalty on shipping pot-ash, &c.

VII. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That each inspector, or his deputy, shall have full power and authority, by virtue of this act, to enter on board any ship or vessel suspected to have received pot or pearl-ash for exportation contrary to the provisions of this act, in order to search for and examine the same; and any person or persons whatever, who shall obstruct or resist the said inspectors, or his deputy, therein, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds for every such offence.

Inspector may enter on board any ship, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all pot and pearl-ash which shall be shipped for exportation out of this state, or which shall be brought to any quay, wharf or other place, in order to be shipped for such exportation, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by the inspectors, or their deputies, who, after condemnation thereof in the county court of Baltimore county, or of Montgomery county, as the case may require, shall cause the same to be publicly sold, and one moiety of the money arising therefrom, after deducting the costs and charges, shall be paid to the street or special commissioners of Baltimore-town, or mayor, recorder and aldermen, of George-town, in which such seizure and condemnation shall take place, for the use of the towns respectively, and the other moiety thereof to the inspectors, or his deputy, who shall seize and prosecute the same to judgment.

Potash, &c. in certain cases, to be forfeited, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the inspector shall provide a proper and sufficient warehouse, convenient to navigation, for the purpose of receiving and inspecting, with scales and weights; and that every person offering their pot and pearl-ash for inspection, shall deliver the same at said warehouse, and shall pay said inspector six-pence per barrel for receiving, storing and delivering, but should the same remain more than one month in the warehouse, then the person who shall receive the same shall pay four-pence per barrel for every month it shall remain longer therein.

A warehouse to be provided, &c.

X. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the fees given, and the fines inflicted, by virtue of this act, shall be recovered in the same manner as debts of like value are recovered by the laws of this state, and all the said fines, except such as may be incurred by the inspectors, or his deputies, shall be distributed in the manner herein before directed with regard to the articles forfeited.

How fees, &c. are to be recovered, &c.

The powers given by this and other acts to the commissioners of Baltimore-town are, by 1796, ch. 68, transferred to the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

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An ACT for the collection of the county charges in Allegany county. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 650.

Passed 22d of Dec. 1792.

WHEREAS, from the large tracts of uncultivated lands in Allegany county, the usual method to collect the county charges in the several counties of this state is not sufficient to compel the payment of the charges in said county;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the collector of the county charges in Allegany county, and his deputies, shall, immediately after the first day of September next, collect

How charges are to be collected, &c.