

space of five months, or until payment be made of the said forfeiture.

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Assayor's  
oath.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That there shall be an able and skillful man, experienced in assaying silver, appointed by the mayor and city council aforesaid, as assay officer for the said city, who previous to his acting as such, shall take the oath following to wit: I, A. B. do swear, that I will, so long as I shall continue an assayer, well and faithfully behave myself in the said office, and no undue profit to myself take, to the hurting or hindrance of any person that is owner or bringer in of any silver in plate to be assayed, and that I will touch no silver but what shall be of the goodness of eleven ounces pure silver to every pound troy; and all such silver as shall be brought to me to be touched, I will truly set down in writing, and the same at all times as I shall be required, will duly and truly deliver again, and will true accounts make thereof when thereupon required by the mayor or city council of the city of Baltimore; and that I will not assays make of things new wrought, before they be marked with the mark of the maker or owners thereof, so help me God; and shall also enter into bond to the mayor and city council aforesaid, in such sum, and with such securities, as they shall require, for the faithful and true performance of the duties imposed upon him by this act.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the stamp or mark used by the assay officer, shall be approved of by the mayor and city council aforesaid, who are hereby directed to give public notice at least once a month, until the first day of August aforesaid, in the newspapers of the city of Baltimore, of the appointment of an assayer, and the adoption of such stamp or mark; and it shall be the duty of the assayer, whenever required by the mayor and city council aforesaid, to produce for their inspection the stamp or mark used by him as provided by this act, and on failure thereof his office to be vacated, or a fine imposed upon him, at the discretion of the said mayor and city council.

Notice shall be given of the appointment of an assayer. Stamp.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person whatsoever from and after the first day of August next, shall cast, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be cast, forged or counterfeited, the stamp or mark directed to be used in pursuance of this act for the stamping of silver plate in the city of Baltimore, or shall mark or stamp, or cause or procure to be marked or stamped, any wrought plate of silver or any wares of brass, or other base metal, silvered over, or resembling silver, with any mark or stamp which hath been or shall be forged or counterfeited at any time, either before, on, or after the said first day of August next, in imitation of, or to resemble any stamp or mark directed to be used in pursuance of this act, or shall transpose or remove, or cause or procure to be transposed or removed, from one piece of wrought plate to another, or to any ves-

Counterfeit stamps, &c. Penalty.