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Brand—deposit—delivery.

Compensation of inspector, &c.—storage.

Persons shipping contrary to law—penalty.

Proviso.

state, to be paid to the register of the city, when recovered in the county of Baltimore, and to the clerk of the county wherein it may be recovered, when recovered in any other county.

5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That every manufacturer of black oak bark for exportation, shall brand in a legible manner upon the head of each cask, his name at length, under the penalty of one dollar for each cask which shall not be so branded; and all ground bark intended for exportation, shall be taken at the expense of the owner, to such convenient place within the city of Baltimore, as the inspector shall direct, there to be inspected, by starting, unpacking or otherwise, as in the opinion of the inspector, may be necessary; and it shall be the duty of the inspector to grant to the person depositing such bark, or the owner thereof, a receipt or acknowledgment of the bark so deposited with him, in such form or manner as shall be sufficient evidence of such deposit; but no such bark shall be delivered by the inspector, to any person or persons, until it shall have been inspected and approved of, or condemned.

6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the inspector shall be entitled to receive for every ton weight of bark which he shall inspect, two dollars, one half of which sum to be paid by the seller, the other half by the buyer; and such reasonable expense as may accrue for cooerage on account of any deficiency in the casks, shall be paid over and above by the seller; and it shall be the duty of the inspector to weigh each cask, and to furnish the owner with an invoice specifying the gross weight and the tare of each cask, which invoice shall be signed by him; and for every cask not exceeding ten hundred weight, there shall be allowed eight pounds for draft; and the said inspector shall be further entitled to receive from the owner or owners of bark deposited with him for inspection, at and after the rate of four cents for each cask per week for storage, to be computed from the time when the inspection shall have been completed.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the inspector shall have power by virtue of this act, to enter on board any ship or vessel laying within the port of Baltimore, to search for any ground black oak bark put on board for exportation without being previously inspected and marked as aforesaid; *Provided*, That before any inspector shall enter on board any ship or vessel under this act, he shall take the following oath (or affirmation as the case may be,) to be administered by any justice of the peace in this state, which oath shall be reduced to writing and kept by the justice of the peace before whom it may be made—that is to say: "I, A B, inspector appointed under an act of the general assembly of Maryland, entitled "An act to provide for the inspection of ground black oak bark intended for exportation," do swear, (or solemnly; sincerely and truly declare and affirm, as the case may be,) that I verily believe there is on board the ship

(naming the ship or vessel, as the case may be,) now lying in the port of Baltimore, ground black oak bark intended for exportation without being previously inspected, so help me God." And if any person or persons shall resist or obstruct the said inspector in making such search or examination, every person so obstructing or molesting the said officer, on conviction thereof, on indictment before Baltimore city court, shall forfeit and pay for the use of the state, the sum of one hun-