

inspectors, have power to make contracts with any person whatever for the cloathing, diet, and all other necessaries, for the maintenance and support of such convicts, and for the implements and materials of any kind of manufacture, trade or labour, in which such convicts shall be employed, and for the sale of such goods, wares and merchandises, as shall be there wrought and manufactured; and the said keeper shall cause all accounts concerning the maintenance of such convicts and other prisoners, to be entered regularly in a book or books to be kept for that purpose, and shall also keep separate accounts of the stock and materials so wrought, manufactured, sold and disposed of, and the monies for which the same shall be sold, and when sold, and to whom, in books to be provided for those purposes, all which books and accounts shall be at all times open for the examination of the said inspectors, and shall be regularly laid before them at their quarterly or other meetings as herein after is directed, for their approbation and allowance.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That if the said inspectors, at their quarterly or other meetings, shall suspect any fraudulent or improper charges, or any omission in any such accounts, they may examine, upon oath or affirmation, the said keeper, or any of his deputies, servants or assistants, or any person of whom any necessaries, stock, materials or other things, have been purchased for the use of the said gaol, or any persons to whom any stock or materials wrought or manufactured therein have been sold, or any of the offenders confined in such gaol, or any other person or persons, concerning any of the articles contained in such accounts, or any omission therein, and in case any fraud shall appear in such accounts, the particulars thereof shall be reported by the said inspectors, in writing, to the judges of the criminal court of Baltimore city, who shall proceed in a summary manner to inquire into the same, and if they shall find the allegations made by the said inspectors to be just, the court shall proceed to fine such gaoler or keeper, at their discretion, in a sum not exceeding — dollars.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That in order to encourage industry as an evidence of reformation, separate accounts shall be opened in the said books for all convicts sentenced to hard labour for six months and upwards, in which such convicts shall be charged with the expences of cloathing and subsistence, and such proportionable part of the expences of the raw materials upon which they shall be employed, as the inspectors, at their quarterly or other meetings, shall think just, and shall be credited with the sum or sums from time to time received by reason of their labour, and if the same shall be found to exceed the said expences, one half the said excess shall be laid out in decent raiment for such convicts at their discharge, or otherwise applied to their use and benefit, as the said inspectors shall upon such occasions direct, and if such offender, at the end, or other determination of his term of confinement, shall labour under any acute or dange-