

purchase, from the mayor and city council of Baltimore, the hay scales now made use of in said city.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in case the said hay scales cannot be rented or purchased, then, and in that event, the said inspectors are hereby authorized, under the direction of the governor, to purchase a lot of ground, and to erect and keep in repair two hay scales, or apparatus for weighing hay brought to the city of Baltimore for sale. Authority to erect.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all hay or straw brought to the city of Baltimore for sale, either by land or water, except hay in bundles, shall be weighed by the inspectors authorized to be appointed by this act, at the scales erected by the inspectors aforesaid, and no other place, at the rate of two thousand pounds to the ton, and no more; and it shall be the duty of the said inspectors to make a reasonable allowance for the moisture of said hay or straw, as well as for mud, or any other substance attached to the carriage; and the said inspectors shall receive forty cents for each wagon load of hay or straw, and twenty cents for each cart load of hay or straw weighed, and no more, which shall be paid by the seller; and the said inspectors shall give a certificate of each and every load so weighed, stating the gross and net weight of such straw or hay, and wagon, cart or carriage; and if any seller of such hay or straw, shall neglect or refuse to have the same weighed on the day of the delivery thereof, he shall forfeit and pay for every such neglect or refusal, the sum of five dollars. All hay, &c. to be weighed. 2,000 lbs. to ton. Inspectors' fee. Certificate. Penalty for neglecting, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons bringing hay or straw to the city of Baltimore for sale, except that which is brought to the city for sale by the bundle, shall neglect to have the same weighed in manner herein before provided, or shall be detected in having stones, rubbish, wood, or any thing else concealed in his, her or their load, or who shall in any manner change the condition of his, or their cart or wagon, with a fraudulent intention, he, she or they, shall forfeit and pay for each and every such offence, the sum of five dollars. Penalty for neglecting to have weighed. And for fraud.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons, after having his, her or their hay or straw weighed, and having obtained the inspector's certificate specifying the quantity thereof, shall dispose of any part thereof, or in any manner diminish the same in quantity, thereby to defraud or deceive the purchaser of such hay or straw, such person or persons so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, the sum of twenty dollars. For selling part, &c.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That each of the said inspectors shall be authorized and empowered to re-weigh carts, wagons or carriages as often as he may deem expedient; and if at any time he shall be required so to do by a purchaser of hay or Re-weighing carts, &c.