

note or memorandum in writing, containing the day of the month and year, the christian and surname of the worker or maker, and place of his or her abode, with the total weight of such parcel; which note or memorandum shall be entered by the assay officer in a book kept by him for such purpose, and shall be afterwards filed and transmitted monthly to the mayor's office of the city aforesaid; and the mayor and city council aforesaid shall and may, and they are hereby fully authorised and empowered, monthly, or oftener if they shall think fit, to appoint any person or persons to inspect and examine the book or books of the assay officer aforesaid, and for every default of such silversmith, or manufacturer of silver, and of such assay officer, touching or concerning any of the above mentioned premises, he, each and every of them, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be recovered and disposed of as hereinafter is mentioned, and for want of payment the offender shall be committed by the justice of the peace by whom judgment shall be given thereon, to the common gaol of Baltimore county, there to remain and be kept for any time not exceeding the space of six months, or until payment be made of the said forfeiture.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That there shall be an able and skilful 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.

Assayer's oath.

By 1814, ch. 106 the assayer is not to be concerned in the manufacturing or sale of silver plate or manufacture of silver.

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 to be given of appointment of assayer