

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

1864, ch. 120.

254. The county commissioners shall appoint annually, in the month of April, one judicious, discreet citizen of said county, as keeper of standard weights and measures, whose duty it shall be, after giving at least fourteen days' notice in some newspaper published in said county, of the times and places, to attend at all towns and villages of said county, with the weights and measures, and try all the scales, beams, weights and measures used in buying or selling by any person or firm, and condemn such as are deficient, and stamp such as are correct; and who shall also try all scales, beams, steel-yards or any other instrument used by any person or firm, or skipper, either in buying, selling or weighing grain, that may be taken in any granary where grain is received for shipping; and it is made the duty of every person or firm engaged either in buying, selling or receiving grain for shipment, to meet the standard keeper at some one of the places named, with all the steel-yards, scales, beams and weights used by him or them, and have them tried and stamped.

Ibid.

255. The measures and weights used by the standard keeper, shall be such as are used at the custom-house in the city of Baltimore.

Ibid.

256. The county commissioners shall levy on the taxable property of the county such sums as in their judgment may be a just compensation for the services of the standard keeper, and direct him where to return the weights and measures after he shall have used them in his circuit.

Ibid.

257. In addition to the salary allowed by the county commissioners, the standard keeper, or clerk to the commissioners, (who, in the absence of the standard keeper, is empowered to act in his place), shall receive ten cents for each weight and measure, and fifteen cents for each scale, beam or steel-yard branded, marked or stamped, to be paid by the person for whom the service may be rendered.