No. 22.

An ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbor of Baltimore, and to provide for the exercise of the powers heretofore vested in the Port Wardens by the Act of Assembly.

Persons to be appointed to make survey, &c.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That three persons be appointed to make out as soon as conveniently may be, an exact survey or chart of that part of the harbor of Baltimore which lies on the north side thereof, and to the eastward of the west side of Eden street, extending round the shore to Harris's creek; laying down the different permissions heretofore granted by the Port Wardens, to extend wharves into the water within the limits aforesaid, and ascertaining the depth and course of the channel in order that the Mayor and City Council may be enabled to fix a line or boundary, beyond which no wharf shall be permitted to be extended without a special act of the corporation.

Mayor to grant permission to extend wharves &c.

Plan to be lodged with the Mayor.

If no caveat, permission to be granted.

If caveat, to be referred to the corporation, &c.

And be it enacted and ordained, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, for the time being, on the application of the proprietor of any lot binding on and entitled to the privilege of the water, to grant permission to extend a wharf or wharves therefrom, so as that the same shall in no instance extend beyond the limits heretofore prescribed by the Port Wardens, or that shall hereafter be fixed by the corporation; provided that in all cases where permission shall be granted as aforesaid, a plan of the proposed wharf shall be first lodged with the Mayor, and notice of the application served on the owners or proprietors of the adjoining lots (if in the State) at least thirty days before permission is granted; and if in the mean time no caveat be entered, then permission may be given under the seal of the corporation; but if caveat be entered against permission being granted as aforesaid, then, and in every such case permission shall not be granted by the Mayor, but the same shall be referred to the decision of the corporation.

Harbor master to be appointed.

To give bond, &c.

His duty.

And be it enacted and ordained, That a harbor master be appointed, who shall before he enters upon the execution of his said appointment give bond with security, to be approved of by the Mayor, to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in the sum of one thousand dollars, that he will well and faithfully discharge the several duties required of him by this ordinance; whose duty it shall be to attend to the preservation of the navigation and harbor, the mooring and stationing of vessels; to collect all wharfages of vessels, and all fines and forfeitures arising under this or any other ordinance or act relating to the navigation or harbor.

Wharfage to be collected.

And be it enacted and ordained, That the following wharfages shall be collected as aforesaid, on all decked vessels which shall lay at any public wharf within the City, to wit: one cent per ton for every day they shall so remain, not exceeding one hundred cents for any vessel whatever, and all vessels lying in the second tier shall pay half wharfage.

No person to obstruct the harbor master, &c.

Penalty.

And be it enacted and ordained, That if any person or persons shall obstruct the harbor master, or other person appointed to collect the wharfage aforesaid, in the ascertaining the tonnage of any vessel, or in the collecting of the wharfages hereby imposed, he or they shall forfeit and pay five dollars for every offence, for the use of the City.

And whereas great inconvenience has been experienced from wood flats and other vessels occupying their births at the public wharves an unreasonable length of time—

Vessels at the public wharves to discharge without delay.

Be it therefore enacted and ordained, That when any vessel is hauled into any of the public wharves for the purpose of discharging her cargo, the master or skipper thereof shall proceed without delay to discharge the same, and shall immediately thereafter haul off a convenient distance from the said wharf, if required so to do by the harbor master, or (if the