exhibit to the Collector an import entry in the form hereto annexed as schedule A, in which shall be specified the marks and numbers of each package, the weight or measure of all goods in bulk, the value as per invoice of all goods upon which duty is to be paid, or which are to be stored in the custom house stores, and the quantity of all goods free of duty, upon receipt of which import entry, and the making affirmation thereto before the Collector, and the payment of the prescribed duties, it shall be the duty of the Collector to issue permits for landing such goods, wares or merchandise in the proper form, according to those set out in schedules B, C and D.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That every person making any false entry in such import entry, shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars, and quadruple the amount of the duty of which it was attempted to defraud the government, to be recovered by action of debt as aforesaid.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That all goods, wares and merchandise which shall be landed by virtue of any such permit, shall be landed under the personal inspection of an Assistant Collector, whose duty it shall be to see that they conform to the description and amount in the permit; and if the permit be to land them and deposit them in the custom house stores, to see that they are so deposited, and that they do not enter into the consumption of the country.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That the Collector shall have authority, whenever he shall think it necessary, to station an Assistant Collector on board of every ship or vessel within the waters of Maryland in Liberia, whose duty it shall be to see that the said ship or vessel, and all on board of her, conform in all respects to the revenue laws, and especially that no goods are landed without proper permits.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That all goods, wares and merchandise, landed without a permit, shall be forfeited and may be seized by the Collector, condemned and sold; and that the Collector shall be entitled to twenty-five per cent. of the nett proceeds, the informer to twenty-five per cent., and the remainder shall be applied to the support of government.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That every person concerned in the landing of any goods, wares and merchandise without a permit, shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars, and double the value of the goods, wares and merchandise so landed, to be recovered by action of debt as aforesaid.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That it shall be lawful for the Collector to grant permits for the landing of any goods, wares or merchandise whatever, to be stored in the public warehouse under the charge of the Collector; and such goods, wares or merchandise shall be subject to no charges except the actual expense of removing them from the ship or vessel to the warehouse, including the usual compensation to the Assistant Collector superintending such operation, and storage while such goods remain in the warehouse, at such reasonable rates as shall be fixed by the Governor and Council, not exceeding a fair compensation for the service actually rendered.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That any person who may be the owner of any goods, wares or merchandise stored in the public warehouse under the authority of this act, shall be at liberty to remove the



same, or any part thereof, upon paying the expenses due upon the goods so removed, and place the same on board any ship or vessel whatever, paying the expense of such removal, including the usual compensation to the Assistant Collector superintending such removal.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That it shall be lawful for any person who may be the owner of any goods, wares or merchandise stored in the public warehouse as aforesaid, to remove the same at his pleasure, by paying the expenses due upon the said goods so removed, and ten per centum duty upon the same.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That if the Collector shall not receive punctual payment of the storage of any goods, wares or merchandise, or if any goods, wares or merchandise shall be in danger of perishing, it shall be lawful for the Governor to order the Collector by writing, under his hand, setting forth the reasons for the proceeding, to sell the same at public auction, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay all charges on the whole parcel of goods, and the duty on the portion so sold.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That if the Collector shall suspect any fraud in any invoice, it shall be lawful for him to apply to the Governor, who shall appoint three suitable persons to appraise all the goods, wares, and merchandise, in such invoice, agreeably to the rates of selling the same in Maryland in Liberia, and if such appraisement shall exceed the invoice price, taking the whole invoice together, more than one hundred per centum, duties shall be calculated upon such appraisement, otherwise upon the invoice, and such appraisers shall be entitled to such reasonable compensation as the Governor and council shall from time to time direct, to be paid out of the duties collected on such goods, but the Governor may in any case in which he may be satisfied that no fraud was intended, direct the duties to be calculated upon the invoice price.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That it shall not be lawful to introduce into Maryland in Liberia by land, any goods, wares, or merchandise, not the produce or manufacture of the continent of Africa, without making entry and obtaining permit, and paying duties in the same manner as if the same had been imported in a ship or vessel, and all such goods, wares, and merchandise, except as aforesaid, so introduced, shall be forfeited, and every person concerned in introducing such goods, shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars, and double the value of the goods so introduced, to be recovered as aforesaid, and all the provisions and regulations of this ordinance shall apply to goods, wares, and merchandise introduced by land in the same manner as if imported by sea.

*And be it enacted and ordained*, That it shall be the duty of the Collector, to seize all goods forfeited under any of the provisions of this ordinance, and for the purpose of enabling him to do so, he is hereby authorized and required, by writing, under his hand, to direct the sheriff to assist him therein, and summon to his aid all good citizens, and it shall be lawful in case of any goods, wares, or merchandise being wrongfully seized by the Collector, for the owner or owners thereof to institute an action of replevin against the Collector, in which it shall be lawful for the Collector to shew title to the goods in the government, by proving the violation of law and consequent seizure.

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