An Ordinance to preserve the Navigation of the Harbor of Baltimore, to appoint a Port Warden, and Clerk, fixing their Compensation and prescribing their duties.

Section 1. Be it enacted and ordained, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that there shall be appointed, annually, as other City officers are appointed, one Port Warden, who, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall execute a bond to the corporation, with such security as the Mayor, and the Presidents of the two Branches of the City Council may approve, in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, and with the condition that he will faithfully discharge the several trusts reposed in him.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted and ordained, that the said Port Warden, shall have full power to employ and discharge the workmen under him, at such times as in his judgment the interests of the City may require; and that all orders for the hire of machinery, scows, horses, carts, or any other property entrusted to his care, shall be addressed to the Port Warden and by him submitted to the Comptroller for confirmation and all money received for hire, as above mentioned, shall be paid over to the Register of the City, and the Port Warden shall make a quarterly return to the Mayor of the number of machines in public or private service, if in private service, for whom and where employed, together with all matters connected with the preservation and improvement of the harbor, and he is hereby empowered and directed to cause to be removed in such time as he may think reasonable, all vessels which now are or may hereafter be sunk in the harbor or port of Baltimore; and in case the owner or owners of such sunken vessel shall refuse or neglect to remove the same, when directed so to do by the Warden, he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine of ten dollars per day, for the use of the corporation, for every day the said vessel shall remain after due notice as aforesaid; and in case the owner or agent of such sunken vessel cannot be found, then the Port Warden shall be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to remove said vessel;