

the United States, or brought in to be weighed for delivery to the said government under any then subsisting contract, shall always be entitled to be weighed in preference and priority to all other stock belonging to private parties, or which are presented to be weighed for delivery under private contract.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 468.

**497.** He may, upon failure of any agent or owner of live stock to pay for weighing the same, impound any number of such live stock he may deem necessary, to pay or cause such fees to be paid; provided, no injury be done to said stock by confining them as aforesaid, and that they be delivered to the owner or his agent upon payment of all just and proper charges.

1880, ch. 446.

**498.** The lessee of the State cattle yards shall employ and pay all clerks or assistants of labor, permanently or temporarily, necessary for the weighing of live stock at the State cattle yards and scales.

Ibid.

**499.** The weighmaster shall receive an annual compensation of fifteen hundred dollars, which shall be paid quarterly in equal sums by the lessee of the State cattle yards and scales.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 471.

**500.** If any weighmaster shall omit or delay to weigh, or cause to be weighed, any live stock, for a time exceeding twenty-four hours after he shall have been requested to weigh the same, he shall forfeit and pay to the owner of such live stock, or his agent, the sum of ten cents an hour upon each and every head thereof for so many hours as he shall omit or delay to weigh the same, over and above the term of twenty-four hours, Sundays excepted; to be recovered in an action of debt before a justice of the peace, with costs.

Ibid. sec. 472.

**501.** If any grazier, drover or other person shall sell or barter any beef cattle or hogs, brought for slaughter within the corporate limits of the city of Baltimore, or within five miles of said limits, which have not been raised or grazed one year within said