

Claims for emitting Bills of Credit & for other Purposes therein mentioned notwithstanding. Liber R. G.
1771

By the Lower House of Assembly Nov.^r 12.th 1771. Read & assented to. Signed by Order, Jn.^o Duckett Cl. Lo. Ho.

On Behalf of the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary of this Province I will this be a Law. Rob.^t Eden.

By the Upper House of Assembly Nov.^r 16.th 1771. Read & assented to. Signed by Order, U Scott Cl. Up. Ho.

The Great Seal
in Wax appendant

No. 20 An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour, Staves & Shingles not merchantable from the Town of Baltimore in Baltimore County, & to regulate the Weight of Hay & Measure of Grain, Salt, Flax-Seed & Fire Wood within the said Town & to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable from Fells-Point in the said County.

Whereas it is represented to this General Assembly that Discoveries have lately been made of certain Deceits practised by Millers, and others in the Manufacture of Flour, large Quantities whereof are brought to, & sold, in the said Town of Baltimore, and Fells Point & from thence exported, & that frequent Disputes, & false Weight & short Measure happen, as well in the Weight of Hay, Measure of Grain, Salt & Flax Seed as in the Cording & measuring of Wood, and Advantages are taken of the Ignorant and unwary, by the Deceitful Practises of Skippers, Masters of Vessels & Boats the like whereof also happens in the Selling of Staves & Shingles as well concerning the Quantity as Quality, and it being apprehended, that if a Person or Persons were appointed under proper Powers, Checks and Restrictions, and the Buyers & Sellers, Inhabitants in & about the said Town were obliged to employ him or them, to cord all Wood, Garble or Cull & count all Staves & Shingles to be bought in or about the said Town & to inspect or determine & by gradated Brand-Marks, distinguish the Qualities of all Flower by the said Inhabitants or others respectively to be bought in and about the said Town & Fells Point & to measure by proper Measures settled & adjusted by the County Standard, all Salt, Grain & Flax seed that should be brought by Land or Water to, & sold in the said Town would be of great Service, not only in supporting & assisting the Commerce of the said Town of Baltimore but also in thwarting & discountenancing dishonorable unmanly and deceitful Dispositions always injurious to a Community. For the Encouragement therefore of the said Town & others well disposed to forward the Trade & Advancement thereof.

Be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by & with the Advice & Consent of his Lordship's Governor & the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly & the Authority of the same; That [Commissioners to
appoint an
Inspector of