

Barrel of Flour as merchantable, shall pack into the Cask which contains the same any other Flour or after any Barrel of Flour shall be branded with a broad Arrow shall unpack & repack the same into other Casks or Packages, for Exportation out of this Province, such Person shall forfeit and pay the Sum of forty Shillings Current Money for every Barrel.

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And as the Subjecting of all Grain Salt & Flax Seed to the Measurement of an Officer, acting under Oath, will prevent the Disputes & Impositions complained of.

Be it further enacted that from & after the first Day of December next all Grain of any Kind, Salt or Flax Seed which shall be brought by Land or Water, to, & offered for Sale in the said Town or Fells Point shall be measured by the Officer so as aforesaid to be appointed, with Proper Measures to be tried & stamped by the County Standard, & provided for that Purpose if he shall be thereunto required, at the Choice & Election of either the Purchaser or Seller of such Grain Salt or Flax Seed, for which Trouble he the said Officer shall & may Demand have & receive of the Purchaser or Seller of the said Grain Salt or Flax Seed, who shall require the same the Sum of one Shilling Current Money for every one hundred Bushels of Grain Salt or Flax Seed & no more & so pro rato.

[Grain, Salt, or Flax-seed, offered for sale, to be measured, &c. by an Officer, if required.]

[His Allowance.]

And be it further enacted that the said Measurers of Grain Salt & Flax Seed & Hay Weighers & each of them so as aforesaid to be appointed shall & they & each of them are hereby required on his or their Appointment & before his or their executing the said Office to make Oath or Affirmation if a Quaker before a Justice of the Peace, "that they & each of them when required will well & truly according to the best of his or their Skill & Knowledge, measure all Grain Salt & Flaxseed & weigh all Hay without any Fear, Favour, Affection Malice or Partiality what ever to the Buyer or Seller & that they & each of them will not willingly or wittingly charge, ask, take, receive, exact or demand any other or larger Fees or Rates for doing his or their Duty in his or their Office than is mentioned & directed by this Act.

[Oath of Office required.]

And Whereas the preventing Frauds & Abuses in culling & counting Staves, Heading & Shingles large Quantities of which are exported, will tend to advance the Credit of the same at foreign Markets & promote the Trade and Commerce of the said Town of Baltimore.

Be it therefore enacted That from & after the first Day of December next all Staves Heading & Shingles brought to & offered for Sale within the said North West Branch of Patapsco shall be submitted to the Examination of the Officer so as aforesaid to be appointed for that Purpose & if the said Officer shall find the same sound & fit for Exportation he shall count, cull & garble the same

[Staves, Heading and Shingles, to be examined, &c. by an Officer to be appointed.]

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