

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an Act for the regulation of the Markets in Baltimore Town.—MAY, 1788, ch. 17.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, that Preamble. divers persons, in and about Baltimore town, made a practice of purchasing up and engrossing the provisions coming to the said markets, and selling the same again, thereby enhancing the price to the great injury of the inhabitants.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Penalty on persons buying, &c. That whosoever shall buy, or cause to be bought, any kind of vegetables, dead meat, poultry, butter, cheese, tallow, eggs or fish, in any of the markets in Baltimore town, or within ten miles thereof, with an intent to sell the same again in such markets or town, or within two miles thereof, shall, for the first offence, forfeit the article, or the value thereof, so purchased, for the second offence forfeit as aforesaid and be fined thirty shillings current money, and for every other offence forfeit five pounds current money, to be recovered in a summary way before a magistrate; *Provided,* that the purchasing pork, beef and fish, by the barrel, or other package, butter in firkins, or other package not less than fifty pounds, bacon or cheese by the quantity, by any merchant or shop-keeper, and selling the same again in his store or shop, shall not be deemed, taken or construed, to come within the intent and meaning of this act.

SEC. 3. *And,* whereas persons offending against this act may make their purchases in so secret a manner that it may be difficult to detect them; *Be it further enacted,* Certain persons deemed offenders, &c. That when and as often as it shall happen that any person is exposing any of the above enumerated articles for sale, otherwise than in their stores or shops as aforesaid, and there is good cause to suspect they have been purchased contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, it shall be lawful for any person to apply to a magistrate for a warrant to apprehend the person so suspected, and the said magistrate shall have power to inquire into the offence, and if the person suspected be convicted thereof, on the oath of one or more credible witnesses, or if the person so charged cannot make it appear, to the satisfaction of such magistrate, that he or she raised or made the articles by him or her offered for sale, or is disposing of them on account of the person who raised or made them, or that he or she bought the said article or articles ten miles or upwards from the town of Baltimore, he or she shall be deemed offenders against this act, and the fines and forfeitures shall be recovered in a summary way before the said magistrate.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* Butter to weigh sixteen ounces &c. That all butter sold by the pound in the said markets shall weigh sixteen ounces avoirdupois weight; and any person bringing butter to the said markets, and offering the same for sale, and the said butter