

These Overseers, or two of them, shall (or may) from time to time, or once every Month, at least, go into all or any Houses, Shops, or other Rooms of any Clothier, Draper, Cloth worker, or other person where such Cloth shall be, or shall be suspected to be, and there make due search and tryal, &c. 39 *Eliz. c. 20.* & 21 *Jac. c. 18.* §. 5.
The Overseers Duty.

39 *Eliz.*
21 *Jac. 18.* Also the same Overseer shall fix on every Cloth (by them viewed) a Seal of Lead, containing the length and the weight of every such Cloth, together with this word *Searched*, or *Faulty*, if there be cause, and shall be viewed, searched, or weighed by none other, upon pain to forfeit to the party grieved Five pound, to be recovered in the Quarter Sessions.

P. 15. Also every Overseer of Cloth, appointed by any former Law (now in force,) to fix unto any kind of Cloth a Seal of Lead, shall engrave or set upon every their Seals of Lead (which they shall fix upon any Cloth by them to the sealed) his Christian and Sirname: And no Cloth to be sealed with any Seal of Lead which shall want such engraving or Print, shall be allowed to be sufficiently sealed. 21 *Jac. c. 18.*

Also the said Overseers shall seize and carry away as forfeit all such Cloth as upon their search they shall find not to be sealed with a Seal, containing the just length and weight, and shall present the same Cloth to the Justices of Peace at the next Quarter-Session of the Peace, 39 *Eliz. 20.*

And if the said Overseers shall find any false Seal set upon any Cloth, or any Cloth to be stretched or strained, they shall present such Defaults at the said next Sessions, together with the names of the owners of such Cloths. *Ibid.*

But Cloth once lawfully searched, viewed, weighed, and sealed by the Overseers and Searchers of the Parish, Town, or place, where the said Cloths be made, shall not afterwards be viewed, searched, or weighed by any other Person or Officer whatsoever. 4 *Jac. c. 2.* & 21 *Jac. c. 18.*

And if the said Overseers shall find any such Tenters, Wranches, or Engines (for the stretching of Cloth) they shall deface the same; and for the second offence therein, they shall take away the said Tenters, &c. and shall sell the same to the best value thereof, and by the consent of two Justices of Peace shall dispose the Mony thereof to the Poor of that Parish. *Ibid.* 21 *Jac. c. 18.*

18 *Eliz.*
21 *Jac. 18.* And if any Person, whose Tenters are defaced, shall offend with them a second time, he shall forfeit Five pounds, forty shillings to be to the uses and in the manner the Five pounds.

If any Person, commanded by two Justices of Peace to appear to be made an Overseer according to this Statute, do (without reasonable excuse) refuse to come and take upon him that Office, he shall forfeit for every such refusal Five Pounds, the one half to the King, and the other half to those two Justices: and shall remain in Ward to the Sheriff, until he hath paid the same Forfeiture, or put in Sureties for the same, 39 *Eliz. c. 20.* §. 6.

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118. The Mony that shall be made upon the sale of any Tenters, Wranches, and other such Engines, shall be disposed (to the poor of the Parish where the said Tenters, &c. shall be found) by the consent of any two Justices of Peace within the same County.

7 *Jac. 17.* But by Statute 7 *Jacobi*, certain Cloths made within the County of *Cumberland*, *Westmerland*, and *Lancaster*, shall not be subject to search, &c. Also by the Statute of 3 *Jac. c. 1, 7.* *Welsh* Cottons shall not be searched, nor tried, neither need they have any Seal containing their length or weight.

All Penalties and Forfeitures for want of length, bredth, and weight of Cloth, §. 7.
The Forfeitures.