

C H A P. XII. any cask or casks of flour, unless such cask or casks be of such size, goodness and thickness, as by this act is required.

Not to purchase flour, &c.

XVII. **And be it enacted,** That no inspector of flour shall purchase, directly or indirectly, any flour by him condemned as aforesaid, or any flour whatsoever, other than for his own family use, under the penalty of forty shillings current money for each barrel by him purchased.

Penalty on persons altering the marks, &c.

XVIII. **And be it enacted,** That if any person shall alter the mark stamped on any barrel of flour by any inspector, or shall mark or brand any barrel of flour which hath not been inspected, with any mark or brand similar to, or in imitation of, the inspector's said mark or brand, or after the said inspector shall have passed any 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 and repack the same into other casks or packages, for exportation out of this state, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of forty shillings current money for every barrel.

Commissioners may remove inspector, &c.

XIX. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall be and are hereby empowered, at any time, to displace or remove the said officer from his office, if the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall see cause, and shall and may nominate and appoint another fit person to such office during the residue of the year, who shall have power to execute the same office according to the directions of this act, on his taking the said oath of office.

Inspector to go on board vessels, &c.

XX. **And,** whereas great quantities of flour are brought by water to the said town of Baltimore, and it being very inconvenient to land the same for inspection; **Be it enacted,** That the inspector of flour appointed by this act shall, and is hereby directed, at the request of any person who shall bring above fifty casks in any one vessel, to go on board such vessel in the harbour of the said town, and inspect the said flour on board, under the penalty of twenty shillings current money for every neglect or refusal.

May appoint assistants, &c.

XI. **And,** whereas it may sometimes happen, that by reason of a great quantity of flour being brought at once to Baltimore-town, the person who shall be appointed inspector of flour cannot alone, with sufficient dispatch, inspect and brand all such flour, and as it is apprehended that the most likely means to support the credit of the inspection brand is to make one inspector answerable, **Be it enacted,** That the person to be by the commissioners, or the governor and council, as aforesaid, chosen and appointed inspector of flour, shall or may, on such occasions only, or in case of sickness, employ one or more persons of good repute, and well qualified for such service, as assistants to assist him in the execution of his said office; and such assistants, after taking the oath or affirmation herein prescribed to be taken by the inspector of flour, are hereby authorized to inspect and brand any barrels of flour at Baltimore-town, as the inspector himself might do.

Officers to take the oaths, &c.

XXII. **And be it enacted,** That before any of the said officers shall enter upon the execution of their respective offices, they shall take the several oaths to government appointed by law.

Penalties, how to be recovered, &c.

XXIII. **And be it enacted,** That all and every the penalties and forfeitures in and by this act set and appointed, shall be recovered before a single magistrate, as in case of small debts, in the name of the commissioners of the town, and be by them laid out and expended in mending the public wharfs and streets in the said town.

Part of an act continued, &c.

XXIV. **And be it enacted,** That so much of the act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of flour, staves and shingles, not merchantable, from the town of Baltimore, in Baltimore county, and to regulate the weight of hay, and the measure of grain, salt, flax-seed, and fire-wood, within the said town, and to prevent the exportation of flour not merchantable from Fell's-point in the said county,