

IX. **And**, whereas the insufficiency of flour casks brought to Baltimore-town, and the inequality of the gauge of the same, have been found detrimental to commerce; for remedy whereof, **Be it enacted**, That after the first day of January next, no person shall sell, or offer for sale, any flour for exportation at Baltimore-town, or Fell's-point, until the same be packed and put into good substantial well seasoned casks, of a proper thickness and well coopered, and the staves thereof shall be of the length of twenty-eight inches, and the headings of eighteen inches; and the inspectors of flour are hereby authorised and required to view and inspect the cask, and if the same shall be found insufficient or defective, either in the thickness and goodness of the staves, or heading or cooperage, or in the gauge of the same, the person offering such flour packed into such cask for sale, shall forfeit the sum of five shillings current money for each cask found insufficient.

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No flour to be offered for sale till packed in casks.

X. **And be it further enacted**, That all and every cask of flour brought to the said town, or Fell's-point, to be from thence laden and shipped for exportation, shall be submitted to the view and examination of the inspector so as aforesaid nominated and appointed, who shall search and try the same, by boring the head, and piercing it through with an instrument to be contrived for that purpose, in order to prove whether it be honestly and well packed, and also to enable him to judge of its goodness, and shall afterwards plug up the hole; and if the said inspector shall judge the same to be merchantable, according to the directions of this present act, he shall brand every such cask of flour on the quarter, with the word Baltimore, with a public brand-mark to be provided for that purpose, and shall also brand and mark the degree of fineness which he shall, on inspection, determine the said flour to be of; which degree shall be distinguished as follows, to wit, superfine, fine, middling, ship-stuff; for which trouble he, the said inspector, shall have and receive of the owner of such flour, the sum of one penny current money for each cask, and no more.

Flour for exportation, to be submitted to the view of the inspector, &c.

XI. **And be it further enacted**, That no inspector of flour shall brand any flour which shall prove, on examination thereof, to be unmerchantable, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, but shall cause the same to be marked on the bilge with a broad arrow, or secure it for a further examination if required; which examination the owner shall procure to be made within the space of twenty days, and the inspector shall and may demand and receive from the owner or owners thereof, the same rates and prices as if the same had been branded.

Unmerchantable flour to be marked on the bilge.

XII. **And be it further enacted**, That when any person shall think himself aggrieved through the judgment or want of skill of the said inspector in rejecting the said flour as unmerchantable, it shall and may be lawful for such person to apply to a justice of the peace, who shall, at the charge of the complainant, issue his warrant, directed to three indifferent persons, well skilled in the manufacture of flour, to review and examine the same; which said three persons, so as aforesaid appointed, shall take the same oath, or affirmation if a quaker, as by this act is herein after directed to be taken by every inspector of flour, and shall carefully view and examine the same; and if they, or any two of them, shall pass and declare the same to be merchantable, then, and in such case, the said inspector shall raise out the broad arrow, and put such brand on the said flour as they, or any two of them, shall adjudge and determine, and repay to the said complainant the said cost; but if, on such review, the judgment of the said inspector shall be confirmed, then, and in such case, the said owner of such flour shall pay the cost of such review.

Persons aggrieved may apply to a justice of the peace, &c.

XIII. **And be it further enacted**, That every inspector shall be allowed one penny current money per barrel for storage, if stored; and if, upon an appeal and review as aforesaid, the judgment of the inspector shall be confirmed, the person appealing shall pay the expence of such storage, and shall also pay the same if an appeal shall not be prosecuted; and if the judgment of the said inspector shall be reversed, then the said inspector shall forfeit his charge and expence of the said storage.

Inspector's allowance for storing flour.