

XIV. **And be it enacted,** That every inspector of salted provisions, who shall be nominated as aforesaid, shall, on his appointment, and before his executing the said office, make oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before a justice of peace, that without fear, favour, affection, malice, partiality, or respect of persons, he will diligently and carefully view, examine and inspect, all salted beef, pork or fish, brought to the said town of Baltimore, and which he shall be called upon to view, examine and inspect, to the best of his skill and knowledge, and that no salted provisions shall be passed or branded by him, without his viewing and examining the same; that he will not brand, or cause to be branded, any cask or casks of salted provisions that do not appear, to the best of his skill and knowledge, to be in all respects sufficiently clean, sweet and merchantable; and that he will pass and brand all such cask or casks of salted provisions as shall appear to him sufficiently clean, sweet and merchantable, to the best of his skill and knowledge, and according to the directions of this act; and that he will not wittingly or willingly charge, ask, take, receive, exact or demand, any other fees or rates for doing his duty in his office as inspector of salted provisions, than is mentioned and directed by this act; and that he will carefully and diligently view and examine all casks in which such salted provisions shall be brought and contained; and that he will not pass or brand any cask or casks of salted provisions, unless such cask or casks be of such size, goodness and thickness, as by this act is required.

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XVII
Oath of in-
spector.

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

Who shall not
purchase, &c.

XVI. **And be it enacted,** That if any person shall alter the mark stamped on any barrel of salted provisions by any inspector, or shall mark or brand any barrel of salted provisions 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 salted provisions as merchantable, shall pack into the cask which contains the same, any other salted provisions, or, after any barrel of salted provisions 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 five pounds current money for every barrel.

Penalty on
persons alter-
ing the mark,
&c.

XVII. **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.

Commission-
ers may re-
move the of-
ficer, &c.

XVIII. **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.

Officers to
take the oaths,
&c.

XIX. **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.

How penal-
ties are to be
recovered,
&c.

XX. This act to continue and be in force for and during the term of six years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Continuance.