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XXII.His Duty in
receiving
Grain and o-
ther Commo-
dities into the
Store-houfes.

and honest Dealing; **Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,** That the said Commissioners shall provide for the said Officer, out of the public Money, sufficient Sealed Exact Measures, as used in this Province, and that the said Officer shall give due Attendance at the said Wharf and Store-houfes, and shall receive therein all such clean and merchantable Grain and Commodities as shall be brought there to be Stored, which he shall endeavour as much as he can to keep in separate Parcels: But whereas he may be often obliged to mix the Grain belonging to several People, the said Officer shall use his utmost Skill in examining the Grain so brought in at different Times, and shall not receive into the said Store-house any Wheat, or other Grain, that shall not be sufficiently Clean, Sound, and Merchantable.

Shall give
Receipts for
Grain, &c.
which shall
be transfer-
able.

VII. And be it also Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Store-Keeper shall give all Persons lodging any Grain, or other Country Produce or Commodities in the said Store-house, authentic Receipts for the same, and that the said Receipts shall be transferable, and being legally Indorsed or Assigned, shall oblige the said Store-Keeper to deliver to the Indorsee or Assignee, without delay, the Goods or Commodities in the said Receipt mentioned, they paying Storage for the said Goods or Commodities as is hereafter rated and expressed, and no more.

One per Cent
for shrinkage
if lying above
three Months.

VIII. Provided nevertheless, That for any Wheat or other Grain, measured into the said Store-house, and lying therein above Three Months, the said Store-Keeper shall be allowed One per Cent, on the Delivery thereof, for Shrinkage or other Waste of the said Grain.

A Viewer or
Examiner of
Flour to be
appointed,who shall
View and
Brand all
Flour Ship-
ped off.

His Oath.

His Fee 3 d.
per Barrel.All Flour
Shipped off
from North-
East River,
shall be
brought to
Charles-Town
and there
Viewed and
Branded.

Penalty.

IX. And for Encouragement of Persons Trading to the said Town, and for the Credit of the Manufacture of Wheat Shipped therefrom; Be it also Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That as soon as the said Officer or Store-Keeper shall be appointed as aforesaid, or at such other Times as the said Commissioners shall see necessary to appoint a Viewer or Examiner of Flour, and after one Month's public Notice of the same, that no Flour shall be Shipped off from the said Town, but what shall be carefully Viewed and Branded by the said Officer (for which Purpose a public Brand-Iron shall be provided by the Commissioners), who shall, at his entering on said Office, make Oath before one Provincial or County Magistrate, " That
" without Favour, Partiality, or Respect of Persons, he will use his best Skill
" and Knowledge, that no Flour be Passed or Branded by him without his
" Viewing and Examining the same; and that he will not Brand, or cause
" to be Branded, any Cask or Casks of Flour, that does not appear to the
" best of his Skill and Knowledge, to be in all Respects sufficiently Clean,
" Sweet, and Merchantable, so as to be of equal Goodness and Fineness
" with the like Commodities usually Exported from the neighbouring Tra-
" ding Colonies;" for Viewing and Branding whereof, he shall receive from the Owner or Owners thereof, the Sum of Three Pence Current Money per Barrel, and no more.

X. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That after such Viewer and Examiner shall be appointed in Manner aforesaid, no Flour whatsoever shall be Shipped off for Exportation or Trade, from any other Place or Landing on North-East River; but that all Flour from thence intended to be Shipped off, shall be brought either by Land or by Water to the said Town, and be there Viewed and Branded by the Officer aforesaid, on Penalty of Forfeiture of the said Flour, or Value thereof, to be recovered in any County Court of this Province, by Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed; one Moiety of which Forfeiture to be paid to the Informer, the other Moiety to be paid to the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, to be applied towards the Building, Repairing, or Maintaining the said Public Wharf and Ware-house, and to be accounted for as aforesaid.

XI. And