

CHAP.  
XV.  
Penalty for  
putting a  
wrong tare on  
any cask of  
flour.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons shall put a false or wrong tare on any cask of flour, more than one pound weight to the disadvantage of the purchaser, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay, for every such cask wrongfully or falsely tared as aforesaid, the sum of ten shillings current money; and the inspector, upon suspicion, or upon the request of the buyer, shall uncase or unpack any such cask of flour, in order to try the tare thereof; and if the said cask or casks be found to be tared more than one pound less than the true weight, the bolter thereof shall pay the charge and expence of unpacking or uncaseing, and repacking or recaseing, over and above the sum of two-pence current money for each cask as aforesaid; but if the weight of the same is not more than one pound less than the tare thereon marked, then the officer or purchaser, at whose request such trial be made, shall pay the cost of unpacking or uncaseing, and repacking or recaseing.

Flour for ex-  
portation, to  
be submitted  
to the view of  
the inspector,  
&c.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all and every cask of flour brought to the said town, to be from thence laden and shipped for exportation, shall be submitted to the view and examination of the inspector aforesaid, 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, as also to enable him to judge of its goodness, and shall afterwards plug up the hole; and if the said officer 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 George-town, Patowmack, 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 and an half of a penny current money, for each cask, and no more.

Unmerchant-  
able flour to  
be marked on  
the bilge.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the said inspector of flour, shall not 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 said 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; and in case the said inspector should store the flour so to be re-examined as aforesaid, then, and in that case, the said inspector shall be allowed two-pence current money for each barrel so stored.

Persons ag-  
grieved may  
apply to a  
justice of the  
peace, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That when any person or persons shall think him, her or themselves, 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 him, her or them, 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 said 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 the said 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 officer 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 officer is confirmed, then, and in such case, the said owner of such flour shall pay the costs of such review.

Two-pence to  
be paid on re-  
view.

X. And be it further enacted, That the said three persons, and each of them, for their trouble, shall and may demand and receive the sum of two-pence current money for each barrel by them reviewed.

XI. And