

have and receive of the purchaser or seller of the said hay, who shall require the same to be weighed, the sum of two shillings current money for every ton or twenty gross hundred weight of hay, and no more, and so *pro rato*. C H A P. XX.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the said inspector of flour, measurers of grain, salt and flax-seed, cullers or garblers, and counters of staves, heading and shingles, and hay weighers, shall inspect or weigh all flour, measure all grain, salt and flax-seed, cull and count all staves, heading and shingles, and weigh all hay, as they and each of them shall be reasonably requested, from time to time, under the penalty of ten shillings current money for every neglect or refusal. Penalty on neglect or refusal of the officers.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said wood corders shall cord all such wood as they shall be requested, from time to time, to cord, under the penalty of two shillings and six-pence current money for every neglect or refusal to cord such wood as aforesaid. Penalty on neglect of wood corders.

XXXIII. And be it further 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 said town, and be by them laid out and expended in mending the public wharfs and streets in the said town. How to be recovered.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall be and are hereby empowered, at any time, to displace or remove any of the said officers from their respective offices, if the said commissioners, or 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. Commissioners may displace officers, &c.

XXXV. And, whereas great quantities of flour are brought by water for sale at the said town of Baltimore and Fell's-point, 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 or at Fell's-point, and inspect the said flour on board, under the penalty of twenty shillings current money for every neglect or refusal. Inspector to go on board vessels, &c.

XXXVI. And, whereas it may sometimes happen, that by reason of a great quantity of flour being brought at once to Baltimore-town and Fell's-point, 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 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 services, as assistants, to assist him in the execution of his said office; and such assistants, after taking the oaths or affirmations herein prescribed to be taken by the inspector of flour, are hereby authorized to inspect and brand any barrels of flour at Baltimore-town or Fell's-point, as the inspector himself might do. And may employ assistants.

XXXVII. 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 or affirmations appointed by law to be taken to the government, and repeat and subscribe the oath of abjuration and the test before some justice of the peace. Officers to take the oaths, &c. to the government.

XXXVIII. This act to continue seven years, and unto the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the end of the said seven years. Continuance.

Continued for seven years by the act of October, 1778, ch. 15; notwithstanding which act, the act of October, 1780, ch. 36, ordains, that this act be revived and continued for seven years, &c. That act of October, 1780, however, contains the following clauses by way of addition to this act.

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II. Provided;