

before any benefit claimed under this act; or having a house in some port or town, as their own proper freehold, forty feet in length and twenty in breadth, with two brick chimneys, wherein such person hath dwelt for one whole year as aforesaid: Nor shall any such persons, having houses in any town, &c. enjoy such benefit, longer than they and their families shall actually reside in such town.—*Ibid.* § 8.

7. Persons trading directly from England to this province, shall not be deemed foreigners, but have equal privilege in the exportation of meat dried or undried, with the inhabitants of this province.—*Ibid.* § 9.

8. The commissioners of Baltimore town, or the major part of them, shall meet between the 1st and 20th days of March yearly, and then nominate and appoint a person of good repute, and skilful in the goodness, quality, and well curing of salted beef, pork, and fish of every kind, to be inspector of salted provisions, within the said town, for the year ensuing.—1786, c. 172, § 2, *Cont. to the 30 Oct. 1797, &c.*

9. Every commissioner, who shall vote for the said officer, shall take the following oath before he shall proceed to the nomination of the said officer: "I, A. B. do swear, that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially nominate and appoint such person to be inspector of salted provisions within the said town, as I think in my judgment and conscience is fit and capable of executing the said office."—*Ibid.* § 3.

10. In case of the death of such officer so appointed, or his refusal or neglect to act, the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall, as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, meet together and appoint one other such person as aforesaid, instead of the person so dying, &c. for the residue of the year; and if the said commissioners shall neglect to appoint such officer, then the governor and council may appoint such officer.—*Ibid.* § 4.

11. All salted beef, &c. of every kind, brought or imported into the said town, from any part of this state, or any one of the United States, or from any foreign port whatever, after the 1st day of April next, shall be made merchantable, sound, and fit for use.—*Ibid.* § 5.

12. All beef and pork barrels brought to, or imported into Baltimore town, from any part of this state, shall be made of good seasoned materials, well made, tightened with twelve hoops, sufficiently nailed with four nails in each chine hoop, and three nails in each upper bilge hoop, sufficient to hold pickle; all fish barrels imported or brought in as aforesaid, shall be made of good seasoned materials, well made, tightened with twelve hoops, sufficiently nailed in manner aforesaid.—*Ibid.* § 6.

13. All persons packing and curing beef or pork, shall put in the said barrels the full quantity of 220lb. net weight; and if any person or persons shall pack any beef or pork barrel with a less quantity than is directed by