

thereafter, meet together, and appoint one other such person as aforesaid in the stead of the person so dying, &c. for the residue of the year; and if the said mayor, &c. shall neglect and omit to nominate and appoint such officer, then the governor and council may appoint such officer, who shall be qualified agreeably to the directions of this act.—*ibid.* §. 3.

38. All beef and fish barrels brought to, or imported into George-town, from any part of this state, shall be made of good seasoned oak materials, well made, nailed with four nails in each chine-hoop, and three nails in each upper bilge hoop, sufficient to hold pickle, and of the following dimensions, viz. The staves to be of the length of 28 inches, and 17 inches diameter at the head, and 21 inches at the bilge; all pork barrels imported or brought in as aforesaid, shall be made of good seasoned oak materials, well made, tightened with 12 hoops, sufficiently nailed in manner aforesaid, sufficient to hold pickle, and of the following dimensions, to wit. The staves of the length of 28 inches, and 17 and an half inch diameter at the head, and 21 and an half inch at the bilge.

39. All persons packing and curing beef or pork, except for the use of his or their family, shall put in the said barrels 220lb. neat weight; and if any person or persons shall pack any beef or pork barrel with a less quantity than is directed to be contained in the barrels of the size and dimensions aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit if the deficiency be 3lb. 6d. current money, if 6lb. 1s. 6d. and 6d. per lb. for every lb. deficient above 6lb.—*ibid.* §. 5.

40. All and every barrel of beef, pork, and fish, brought to the said town for sale or exportation, shall be submitted to the view and examination of the inspector so appointed, who shall search and try the same, by opening one of the heads and examining whether it be honestly and well packed, and also whether it be sound, good, and of sufficient weight; and if the said inspector shall judge the same to be merchantable according to the directions of this act, he shall brand every such barrel on the quarter with the word George-town, with a public brand-mark, to be provided for that purpose, and also the word Pork, Beef, or Fish, for which trouble he the said inspector shall have and receive of the owner of such beef, &c. 6d. current money for each cask; and every barrel of beef, &c. imported, brought into George-town, or cured in said town, from any part of this state, or any of the United States, or from any foreign part, shall be inspected immediately on the same being branded, and if the inspector shall judge the same to be merchantable, he shall brand every such barrel on the quarter with the word George-town, and the word Pork, &c. as aforesaid.—*ibid.* §. 6.

41. No inspector shall brand any barrel of beef, &c. which he thinks unmerchantable according to the true intent and meaning of this act,