

wharf and store-houses, or any other public buildings, so as to receive any profit or advantage there- by, on the penalty of fifty pounds current money, to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, wherein no esoin, protection or wager of law, shall be allowed, and applied to the use of such public buildings; and that the said workmen shall declare upon oath (if required by the said commissioners,) the names of all such persons as are joined and concerned with them in the said contracts or agreements.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, *by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid,* That the commissioners aforesaid, or the commissioners for the time being, shall keep a fair and particular account of the receipts and disbursements of this and all other public money by them received for the uses aforesaid, and shall annually lodge a copy thereof with the clerk of Cecil county, signed by the commissioners, or the major part of them, and which account the said clerk shall copy, and insert in the record book kept for the use of the said town, without fee.

Account to be kept, &c.

V. AND BE IT ALSO ENACTED, That when the said wharf and store-house and houses shall be built, the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall appoint a person of good repute and skill in the goodness and quality of flour, wheat and other grain, to be wharfinger and store-house-keeper to the said wharf and store-houses; which said officer shall give sufficient security, in the name of the lord proprietary of this province, in the sum of one hundred pounds current money, for the true and faithful discharge of his said office, according to the true intent and meaning of this act hereafter expressed.

A person to be appointed, &c.

VI. AND, to secure the people living at a distance, as well as those in or near the said town, to have their grain and other commodities safely and securely stored at reasonable rates, and have utmost assurance of punctual 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-houses, and shall receive therein all such clean and merchantable grain and commodities that 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.

To be furnished with measures, &c.

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 transferrable, and being legally endorsed or assigned, shall oblige the said store-keeper to deliver to the endorser 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.

To give receipts, &c.

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.

Proviso.

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 trading 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.

A viewer to be appointed, &c.

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