

**C H A P. XL** on, and to contract with fit and proper persons for the building a house, not less than fifty feet in length and thirty in breadth, for a market-house, for the use of the inhabitants of said town and county.

**To be bounded.** III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said portion of ground, laid out by the said commissioners as aforesaid, shall be bounded.

**Market-days, &c.** IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the twentieth day of August next, two days in every week shall be held as market-days within the town of Elizabeth aforesaid, to wit, Wednesdays and Saturdays; and victuals and provisions whatsoever, brought to the said town for sale, except beef by the quarter or large quantity, and pork by the hog or hogs, upon those or any other days, shall be carried to the public market-house of the said town, there to be sold to the inhabitants, at the stated market-hours, to wit, from any time in the morning to twelve at noon.

**Penalty on buying out of market, &c.** V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no inhabitant of the said town, or other person, shall presume to buy, or cause to be bought, of any person or persons, being and within one mile thereof, or having brought any kind of victuals or provisions whatsoever to the said market for sale, (except as before excepted,) either upon the above stated market-days, or any other day of the week, during the time of the above stated market-hours, at any other place whatsoever, but at or in the aforesaid market-house, under the penalty of twenty shillings current money for every such offence, to be recovered by warrant, before any justice of the peace for Washington county, or the county where the person shall reside, as in case of small debts, to be paid to such person as the commissioners aforesaid shall appoint as their clerk of the market in Elizabeth-town aforesaid, to be by them applied to the repairing of the said market-house, and such other purposes as they may think necessary.

**On persons selling, &c.** VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person whatsoever, after the time aforesaid, bringing or sending, or having brought or sent, any provisions or victuals to the said town for sale, shall presume to sell, or cause to be sold, the said victuals or provisions so bringing or sending, or brought or sent, as aforesaid, to the said town, or within one mile thereof, (except as before excepted;) under the penalty of ten shillings current money, with costs as aforesaid, (if a free person,) to be recovered, paid and applied, as aforesaid.

**On slaughtering cattle, &c.** VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall hereafter presume to slaughter or butcher any cattle kind, sheep or hogs, in or near about the said market-house, that he or they, so doing, shall forfeit and pay seven shillings and six-pence current money for every such offence, to be recovered, paid and applied, as aforesaid, with cost aforesaid.

**Blown meat to be seized, &c.** VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall sell, or offer for sale, any meat within the said market which shall be blown, in such case it shall and may be lawful for the clerk of the said market to seize all such meat sold or offered for sale in the said market, and the same to condemn to and for the use of the prisoners confined in Washington county gaol; and the butcher, or other person, for every such offence, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings current money, which shall be applied as aforesaid.

**Provision to be weighed in scales, &c.** IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the twentieth day of August next, all such and every article of provision sold by weight within the said market, shall be weighed in scales and weights tried by the standard of the county, or the standard to be provided and kept by the commissioners aforesaid.

**Clerk's duty, &c.** X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerk of said market shall have power and authority to take the possession, care and charge of the market and market-house aforesaid, during his continuance in office, and to inspect all provisions brought thereto for sale, and destroy any he shall find and adjudge unsound or unwholesome; and also to try the weights and measures used at the said market by standards, if any provided and kept there by said commissioners of said market for that purpose, and the same, when false or untrue, to seize and dispose to the highest bidder, and shall pay the money arising from such sale to the said commissioners, to be by them applied as aforesaid; and the clerk of the said market (unless prevented by sickness, or other unavoidable accident or necessity,) shall and he is hereby required to attend in the said market, at such hours as the commissioners may appoint at the different seasons; (a) and if such clerk shall neglect or refuse to attend as aforesaid, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings current money, to be recovered by the commissioners

(a) By 1793, ch. 9, a salary is to be paid to the clerk.