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XVII.

a public brand-mark to be provided for that purpose, and also the word Pork, Beef or Fish, as the case may be, for which trouble he the said inspector shall have and receive of the owner of such beef, pork or fish, the sum of six-pence current money for each cask, and no more; and every barrel of beef, pork or fish, imported or brought into Baltimore-town, from any part of this state, or any of the United States, or from any foreign port, shall be inspected immediately on the same being landed, and if the inspector shall judge the same to be merchantable, he shall brand every such barrel on the quarter with the word Baltimore, in manner aforesaid, and the word Pork, Beef or Fish, as the case may be, as aforesaid.

If unmerchant-
able, to be
marked, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no inspector shall brand any barrel of beef, pork or fish, which he thinks unfound or unmerchantable, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, but shall cause the same to be marked on the bulge with a broad arrow, or secure it for a further examination if required, which examination the owner shall procure to be made within the space of four days; and the inspector shall and may demand and receive from the owner or owners thereof, the same rates and prices as if the same had been branded.

Persons ag-
grieved may ap-
ply to a justice,
&c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when any person shall think himself aggrieved, through the judgment or want of skill of the said inspector in rejecting the said salted provisions as unmerchantable, it shall and may be lawful for such person to apply to a justice of the peace, who shall, at the charge of the complainant, issue his warrant, directed to three indifferent persons, well skilled in the goodness, quality, and well curing of salted beef, pork, and fish of every kind, to review and examine the same, which said three persons, so as aforesaid appointed, shall take the same oath, (or affirmation if a quaker, menonist or tunker,) as by this act is herein after directed to be taken by every inspector of salted provisions, and shall carefully view and examine the same; and if they, or any two of them, shall pass and declare the same to be merchantable, then and in such case the said inspector shall raise out the broad arrow, and put such brand on the said salted provisions as they, or any two of them, shall adjudge and determine, and repay to the said complainant the said cost; but if on such review the judgment of the said inspector shall be confirmed, then and in such case the said owner of such salted provisions shall pay the cost of such review.

Allowance for
storage, &c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every inspector shall be allowed one penny current money per barrel for storage, if stored; and if upon an appeal and review as aforesaid, the judgment of the inspector shall be confirmed, the person appealing shall pay the expence of such storage, and shall also pay the same if an appeal shall not be prosecuted; and if the judgment of the said inspector shall be reversed, then the said inspector shall forfeit his charge and expence of the said storage.

Inspector's al-
lowance.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said inspector of salted provisions, for his trouble, shall and may receive the sum of two-pence current money for each barrel by him received.

Certain barrels
not to be ex-
ported, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for any person whatsoever to export, ship or lade, on board of any ship or vessel, for exportation out of this state, any of the casks or barrels of the said salted provisions, so marked with a broad arrow as aforesaid, or to sell, export, ship or lade, on board of any ship or vessel for exportation, any of the casks or barrels of the salted provisions not examined and branded as aforesaid, from out of Patapsco river, on pain of forfeiture of fifty shillings current money for each and every barrel so exported or laden on board of any ship, or other vessel, for exportation.

Oath of inspec-
tor, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every inspector of salted provisions, who shall be nominated as aforesaid, shall, on his appointment, and before his executing the said office, make oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before a justice of peace, that without fear, affection, malice, partiality, or respect of persons, he will diligently and carefully view, examine and inspect, all salted beef, pork or fish, brought to the said town of Baltimore, and which he shall be called upon to view, examine and inspect, to the best of his skill and knowledge, and that no salted provisions shall be passed or branded by him, without his viewing and examining the same; that he will not brand, or cause to be branded, any cask or casks of salted provisions that do not appear, to the best of his skill and knowledge, to be in all respects sufficiently clean, sweet and merchantable; and that he will pass and brand all such cask or casks of salted provisions as shall appear to him sufficiently clean, sweet and merchantable, to the best of his skill and knowledge, and according to the directions of this act; and that he will not wittingly or willingly charge, ask, take, receive, exact or demand, any other fees or rates for doing his duty in his office as inspector of salted provisions, than is mentioned and directed by this act; and that he will carefully and diligently view and examine all casks in which such salted