

falted provisions shall be brought and contained; and that he will not pass or brand any cask or casks of salted provisions, unless such cask or casks be of such size, goodness and thickness, as by this act is required.

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XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no inspector of salted provisions shall purchase, directly or indirectly, any salted beef, pork or fish, by him condemned as aforesaid, or any salted provisions whatsoever, other than for his own family use; under the penalty of forty shillings current money for each barrel by him purchased.

Who shall not purchase, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall alter the mark stamped on any barrel of salted provisions by any inspector, or shall mark or brand any barrel of salted provisions which hath not been inspected, with any mark or brand similar to, or in imitation of, the inspector's said mark or brand, or after the said inspector shall have passed any barrel of salted provisions as merchantable, shall pack into the cask which contains the same any other salted provisions, or, after any barrel of salted provisions shall be branded with a broad arrow, shall unpack and repack the same into other casks or packages, for exportation out of this state, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds current money for every barrel.

Penalty on altering the mark, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall be and are hereby empowered, at any time to displace or remove the said officer from his office, if the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall see cause, and shall and may nominate and appoint another fit person to such office during the residue of the year, who shall have power to execute the same office according to the directions of this act, on his taking the said oath of office.

Commissioners may remove the officer, &c.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before any of the said officers shall enter upon the execution of their respective offices, they shall take the several oaths to government appointed by law.

Officers to take the oaths, &c.

XIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all and every the penalties and forfeitures in and by this act set and appointed, shall be recovered before a single magistrate, as in case of small debts, in the name of the commissioners of the town, and be by them laid out and expended in mending the public wharfs and streets in the said town.

How penalties are to be recovered, &c.

XX. This act to continue and be in force for and during the term of six years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Duration.

This act has ceased to have any operation in Baltimore, on account of the act of incorporation, and the ordinances which have thereupon been passed, but is inserted here on account of the provisions, &c. contained in it being extended to Havre-de-Grace, under the act to prevent the exportation of flour not merchantable, and unground salt provisions, from the port of Havre-de-Grace, 1796, ch. 21, and to Chester-town, in Kent county, under the act to prevent the exportation of flour and salted provisions, not merchantable, from the port of Chester, 1797, ch. 7, section 9.

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An ACT to extend the time for bringing in and settling claims against this state. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 105.

Passed 20th of Jan. 1787.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that fundry claims against this state have not been brought in to be liquidated and settled as directed by law, for want of notice or other unavoidable impediments;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all claims against this state, on account of property confiscated, depreciation and pay of the army, or otherwise, by any citizen thereof, or any citizen of the United States, or their executors or administrators, which have arisen before the time limited by law for bringing them in, may be brought in, passed and settled by the auditor-general, on or before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and when passed and settled as aforesaid, shall be paid by this state as by law directed, any thing in former acts to the contrary notwithstanding; provided the claimants, or their executors or administrators, make appear by their oaths or affirmation, or otherwise to the satisfaction of the auditor-general, that for want of sufficient notice, or from some unavoidable impediment, they could not bring in their claims as aforesaid within the time heretofore limited by law.

Claims may be brought in, &c.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That no claim against this state, on account of the property of the debtor being confiscated, shall be passed, unless satisfactory proof is given, that there are not debts due in the county to the persons whose property has been confiscated, to satisfy the

Proviso.