

and lawful means; and to punish with moderate correction, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the said commissioners, all such negro and other slaves as shall be found wandering or strolling about the streets in the night time, or frequenting the houses of other persons in the said town, without the permission or consent of their masters, mistresses or overseers.

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X. AND, whereas it has likewise been represented, that the inhabitants of the said town, and others, are erecting a market-house in a convenient place therein appropriated to that purpose; and that if the market thereof were properly established and regulated, it might be rendered useful to themselves, and to the citizens of the neighbouring counties; BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED, *by the authority aforesaid*, That from and after the first Monday of April, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-one, the Tuesday and Saturday in every week shall thereafter be set apart, appointed and held, as market-days within the limits of the said town; and that all victuals and provisions whatsoever brought to the said town for sale, after the said first Monday of April, in the year aforesaid, shall be taken or carried to the public market-house of the said town, and there be sold, or offered for sale, at the market-hours, which are hereby established to be from any time in the morning of the said days until twelve o'clock at noon; provided always, that fish or oysters, or beef by the quarter or larger quantity, or pork by the hog or hogs, or any kind of grain, flour and bread, or butter in firkins, or other vessels exceeding twenty pounds net weight, or cheese, or beef and pork in barrels or larger casks, or live cattle, sheep and hogs, respectively brought to the said town or market upon the days aforesaid, or on any other days, except Sunday, may be sold, bartered, or otherwise disposed of, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

Market-days,
set apart, &c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall presume to buy, or cause to be bought, any article of victuals or provisions, of any other person or persons bringing, or having brought, to the said town, or within two miles thereof, any kind of victuals or provisions whatsoever for sale, (except the articles herein before provided for,) either upon the stated market-days aforesaid, or on any other days, during the time of the market-hours herein before established, at any other place whatsoever but at or in the said market-house, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of thirty-shillings current money for every such offence.

Penalty for
buying out of
market, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any servant or slave shall, by the order or consent of his or her master or mistress, buy any articles of victuals or provisions of any person bringing, or having brought, to the said town, or within two miles thereof, any kind of victuals or provisions whatsoever for sale, (except the articles provided for as aforesaid,) either upon the stated market-days aforesaid, or on any other days, during the time of the market-hours herein before appointed, at any other place whatsoever but at or in the said market-house, the master or mistress of every such servant or slave, so ordering or consenting, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen shillings current money for every offence.

On servants
buying, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person whatsoever, after the said first Monday of April, shall presume to sell, or cause to be sold, any article of victuals or provisions whatsoever, which such person may be bringing or sending, or have brought or sent, to the said town, or within two miles thereof, for sale, (except the articles herein before excepted,) either upon the stated market-days aforesaid, or on any other days, during the time of the market-hours herein before established, at any other place whatsoever but at or in the said market-house, every such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen shillings current money for every offence.

On persons
selling out of
market, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall presume to slaughter or butcher any kind of cattle, sheep or hogs, in or near the said market-house, or suffer the same to be done, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen shillings current money for every offence.

On slaughtering
cattle, &c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person, after the time herein before limited, shall put, or cause to be put, any horse, mare or gelding, into or under the said market-house, on any pretence whatsoever, every such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings current money for every offence.

On putting
horses under
market-house,
&c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of the said town, to be appointed by virtue of this act, shall, on the said first Monday of April, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-one, and on the same day and month in every year thereafter, nominate and appoint a person of good repute and skill to be the clerk of the said market; and if the person so appointed shall die, resign, or refuse to act, or be rendered incapable of acting by reason of misbehaviour or removal from office,

A clerk to be
appointed, &c.