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XVIII.
A clerk to be
appointed, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall, within one month after the erection of the said market-house, appoint a person of good repute to be clerk of the said market, who shall, before he proceeds to act as such, make oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before the said commissioners, or any one of them, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his skill and judgment, execute and perform the several duties of clerk of the said market, without favour, partiality or prejudice.

Market-house
vested, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the market-house aforesaid, with the stalls and shambles thereof, shall be and they hereby are vested in the commissioners heretofore appointed, and to be appointed in virtue of this act, for the use and in trust for the inhabitants of said town; and the clerk of the market shall have full power, under the direction of the said commissioners, to rent and hire out the said stalls and shambles, and shall keep a fair and just account, as well of the persons renting, as of the profits arising from such rents, and shall render duplicates of such accounts to the said commissioners annually, on the first Monday of April, or oftener if required; and the said rents and profits shall be paid to the order of the said commissioners, and shall be applied to the uses directed by this act; and the said clerk shall have a reasonable compensation for his services, to be ascertained by the said commissioners; and the said clerk shall have sufficient power and authority to take charge of the said market-house, and of the market thereof, and to examine and inspect the victuals and provisions brought thereto for sale, and if any shall be found unsound or unwholesome, to seize and destroy the same, and to examine and try the weight of any butter brought to the said market, and if the same shall not be found of the weight pretended by the person offering the same for sale, to seize the said butter, and to expose it to public sale, and also to try the weights, scales and measures, used at the said market, by the standard of the county, and if any weights or measures shall be false or untrue, to seize the same, and, on a just alteration thereof, to dispose of the same to the highest bidder, and to account for the money arising from those sales with the said commissioners.

Penalty for
selling wine,
&c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person or persons whatsoever, from and after the first day of April next, shall presume to sell, barter or exchange, any wine, rum, brandy, whisky, or other distilled spirituous liquors, on the public ground, or at any place within the limits of the said town, under a penalty of twenty shillings for every offence; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken in any manner to interfere with boarding-houses, licensed ordinary keepers, or retailers of spirituous liquors, actually residing within the said town.

A wood-corder
to be appoint-
ed, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall appoint a person of good repute to be wood-corder of all firewood brought to the said town for sale, who, before he proceeds to act as such, shall make oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, that he will, according to the best of his skill and judgment, perform the duties of a wood-corder in the said town, without favour, partiality or prejudice; and that from and after the first day of September next, all firewood brought to the town for sale, shall be set up, corded and measured by the wood-corder appointed as aforesaid; and that each cord of wood shall be eight feet in length, four feet in width, four feet in height, and close stowed and well packed; and that the said wood-corder, for his trouble in cording the same, shall have and receive the sum of ten cents, one half thereof to be paid by the buyer, and the other half by the seller.

Penalty for ne-
glecting to have
wood corded,
&c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall purchase or buy any firewood brought to the said town, and shall neglect or refuse to have the same corded and measured by the wood-corder appointed in pursuance of this act, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings current money for every cord so purchased and bought, or which he shall refuse or omit to request the said corder to cord, in pursuance of this act; and the said wood-corder shall cord and measure all such firewood as he shall be required to cord and measure, when reasonably requested thereto, under the penalty of ten shillings for every such neglect or refusal.

Geese, &c. may
be seized, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to suffer to run at large within the limits of the said town any goose, geese or swine; and if any goose, geese or swine, shall be found running at large within the limits of the said town, it shall be lawful for the bailiff of the said town, or of any other person or persons belonging to the said town in case of his absence, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to seize all and every such goose, or geese and swine, and to impound the same; and the said bailiff shall immediately, by public advertisement, give notice of the impounding of such goose, geese or swine, and if the owner or owners shall not, within three days thereafter, pay to the said bailiff for every day of the impounding of any goose the sum of one shilling current money, and for every day of impounding any swine the sum of three shillings

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