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21. FREDERICK LORD BALTIMORE.

**XIV.** C H A P. to Act, the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall, as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, meet together, and nominate and appoint one other such Person as aforesaid, in the Stead and Place of any Person so dying, refusing, or becoming incapable to act for the Residue of the Year then to come; and if the said Commissioners shall neglect and omit to nominate and appoint the said Officer, then, and in such Case, the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, may, by Warrant under his Hand, constitute and appoint another Officer, who shall have the like Power and Authority as if he had been, by the said Commissioners, regularly nominated and appointed.

**V.** And be it further enacted, That all Wheat Flour, bolted and brought to the said Town for Exportation, from and after the First Day of January next, shall, by the Bolters thereof, be made merchantable, and of due Fineness, without any Mixture of coarser or other Flour, and well packed in good strong well seasoned Casks, with the Tare thereof marked thereon.

**VI.** And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, shall put a false or wrong Tare on any Cask of Flour, more than One Pound Weight, to the Disadvantage of the Purchaser, such Person or Persons, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Cask wrongfully or falsely tared as aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings current Money; and the Inspector, upon Suspicion, or upon the Request of the Buyer, shall uncase, or unpack, any such Cask of Flour, in Order to try the Tare thereof; and if the said Cask or Casks, be found to be tared more than One Pound less than the true Weight, the Bolter thereof shall pay the Charge and Expence of Unpacking, or Uncasing, and Repacking, or Recasing, over and above the Sum of Two-pence current Money for each Cask as aforesaid; but if the Weight of the same is not more than One Pound less than the Tare thereon marked, then the Officer, or Purchaser, at whose Request such Trial be made, shall pay the Costs of Unpacking, or Uncasing, and Repacking, or Recasing.

**VII.** And be it further enacted, That all and every Cask of Flour brought to the said Town, to be from thence laden and shipped for Exportation, shall be submitted to the View and Examination of the Inspector aforesaid, so as aforesaid nominated and appointed, who shall search and try the same, by boring the Head, and piercing it through with an Instrument to be contrived for that Purpose, in order to prove whether it be honestly and well packed, as also, to enable him to judge of its Goodness, and shall afterwards plug up the Hole; and, if the said Officer shall judge the same to be merchantable, according to the Directions of this present Act, he shall brand every such Cask of Flour, on the Quarter, with the Word, *George-Town, Patowmack*, with a publick Brand-mark to be provided for that Purpose, and shall also brand and mark the Degree of Fineness which he shall, on Inspection, determine the said Flour to be of, which Degree shall be distinguished as follows, *to wit*, *Superfine, Fine, Middling, Ship-stuff*, for which Trouble, he, the said Inspector, shall have and receive, of the Owner of such Flour, the Sum of One Penny and an Half of a Penny current Money, for each Cask, and no more.

**VIII.** And be it further enacted, That the said Inspector of Flour, shall not brand any Flour, which shall prove, on Examination thereof, to be unmerchantable, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, but shall cause the same to be marked on the Bidge with a broad Arrow,

Officer, Commissioners to appoint another Person in his Stead;

and on Neglect the Governor to nominate.

Wheat Flour, brought for Exportation, to be made merchantable, &c.

Person putting a wrong Tare on any Cask of Flour, to forfeit 10 s. Currency, &c.

Casks of Flour for Exportation, shall be submitted to the Inspector, and if merchantable to be branded with the Degree of Fineness.

Inspector's Allowance.

Unmerchantable Flour to be marked on the Bidge with a broad Arrow.