

An ACT to prevent the Exportation of Flour, Staves and Shingles, not merchantable, from the Town of *Baltimore*, in *Baltimore* County, and to regulate the Weight of Hay and Measure of Grain, Salt, Flax-seed and Fire-wood within the said Town, and to prevent the Exportation of Flour, not merchantable, from *Fell's-Point*, in the said County.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that Discoveries have lately been made of certain Deceits practised by Millers and others in the Manufacture of Flour, large Quantities whereof are brought to, and sold in the said Town of *Baltimore* and *Fell's-Point*, and from thence exported; and that frequent Disputes and false Weight and short Measure happen, as well in the Weight of Hay, Measure of Grain, Salt and Flax-seed, as in the cording and measuring of Wood, and Advantages are taken of the Ignorant and Unwary by the deceitful Practices of Skippers, Masters of Vessels and Boats, the like whereof also happens in the felling of Staves and Shingles, as well concerning the Quantity as Quality; and it being apprehended, that if a Person or Persons were appointed, under proper Powers, Checks and Restrictions, and the Buyers and Sellers, Inhabitants in and about the said Town, were obliged to employ him or them to cord all Wood, garble or cull and count all Staves and Shingles to be brought in and about the said Town, and to inspect or determine, and by gradated Brand-marks distinguish the Qualities of all Flour, by the said Inhabitants or others respectively to be brought in and about the said Town and *Fell's-Point*, and to measure by proper Measures, settled and adjusted by the County Standard, all Salt, Grain and Flax-seed that should be brought by Land or Water to, and sold in the said Town, would be of great Service, not only in supporting and assisting the Commerce of the said Town of *Baltimore*, but also in thwarting and discountenancing dishonourable, unmanly and deceitful Dispositions, always injurious to a Community. For the Encouragement therefore of the said Town, and others well disposed to forward the Trade and Advancement thereof,

Commissioners to appoint an Inspector of Flour, Garblers, &c. of Staves and Shingles, Measurers of Grain, &c. Weighers of Hay and Corders of Wood, in *Baltimore-Town* and at *Fell's-Point*.

II. Be it enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Commissioners of *Baltimore-Town*, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, shall assemble and meet between the first and last Day of *November* next, and between the said first and last Day of *November* yearly, and every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, and then nominate and appoint a Person of good Repute and Skill in the Goodness and Quality of Flour, to be Inspector of Flour within the said Town and at *Fell's-Point* for the Year ensuing, or for any other shorter Space of Time in their Discretion; and also shall nominate and appoint any Number of Persons not exceeding Three, of good Repute and Skill in culling and garbling of Staves and Shingles, to be Cullers, Garblers and Counters of all Staves and Shingles, brought to and sold within the said Town and at *Fell's-Point* for the Year next ensuing; and also shall nominate and appoint any Number of Persons not exceeding Three, of good Repute and Skill in measuring Grain, Salt and Flax-seed, to be Measurers of all Grain, Salt and Flax-seed, brought by Land or Water to, and sold in the said Town and at *Fell's-Point* for the Year next ensuing; and also shall nominate and appoint any Number