

C H A P. XX. P. Item, On such Review, shall find, pass, and declare the same to be sound, merchantable and fit for Exportation, then the same Staves, Heading or Shingles, shall be passed and allowed, and the Officer shall pay the Cost of the said Review; but if on such Review, the Judgment of the said Officer shall be confirmed, then the said Owner or Possessor of such Staves, Heading or Shingles, shall pay the Cost of such Review; for which Review, each of the said Reviewers, shall have and receive the Sum of Eight-pence current Money, for every Thousand of the said Staves, Heading or Shingles.

Unfound Staves, &c. not to be exported, on Penalty of 10 s. Currency per Thousand.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person to export the said Staves, Heading or Shingles, so adjudged and determined unfound, or not fit for Exportation, out of this Province, or any Staves, Heading or Shingles, not counted, culled and garbled as aforesaid, from any Landing on the North-Side of *Patapsco* River, or out of the North-West Branch of the said River of *Patapsco*, on Pain of Forfeiture of Ten Shillings current Money for each and every Thousand so shipped and exported.

Proviso.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained, shall debar any Cooper or Carpenter from purchasing a sufficient Quantity of Staves, Heading or Shingles, to make up into Cask, or be used in Building, in the Way of his or their Business, so always that he shall not buy any of the Cullings which he may have before adjudged to be unmerchantable.

Oath of Office required.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Inspector of Staves and Lumber, shall, and he is hereby required, on his Appointment, and before his executing the said Office, to make Oath (or Affirmation if a Quaker) before a Justice of the Peace, That he will, without Fear, Affection, Malice, Partiality or Respect of Persons, diligently and carefully view, examine, inspect, cull, garble and count all Staves, Heading and Shingles, brought to, and offered for Sale within the North-West Branch of *Patapsco* River, and which he shall be called upon to view, examine, inspect, cull, garble and count, to the best of his Skill and Knowledge, and according to the Directions of this Act; and that he will not, wittingly or unwillingly, charge, ask, take, receive, exact or demand, any other or larger Fees or Rates for doing his Duty in his said Office of Inspector or Culler, Garbler and Counter of Staves, Heading and Shingles, than is mentioned and directed by this Act.

XXX. And, whereas it is represented, that Advantages are taken by the Sellers of Wood, in short measuring and cording the same, to the great Prejudice of the Inhabitants of the said Town;

Fire-wood brought to said Town to be corded by a Wood Corder appointed for that Purpose.

XXXI. Be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the first Day of *December* next, all Fire-wood brought to, and offered for Sale in the said Town, whether by Land or Water, shall be set up, corded and measured by some Wood Corder, for that Purpose as aforesaid appointed, and that each and every Cord of Wood shall be Eight Feet in Length, Four Feet in Breadth, Four Feet in Height, and well stowed and packed; and that the said Wood Corder, for his Trouble in cording and packing the same, shall have and receive the Sum of Four-pence current Money for each and every Cord, the one Half thereof to be paid by the Seller, the other Half by the Person purchasing the same.

His Allowance.

Persons neglecting to

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall purchase and buy any Fire-wood brought to the said Town, and shall neglect or refuse