

An ACT to establish a Market in *Baltimore-Town* in *Baltimore* County, and to regulate the said Market.

WHEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly, that the Inhabitants of the said Town have built and erected a large and convenient Building, calculated for a Market-House and other public Uses, on Part of a Lot of Land, in the said Town, distinguished in the Plat thereof by the Number Seventy-one, which, if put under proper Regulations, might be rendered very useful to the Inhabitants of the said Town and County, and it is prayed that an Act may be passed for holding and regulating a Market for the said Town :

Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the said Building shall be the Market-House of the said Town; and from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, Two Days in every Week, to wit, Wednesday and Saturday, shall be held as Market Days at the said Market-House; and all Victuals and Provisions whatsoever, brought either by Land or Water, upon those or any other Days of the Week, to the said Town for Sale (except Fish and Oysters brought by Water, all Kinds of Grain, Flour, Bread, Butter in Firkins or other Vessels exceeding Twenty Pounds Net, Cheese, Pork by the Hog, Beef or Pork in the Barrels or Larger Casks, live Cattle, Sheep or Hogs) shall be carried to the Market-House of the said Town; there to be sold at Market Hours, to wit, from any Time in the Morning to Twelve at Noon.

The Building erected in Baltimore-Town to be the Market-House, and Wednesday and Saturday to be held there as Market Days, &c.

Provisions brought to the Town for Sale to be sold at Market Hours.

III. And be it enacted, That no Inhabitant of the said Town, or other Person, shall buy, or cause to be bought, of any Person or Persons bringing (and within one Mile of the said Town) or having brought therein any Kind of Victuals or Provisions, for Sale (except as before excepted) either upon Market Days, or any other Days of the Week during Market Hours, at any other Place whatsoever but at or in the aforesaid Market-House, under the Penalty of Twenty Shillings Current Money for every such Offence.

Penalty on Persons buying Provisions at any other Place than the Market-House.

IV. And be it enacted, That no Person bringing or sending, or having brought or sent, any Victuals or Provisions to the said Town for Sale (except as before excepted) shall sell, or cause to be sold, the said Victuals or Provisions so brought or sent, either by Land or Water, to the said Town, or within one Mile thereof, at any other Place, during Market Hours, but at or in the aforesaid Market-House, under the Penalty of Twenty Shillings Current Money for every such Offence. And if any Servant or Slave shall sell any Victuals or Provision contrary to the Directions and Meaning of this Act, such Servant or Slave shall be punished by whipping on the bare Back, at the Discretion of any one Justice for *Baltimore* County, provided such whipping do not exceed Fifteen Lashes for any such Offence.

Penalty on Persons selling Provisions within one Mile of Town.

V. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners of *Baltimore-Town*, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, shall assemble and meet, between the Twentieth and the last Day of this present *December*, and between the First and the Tenth Day of *September* yearly, and every Year during the Continuance of this Act, and then nominate and appoint

Commissioners of *Baltimore-Town* to choose yearly a Clerk of the Market.