

oath or affirmation as aforesaid, the price for which such salt was purchased, and give bond in double the value of said salt, payable to this state, with good security, to be approved of by such justice, to sell the same at not more than thirty-five per cent. advance on the cost, it shall and may be lawful for the justice before whom such offender may be brought, and he is hereby required to call in two other justices of the peace of the same county to his assistance, and the said justices, or any two of them, may take possession of said salt, and cause the same to be sold out at retail, in quantities not exceeding one peck for each person in the family of the purchaser to any one person, at not more than thirty-five per cent. advance on the cost, according to the best information they can get, and shall and may retain sufficient to pay a person to be employed by them to sell and deliver out said salt, and shall pay the overplus to the owner or other person entitled to receive the same; and the said justices, or any two of them, shall have full power and authority to call on the sheriff, or his deputy, to aid and assist them in carrying this act into execution, which said sheriff, or deputy, shall, and he is hereby required to aid and assist such justices accordingly; and such engrosser or engrossers of salt, grain or flour, shall, on conviction, be punished by fine not exceeding treble the value of the grain, flour, or salt, so engrossed, and also by imprisonment, at the discretion of the court where tried, not exceeding twelve months, without bail or mainprize.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the said justices, or any two of them, shall, and they are hereby required, immediately on determining such salt to have been engrossed, to bind over such engrosser, if present, by bond or recognizance with good security, to appear at the next general court to be held for the shire where the said salt shall be engrossed, there to answer for the offence aforesaid, or in default thereof, shall commit such offender to gaol, there to remain until delivered by due course of law; and if such engrosser be absent, or shall reside in any other county within this state, the said justices, or any two of them, shall issue their warrant, directed to the sheriff or some constable of the county where the party doth reside, or may be found, to apprehend such offender, and when apprehended, such sheriff or constable shall carry the party before some justice of the county where apprehended, who shall bind him over as above directed.

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XIV. And be it enacted, That in case any justice or sheriff, being called upon, shall refuse or neglect to do his duty as by this law required, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred pounds for each refusal or neglect.

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XV. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons in this state, hath or have purchased or laid up more salt than shall be sufficient for the use of his or their family or families for one year from this time, rating and allowing one peck of salt for each person in a family, such person or persons shall sell the overplus to the inhabitants of this state, by retail, at the same rate and in the same manner and proportion as the persons who have engrossed salt as above mentioned are directed to sell the same; and if any person shall refuse to sell the overplus of his salt at the rate and manner aforesaid, he shall forfeit for every offence the sum of five pounds current money, and the over-

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