

any fatted cattle or hogs by any butcher; with intent to slaughter at the place of his usual residence, to be sold in the county where he resides, or the buying flour of any kind by any baker, for manufacturing or selling by retail; in any quantity not exceeding twenty-eight pounds to any one person at any one time, to the inhabitants of any city or town in the vicinity thereof, shall not be deemed, construed, or taken, to be within the intent and meaning of this act.

XX. And be it enacted, That no person shall be permitted to act within this state as commissary-general, agent, quarter-master general, or as deputy to either, for the United States, before such person or persons have been licensed by the governor and council of this state; and all persons applying for such licence shall produce their commission to the governor and council, if the same hath not been already done, who, on examination thereof, shall cause the date of such commission and the name of the person producing the same to be entered on their proceedings, and also the district in which such person so licensed as aforesaid shall be permitted to exercise his office; and the governor and council are hereby requested to transmit to the clerks of the several counties, a list of the names of all persons by them licensed as aforesaid, and the district in which they are permitted to purchase, which said list shall be deposited among the records of each county, and shall also publish the names and districts of the persons so licensed in the Annapolis and Baltimore gazettes, that the same may be known to the inhabitants of this state.

No person to act as commissary-general, &c. until licensed by the governor and council, &c.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to lay out and divide the several counties of this state into eight districts, of which five shall be laid out on the western and three on the eastern shore, and may also appoint and assign one of the deputies licensed as aforesaid to exercise his office in one of the aforesaid districts; and if any person or persons, so appointed and licensed, shall exercise his said office in any other district than that to which he is assigned, or shall act as deputy without being licensed as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay for every offence the sum of ten thousand pounds.

Governor and council to divide the counties into eight districts, &c.

XXII. Provided nevertheless, That nothing herein contained shall be construed or taken to prohibit the commissary or deputy-commissary-generals, the quarter-master or deputy quarter-master-generals, of the United States, from purchasing any of the articles aforesaid in any part of this state.

Proviso.

XXIII. And, Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that sundry persons in this state have withheld and refused to sell their wheat of the growth of the preceding years, by means whereof the fly and other destructive vermin have been produced and increased, to the great detriment of the public:

XXIV. Be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace in any county of this state, and he is hereby authorized and required, on his own knowledge, or on information on oath, that any person or persons have by them any wheat of the growth and produce of any of the preceding years, to issue his warrant, empowering

Justice may cause wheat of preceding years to be seized, &c.