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of the tax, or justice of the peace, may appoint two or three reputable disinterested persons, who are good judges of the quality and weight of beef cattle, and who shall adjudge and determine the same.

Commissaries
to transmit an
account of
provisions,
&c.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That the said county commissaries shall, at least once a month, and oftener if required by the governor and council, transmit to them, and also to the commissary of provisions for his shore, an account of all meat provisions dead and alive, and wheat and flour, received and disposed of by him, and what remains on hand, and the places where; and the said county commissaries are empowered and required to procure salt, and good well seasoned tight barrels, or small tight casks, and hire hands for the salting, packing, and curing, all pork; and any county commissary may place out for keeping and feeding all or any beef cattle delivered to him, and may also, where it conveniently may be done, expend the bran and shorts of the public wheat for that purpose; and where the bran and shorts cannot be conveniently so fed away, he is hereby directed to sell the same for the benefit of the public.

Wheat to be
well ground,
&c.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That the wheat which may be delivered at mills shall be well ground, bolted, and packed, at the same mills, the county commissary finding good well seasoned barrels; and the wheat which may be received at places other than mills, shall be sent by the county commissary to mills of reputation, and there ground, bolted and packed, as aforesaid; but unless in cases where it may be otherwise directed by the governor and council, or commissary of the respective shore, the whole flour produced from the wheat, separating only therefrom the bran and shorts, shall be packed together; and the county commissaries are hereby directed and required to visit the mills frequently, to see that the public work is well executed and not unnecessarily delayed, and shall from time to time, on reasonable request, shew his books, and the state of his affairs, to the commissioners of the tax, and also to the commissary of his shore.

Owner of mill
to preserve
wheat, &c.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That the owner of every mill where wheat shall be lodged or sent as aforesaid, or the person by him employed in the charge of such mill, shall keep and preserve the wheat so lodged or sent to such mill, and shall grind, bolt and pack the same, as aforesaid, in a reasonable time, and keep and preserve the flour in such mill, if required, for any time not exceeding two months, for the reward of eight-pence for every bushel of wheat ground, bolted and packed, rating Spanish dollars at seven shillings and six-pence, or the value thereof in gold, silver, or bills of credit; and in case any such wheat, or any flour made thereof, shall be embezzled by the owner of the mill, or any of his servants employed therein, or any such wheat or flour shall be in any manner disposed of to the use of any such owner or servant, on complaint and proof thereof and on hearing the party accused, or on his default, after notice, the commissioners of the tax may, by their warrant directed to the sheriff, cause double the value of such wheat or flour to be levied of the goods and chattels of such owner or servant, or by their warrant commit either or any of them to close prison, till the said double value shall be paid; provided, that where the master shall be made answerable for the conduct of the servant, only the value of the wheat or flour shall be levied on the master.

XXXIX. And