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tor of flour, shall or may, on such occasions only, or in case of sickness, employ one or more persons of good repute, and well qualified for such service, as assistants to assist him in the execution of his said office; and such assistants, after taking the oath or affirmation herein prescribed to be taken by the inspector of flour, are hereby authorized to inspect and brand any barrels of flour at Baltimore-town, as the inspector himself might do.

Officers to
take the oaths,
&c.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That before any of the said officers shall enter upon the execution of their respective offices, they shall take the several oaths to government appointed by law.

Penalties, how
to be recover-
ed, &c.

XXV. And be it enacted, That all and every the penalties and forfeitures in and by this act set and appointed, shall be recovered before a single magistrate, as in case of small debts, in the name of the commissioners of the town, and be by them laid out and expended in mending the public wharfs and streets in the said town.

Part of an act
continued,
&c.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That so much of the act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of flour, staves and shingles, not merchantable, from the town of Baltimore, in Baltimore county, and to regulate the weight of hay, and the measure of grain, salt, flax-seed, and fire-wood, within the said town, and to prevent the exportation of flour not merchantable from Fell's-point in the said county, made and passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Wednesday the second day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, as respects the exportation of flour, be and remain in full force until the first day of August next, and that from and after that day, that part of the said act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Continuance.

XXVII. This act to continue and be in force for and during the term of six years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

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An A C T directing the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication.

Justices to issue warrants
for persons
having illegitimate children,
&c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, it shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace within this state, as often as he shall be informed of any female person having an illegitimate child, to issue his warrant to the constable of the hundred in which such person resides, who is hereby required to carry such person before some justice of the peace of the county, who shall call on her for security to indemnify the county from any charge that may accrue by means of such child, and, upon neglect or refusal, to commit her to the custody of the sheriff of the county, to be by him safely kept until she shall give such security; but in case she shall on oath discover the father, then the said justice is hereby required to discharge her from such warrant, and directed to call such father, if a resident of the county, before him, and shall cause him to give security in the sum of

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