

to seize and dispose of to the highest bidder, and the money arising from such sale to be applied as the other fines set by this act are appropriated. C H A P.
II.

XI. And be it enacted, That the said clerk, so as aforesaid nominated and appointed, shall have full power to rent and hire out, as well the stalls and shambles in the said market house, as the rooms and apartments that now are or hereafter may be made over the same, and a fair and just account of the profits arising from such rents the said clerk is hereby directed to keep, and apply the same from time to time, under the directions of the said court, to the like uses as the fines set by this act are directed to be applied; and the said clerk shall be allowed, at the discretion of the said court, a sum not exceeding twenty pounds, to be levied upon the inhabitants and proprietors of property in the said town by equal assessment, and collected as county charges are. May rent
stalls, &c.

XII. And, Whereas great complaints are made of frauds practised in the sale of hay and wood brought to the said town, Be it enacted, That the justices of the orphans court for Kent county, or the major part of them, shall meet and assemble at the court-house of the said county, on or before the first day of January, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and yearly and every year thereafter in the month of October in such year, and there nominate and appoint any number of persons not exceeding three, of good repute and skill, to be weighers of all hay and wood corders of all fire-wood that shall be brought to and sold within the said town; and in case any of the said officers, so appointed, shall die, resign, or refuse to act, or be rendered incapable of acting or serving, as aforesaid, by misbehaviour, removal, or otherwise, the justices of the orphans court, or the major part of them, shall, as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, meet together, and nominate and appoint another such person as aforesaid, in the room of him so dying, resigning, or refusing to act, or rendered incapable of acting or serving as aforesaid, for the residue of the year to come. Justices to ap-
point weighers
of hay, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That every weigher of hay and wood corder shall, before he acts as such, take the following oath or affirmation (if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, nicholite or new-quaker) before some justice of the peace: "I, A. B, do swear, or solemnly, sincerely, and truly, declare and affirm, that I will, when required, well and truly, according to the best of my skill and judgment, weigh all hay, and cord all wood, without any fear, favour, affection, malice, or partiality whatever, to the buyer or seller; and that I will not, willingly or wittingly, charge, ask, take, receive, exact, or demand, any other or larger fee or reward, for doing my duty, than what is allowed by law." Their oath.

XIV. And be it enacted, That from and after the first day of January next, all fire wood brought to and offered for sale in the said town, whether by land or water, shall be set up, corded, and measured, by some wood corder appointed as aforesaid, and that each cord of wood shall be eight feet in length, four feet in breadth, four feet in height, and well stowed and close packed; and that the said wood corder, for his trouble in cording and packing the same, shall have and receive the sum of six-pence current money for each cord, the one half to be paid by the buyer, the other half by the seller. Fire wood to
be corded, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That if any person shall purchase or buy any fire wood brought to the said town, and shall neglect or refuse to have the same corded and measured by some wood corder appointed as aforesaid, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings for every cord so purchased and bought, and which the said person shall refuse or neglect. Penalty on
buying wood
not corded,
&c.