

CHAP. VIII. offer to such assisors, their objections (if any they have) against any advance being at that time made in the weight of bread.

No alteration to be made, &c. III. And be it enacted, That after any assize of bread shall be set in pursuance of this act, no alteration shall be made therein, nor to raise the same higher, or to sink the same lower, unless the price of flour shall be returned as having rose one shilling and three-pence per hundred weight more than the last return made, or having fallen one shilling and three-pence per hundred weight lower than the said last return.

Bread to be marked, &c. IV. And be it enacted, That every person and persons who shall make any loaf-bread of wheat flour for sale in any of the places aforesaid, shall mark all the bread he shall bake with his name, and with the following letters, to distinguish the several sorts, that is to say, the fine white bread with F, and middling bread with M; which several sorts of bread shall be made in the manner following: The fine white bread of the best fine white flour, and the middling bread of good middlings, and the loaves of such bread shall be a penny loaf or roll, a two-penny, a four-penny, a six-penny, an eight-penny and a twelve-penny loaf, and no other.

Penalty on selling bread not sufficiently baked, &c. V. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons whatsoever shall, after the first appointment of assisors in any city or town within their respective counties, make for sale, sell or expose to sale, any of the several sorts of bread aforesaid, within the places aforesaid, which shall not be sufficiently baked, or marked with the mark, and of the weight and fineness, directed by this act, every such person or persons offending in the premises shall forfeit all such bread so deficient in weight or fineness, and not marked as aforesaid; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the clerk of the market, or such person or persons as the aforesaid assisors shall respectively appoint, at least twice in every month, to examine and weigh all such bread, and to seize, for the use of the poor of the county, all such as they shall find deficient in weight or fineness, and not baked or marked as aforesaid: and if any baker, or other person, shall refuse to suffer the clerk of the market, or the person or persons appointed as aforesaid, to enter his house, or other suspected place, to examine and weigh his bread, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds current money for every such offence, and the clerk of the market, or person or persons appointed as aforesaid, shall have one third part of such penalty for his trouble, and shall deliver the other two thirds to the overseers, or other managers, of the poor of the place or county where such penalty shall be incurred, for the use of the poor.

Bakers aggrieved may appeal, &c. VI. And be it enacted, That if any baker shall conceive himself aggrieved by the assize of bread as aforesaid, he may appeal to any justice in the place where the dispute shall happen, who thereupon shall issue his warrant to three indifferent and judicious persons, directing them to view the said bread, and make report to him according as they shall find the same, and the said justice shall thereupon proceed to give judgment on the said bread, or the report of any two of the jury, and if it shall appear to the said justice that the said bread was justly seized, the baker thereof shall pay the sum of ten shillings current money, to the use of the poor of the place where the said bread was seized; but in case the said bread, upon trial, shall be found of due weight and fineness, and marked and baked as this act directs, it shall be returned to the baker, and such baker shall thereupon be exempted from all costs arising in consequence of such complaint, which shall be paid by the town or county where such examination shall be made; and if any person perjur'd shall make and utter any of the several oaths above mentioned, or shall make complaint thereof, within one day after the said bread shall be returned, to any justice aforesaid, who is hereby authorized and required to hear and examine such complaint; and if the said bread shall be deficient in any of the said particulars, the baker thereof shall be adjudged to pay five shillings current money for every such offence, and be thereupon committed to the common gaol, without bail or mainprize, until he pay the same; which penalty,