

of the length of twenty-eight inches, and seventeen inches diameter at the head, and twenty-one inches at the bilge; all pork barrels imported or brought in as aforesaid shall be made of good seasoned oak materials, well made, tightened with twelve hoops, sufficiently nailed in manner aforesaid, sufficient to hold pickle, and of the following dimensions, to wit: The staves of the length of twenty-eight inches, and seventeen and an half inches diameter at the head, and twenty-one and an half inch at the bilge: This act not to affect fish barrels made before the first day of April, seventeen hundred and ninety-three.

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V. **And be it enacted,** That all persons packing and curing beef or pork as aforesaid, except for the use of his or their family, shall put in the said barrels the full quantity of two hundred and twenty pounds neat weight; and that if any person or persons shall pack any beef or pork barrel with a less quantity than is directed by this act to be contained in the barrels of the size and dimensions aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit, if the deficiency be three pounds, six-pence current money, if six pounds, one shilling and six-pence, and six-pence per pound for every pound deficient above six pounds.

To contain
220 pounds,
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VI. **And be it enacted,** That all and every barrel of beef, pork and fish, brought to the said town for sale or exportation, shall be submitted to the view and examination of the inspector so as aforesaid nominated and appointed, who shall search and try the same, by opening one of the heads and examining whether it be honestly and well packed, and also whether it be sound, good, and of sufficient weight; and if the said inspector shall judge the same to be merchantable according to the directions of this act, he shall brand every such barrel on the quarter with the word George-town, with a public brand-mark to be provided for that purpose, and also the word Pork, Beef or Fish, as the case may be, for which trouble he the said inspector shall have and receive of the owner of such beef, pork or fish, the sum of six-pence current money for each cask, and no more; and every barrel of beef, pork or fish, imported, brought into George-town, or cured in said town, from any part of this state, or any of the United States, or from any foreign part, shall be inspected immediately on the same being branded, and if the inspector shall judge the same to be merchantable, he shall brand every such barrel on the quarter with the word George-town, in manner aforesaid, and the word Pork, Beef or Fish, as the case may be, as aforesaid.

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VII. **And be it enacted,** That no inspector shall brand any barrel of beef, pork or fish, which he thinks unsound or unmerchantable according to the true intent and meaning of this act, but shall cause the same to be marked on the bilge with a broad arrow, or secure it for a further examination if required; which examination the owner shall procure to be made within the space of four days, and the inspector shall and may demand and receive from the owner or owners thereof the same rates and prices as if the same had been branded.

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VIII. **And be it enacted,** That when any person shall think himself aggrieved through the judgment or want of skill of the said inspector in rejecting the said salted provisions as unmerchantable, it shall and may be lawful for such person to apply to a justice of the peace, who shall, at the charge of the complainant, issue his warrant, directed to three indifferent persons well skilled in the goodness, quality and well curing, of salted beef, pork, and fish of every kind, to review and examine the same; which said three persons, so as aforesaid appointed, shall take the same oath (or affirmation if a quaker, menonist or dunker) as by this act is herein after directed to be taken by every inspector of salted provisions, and shall carefully view and examine the same, and if they, or any two of them, shall pass and declare the same to be merchantable, then and in such case the said inspector shall erase out the broad arrow, and put such brand on the said salted provisions as they, or any two of them, shall adjudge and determine, and repay to the said complainant the said cost; but if, on such review, the judgment of the said inspector shall be confirmed, then and in such case the said owner of such salted provisions shall pay the cost of such review.

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