

L A W S of M A R Y L A N D.

1794.

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XLI.
Market-days
to be held,
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That within five weeks after the said market-house shall be erected, the Wednesday and Saturday of every week shall be held as market-days, and the market-hours shall be from any time in the morning until noon of the said days; the market-days and market-hours may nevertheless be changed by the said commissioners, after four weeks advertisement at the market-house; and that all provisions and market-stuff brought to the said town, or within two miles thereof, for sale, within the market-hours aforesaid, shall be brought to the said market-house, or on the market-ground fixed on by the county court aforesaid, and there sold or offered for sale; provided, that oysters, salted fish, flesh, or butter by the cask, butcher's meat on the hoof, or by the carcase, grain, flour, meal and bread, shall not be considered as provisions or market-stuff within the meaning of this act, or subject to the regulations of the market.

Penalty for
buying out of
market, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any free person shall buy, or cause to be bought, of any person bringing, or having brought, to the said town, or within two miles thereof, any article of provision or market-stuff, on market-days, and during market-hours, at any other place whatsoever than at the market-house, or on the market-ground aforesaid, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings current money for each offence.

For selling
out of mar-
ket, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That after the establishment of the said market, if any free person shall sell, or cause to be sold, any article of provision or market-stuff which such person may be sending or bringing, or having sent or brought, to the said town, or within two miles thereof, for sale, upon market-days and during market-hours, at any other place than in the market-house, or on the market-ground aforesaid, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings current money for each offence.

And for
slaughtering
in the mar-
ket-house, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That no person shall slaughter or butcher any cattle in or near the said market-house, nor put any horse or other cattle in or under the said market-house, under the penalty of fifteen shillings current money for each offence.

A clerk to be
appointed,
&c.

VII. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the said market shall appoint a person of good repute and skill to be clerk of the said market, who may be removed from office by the said commissioners, and the said commissioners shall, from time to time, supply any vacancy in the office of clerk of the market; and the clerk of the market, before he acts as such, shall take an oath, or affirmation, that he will diligently and faithfully perform the duties of clerk of Charles-town market, a certificate of which qualification shall be filed among the proceedings of the said commissioners.

His duty, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the clerk of the said market shall have authority at all times to take care and charge of the market-house and ground aforesaid, and the market thereof, and to examine and inspect the provisions and market-stuff brought thereto for sale, and to try the weight or measure of any provisions or market-stuff made up in parcels, and if the same shall not be found of the weight or measure pretended by the person offering the same for sale, to seize the same, and sell them at public auction at the market-house; and if any provisions or market-stuff be found unsound or unwholesome, to seize and destroy the same, and to try and adjust the weights and measures used at the said market by the standards of the county, and if any be found false or untrue, to seize the same, and if any can be altered, so as to be made true, to sell the same at public auction at the market-house, or, with the consent and approbation of the said commissioners, to destroy them, if they be incapable of such alteration, one half of the produce of all such sales to be retained by the clerk of the market for his own use, the other half to be paid by him to the commissioners of the market, for the purposes hereafter mentioned; and if any person shall think him or herself aggrieved by any seizure made by the said clerk, he or she may, within five days, appeal to the said commissioners, who shall make such order therein as they shall think just.

IX. And