

Baltimore, and which he shall be called upon to view, examine, and inspect, to the best of his skill and knowledge, and that no flour shall be passed or branded by him, without his viewing and examining the same; that he will not brand, or cause to be branded, any cask or casks of flour, that do not appear, to the best of his skill and knowledge, to be in all respects sufficiently clean, sweet, and merchantable; and that he will pass and brand all such cask or casks of flour as shall appear to him sufficiently clean, sweet, and merchantable, according to the degree thereof, to the best of his skill and knowledge, and according to the directions of this act; and that he will not, wittingly or willingly, charge, ask, take, receive, exact, or demand, any other or larger fees or rates, for doing his duty in his office as inspector of flour, than is mentioned and directed by this act; and that he will carefully and diligently view and examine all casks in which such flour shall be brought and contained; and that he will not pass or brand any cask or casks of flour, unless such cask or casks be of such size, goodness, and thickness, as by this act is required.

17. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That no inspector of flour shall purchase, directly or indirectly, any flour by him condemned as aforesaid, or any flour whatsoever, other than for his own family use, under the penalty of forty shillings current money for each barrel by him purchased.

18. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That if any person shall alter the mark stamped on any barrel of flour by any inspector, or shall mark or brand any barrel of flour which hath not been inspected, with any mark or brand similar to, or in imitation of, the inspector's said mark or brand, or after the said inspector shall have passed any barrel of flour as merchantable, shall pack into the cask which contains the same, any other flour, or after any barrel of flour shall be branded with a broad arrow, shall unpack and repack the same into other casks or packages, for exportation out of this state, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of forty shillings current money for every barrel.

19. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall be and are hereby empowered, at any time, to displace or remove the said officer from his office, if the said commissioners or the major part of them shall see cause, and shall and may nominate and appoint another fit person to such office during the residue of the year, who shall have power to execute the same office according to the directions of this act, on his taking the said oath of office.

20. **AND,** whereas great quantities of flour are brought by water to the said town of Baltimore, and it being very inconvenient to land the same for inspection: **BE IT ENACTED,** That the inspector of flour appointed by this act shall, and is hereby directed, at the request of any person who shall bring above fifty casks in any one vessel, to go on board such vessel in the harbour of the said town, and inspect the said flour on board, under the penalty of twenty shillings current money for every neglect or refusal.

21. **AND,** whereas it may sometimes happen, that by reason of a great quantity of flour being brought at once to Baltimore-town, the person who shall be appointed inspector of flour cannot alone, with sufficient despatch, inspect and brand all such flour, and as it is apprehended that the most likely means to support the credit of the inspection brand is to make one inspector answerable: **BE IT ENACTED,** That the person to be by the commissioners, or the governor and council, as aforesaid, chosen and appointed inspector 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 authorised to inspect and brand any barrels of flour at Baltimore-town, as the inspector himself might do.

22. **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.

23. **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.

24. **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 re-*