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aforeſaid, to inſpect the proviſions brought thereto for ſale, and, if any ſhall be found unſound or unwholeſome, to deſtroy the ſame, and alſo to try and adjust the weights and meaſures uſed at the ſaid market by the county ſtandards, and the ſame, when falſe or untrue, 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.

May rent  
ſtalls, &c.

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.

Juſtices to ap-  
point weigh-  
ers of hay,  
&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 reſuſe 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 reſuſing to act, or rendered incapable of acting or ſerving as aforeſaid, for the reſidue of the year to come.

Their oath:

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, me-nonift or dunker, nicolite 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, af- " fection, 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."

Fire-wood to  
be corded, &c.

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.

Penalty on  
buying wood  
not 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 reſuſe 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 reſuſe or neglect to have corded as aforeſaid, or ſhall reſuſe or omit to requeſt one or other of the ſaid corders to cord purſuant to this act.

XVI. **And**