

C H A P. XXVIII.
VI. And be it enacted, That if any person whatsoever, after the erection of the said market-house as aforesaid, shall presume to sell, or cause to be sold, to any free inhabitant of the said town, or any servant or slave of such inhabitant, any article of provisions whatsoever which such person may be bringing or sending, or have brought or sent, to the said town, or within one mile thereof, for sale, (except the articles herein before excepted,) either upon the stated market-days aforesaid, or on any other days during the time of the market-hours herein before established, at any other place whatsoever but at or in the said market-house, every such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen shillings current money for every offence.

For slaughtering in the market-house,
VII. And be it enacted, That if any person shall slaughter or butcher any kind of cattle, sheep or hogs, in or near the said market-house, or suffer the same to be done, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen shillings current money for every such offence.

And for putting horses, &c. therein.
VIII. And be it enacted, That if any person, after the time herein before limited, shall put, or cause to be put, any horse, mare or gelding, or any cart, waggon or other carriage, into or under the said market-house, on any pretence whatsoever, every such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of seven shillings and six-pence current money for every such offence.

A clerk to be appointed, &c.
IX. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the said town to be appointed by virtue of this act, shall, after the erection and receipt of the said market-house as aforesaid, nominate and appoint a person of good repute and skill to be clerk of the said market; and if the person so appointed shall die, resign, or refuse to act, or be rendered incapable of acting by reason of misbehaviour, or removal from office, the said commissioners shall assemble together as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, and nominate and appoint another qualified person to be clerk of the said market for the remainder of the year.

Who shall take an oath, &c.
X. And be it enacted, That every person to be appointed clerk of the said market as aforesaid, before he shall proceed to act as such, shall take an oath, or affirmation, before the said commissioners, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his skill and judgment, execute and perform the several duties of clerk of the said market, without favour, affection or partiality, and that he will not, directly or indirectly, demand or receive any fee or reward for performing such duties but what is or shall be allowed by law; and the said oath, or affirmation, shall be administered by the said commissioners, or any one of them.

His powers.
XI. And be it enacted, That the clerk of the said market shall have sufficient power and authority, at all times thereafter, to take care and charge of the said market-house, and of the market thereof, and to examine and inspect provisions brought thereto for sale; to examine and try the weight of butter brought to the said market, previously made up in prints or parcels, and if the same shall not be found of the weight declared by the person offering the same for sale, to seize and sell the same, and the money arising from the sale thereof shall be paid to the commissioners, to be applied by them as is hereafter directed; and if any provision shall be found unbound or unwholesome, to seize and destroy the same; and also to try and adjust the scales, weights and measures, used at the said market, by the standards of the county, and if any weights or measures shall be false or untrue, to seize the same, and on a just alteration thereof to dispose of the same to the highest bidder, and to account for the money arising from those sales with the said commissioners; and if any person shall think himself aggrieved by any seizure made by the clerk of said market, he may appeal, within three days, to the commissioners of said town for redress, or any one of them, and he or they shall have power and authority to make such order therein as they may deem just and proper.

Market-house vested, &c.
XII. And be it enacted, That the said market-house, and the stalls, shambles, issues and appertinances thereof, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said