

C H A P. VI. head or heads brought before him by any person or persons as aforesaid shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to judge of the age of the said wolf or wolves of which the said head or heads was brought before him, and if such justice shall believe the age of such wolf or wolves to exceed six months, that then he shall distinguish it in his certificate by the words Old Wolf or wolves; but if he shall believe the said wolf or wolves to be under the age of six months, that he shall distinguish the same in his certificate by the words Young Wolf or wolves; and that every justice before whom any wolf's head is brought, and by whom a certificate shall be given as aforesaid, is hereby authorized and directed immediately to cause the ears to be cut off, and the tongue to be taken out of and from the head or heads of such wolf or wolves, to prevent such head or heads from being a second time carried before a justice in order to obtain a certificate.

Persons to be allowed, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That every person or persons who shall produce a certificate as aforesaid to the justices of Baltimore county at the levy court shall, for every old wolf's head, be allowed forty dollars, and for every young wolf's head be allowed ten dollars, to be by the said justices assessed and levied in the county levy, together with the sheriff's commission for collecting the same, and to be paid by the sheriff to such person or persons as shall be entitled to the same as aforesaid, any thing in any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Duration.

IV. This act to continue for two years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

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Passed January 20.

An ACT to prevent the exportation of flour and salted provisions not merchantable from the port of Chester.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the town of Chester, by several acts of congress, has been erected into a port of entry and delivery, and regulations are necessary to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable flour; therefore,

Justices to meet, &c.

H. **Be it enacted,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chief justice and the associate justices of Kent county, or the major part of them, shall meet at some convenient place in said port between the first and last days of March next, and between the first and last days of March yearly and every year thereafter, during the continuance of this act, and then and there nominate and appoint a person of good repute, and skilled in the goodness and quality of flour, to be inspector of flour within the port for the year ensuing.

And take an oath, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That every chief justice and associate justice who shall vote for said officer shall take the following oath, or affirmation if a quaker, before he shall proceed to the nomination and appointment of the said officer, before some justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, or each before the other: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially, nominate and appoint such person to be inspector of flour within the port of Chester as I think in my judgment and conscience is fit and capable of executing the said office;" and in case of the death, refusal, or the neglect to act of such officer so appointed, the said chief justice and associate justices, or a major part of them, shall, as soon as may be thereafter, meet together and appoint one other such person as aforesaid in the place of the person so dead, refusing or neglecting to act, for the residue of the year; and if the said chief justice and associate justices shall neglect and omit to nominate and appoint the said officer as aforesaid, then the governor and council may appoint such officer, who shall be qualified agreeably to the directions of this act, and have the like power and authority as if he had been nominated and appointed by the said chief justice and associate justices.

Inspector to take the oath, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That every inspector of flour who shall be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, shall, before his executing any of the duties of said office, take the oath, or make the affirmation if a quaker, before a justice of the peace