

Five Pounds, to be paid to the *Overseers of the Poor*, for the Use of the Poor of the Town where the Offence shall be committed, and shall be bound in a Recognizance, with *two* Sureties, for the *Good Behaviour*, during such Time as the Justice shall think meet, and upon the Neglect or Refusal of such Offender to pay the Fine, such Justice may issue his Warrant for levying the same by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods; and in Default of such Distress, may either commit the Offender for *One Month*, or may order such Offender to be set in the *Stocks* for *three Hours*, or to be whipped, at the Discretion of the Justice, upon the Nature and Circumstances of the Offence, and such Offender may be committed until the Sureties hereby required, shall be found for the *Good Behaviour*. And the Party or Parties injured shall and may be at Liberty, notwithstanding such Fine or Punishment, to proceed against such Offender or Offenders by Suit in any Court of *Record*, for any Special Damage sustained by Reason of such Defamation.



An Act relating to the Assize of *Bread*, and for Ascertaining the *Standard* of Weights and Measures.

WHEREAS great Frauds are daily committed in this Province, because no Standard for Weights and Measures, or Assize of Bread, have hitherto been established,

E it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted, That all Weights and Measures used in this Province, shall be according to the Standard of the *Exchequer* of England: And that the Treasurer of the Province, as soon as may be, procure a Sett of Measures, Long, Liquid, and Dry, and a Sett of Brass Weights and Scales, and that until such Weights and Measures shall arrive, the Weights at His Majesty's Ordnance Store shall be the *Standard*. And the Clerks of the Market for each Town, shall procure therefrom, a Sett of Weights according to such *Standard*, which shall remain with them as *Assay Weights*, and shall be marked with the Letters **G^{II} : R :**

And be it further enacted, That every Inhabitant of each Town respectively, making Use of Weights and Measures in the Sale of any Commodity

modity shall, in *One Week* after publick Notice given by such Clerks respectively, bring or cause to be brought, their *Weights* and *Measures* to be *assayed*, for each of which *Assay* he shall have *two Pence* for his Trouble and no more, and the said Clerk shall cause such *Weights* and *Measures* to be branded or stamp't with the *Initial Letter* of the Town where such *Assay* shall be made. And whosoever shall thenceforward, sell or vend any Commodity by *Weights* or *Measures* not so branded or marked, shall forfeit for every such Offence *Twenty Shillings*, on due Conviction thereof, before any *One* of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County wherein the Offence shall be committed, to be levied by Warrant of Distress, and Sale of the Offenders Goods.

And for the more effectual preventing such Frauds, be it further enacted, That the said Clerks shall and are hereby impowered, to inspect all *Weights* and *Measures*, and for that Purpose once in *three Months*, or oftener if they see Cause, shall visit every Inhabitant selling publicly by *Weights* and *Measures*, and shall have full Power and Authority to seize all such, not stamp't or branded as aforesaid, and may *Assay* and mark and dispose of the same for their Use, as a Satisfaction for their Trouble therein; and if any Person shall hereafter be convicted of Selling by *Weights* and *Measures* less than the *Standard* hereby established, he shall forfeit the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, to be recovered by Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record.

And for preventing Frauds in the Assize of Bread, be it enacted, That the Clerks of the Market be and are hereby impowered to visit every *Bake-House*, or the House of any other Person, selling Bread, and to seize all such as shall be found under the *Weight* and *Assize*, established by this Act as follows, viz.

When the Price of fine Wheaten Flour is at or under
Twelve Shillings the 112lb. avoirdupoize,

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The Sixpenny Loaf of the same shall weigh	4.	0.
When from Twelve to Fourteen Shillings inclusive	3.	8.
From Fourteen to Sixteen inclusive	3.	0.
From Sixteen to Eighteen inclusive	2.	12.
And above Eighteen	2.	8.

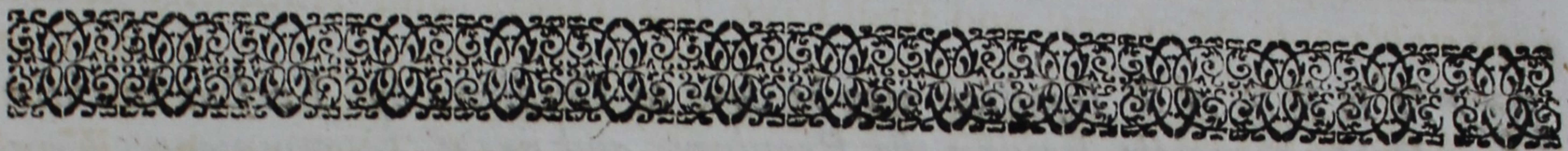
And that it shall and may be lawfull for said Clerks to stop, and examine the Bread that may be carried through the Streets, by any Person or Persons, either for immediate Sale, or the Supply of his or their Customers, and in like manner to seize all such as shall be found under the *Weight* and *Assize*.

And be it further enacted. That every Baker within this Province, shall and are hereby required to mark his Bread with the first Letter of his Christian and Surname, which, upon Failure thereof shall be seized,

and such Bread, so seized, shall be forfeited, and delivered to the *Overseers of the Poor* of the Town where the Offence is committed, for the Benefit of the Poor or Prisoners.

Provided always, that if any Person shall think himself aggrieved by such Seizure, he may apply for Redress to any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, who is hereby impowered to determine the same, if Application be made within *Twelve Hours* after the Seizure be made.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person making Use of *Weights and Measures*, or selling Bread, shall refuse Admittance to any of the said Clerks declaring the Intent of their coming to discharge the Duty of their Office, he shall for every such Refusal, forfeit the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, to be recovered before any *One* of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace.



An Act declaring what shall be deemed a *Publication* of the *Province Laws*.

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted, That the *Publick Reading* any Law of this Province, by the Provost Marshal or his Deputy, on the *Parade of Halifax*, after Notice by *Beat of Drum*, shall be deemed a sufficient Publication thereof.

And all Laws, already published in that manner, are hereby declared to have been in Force accordingly, from the Time of such Publication.

