

An Act to prevent Frauds in selling of *Beef, Pork, Flour, and Biscuit, or Ship-Bread* in Casks.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That from and after the Publication hereof, all Casks of *Beef and Pork* which shall be sold, exposed to Sale, or bartered, or bargained for in any way or manner whatsoever within this Province, shall contain, if the Produce of *America*, not less than *two Hundred and Twelve Pounds* of neat Meat; and if from *Ireland*, not less than *Two Hundred Pounds* of neat Meat.

And be it also enacted, That from and after the Publication hereof all *Flour, Biscuit, or Ship-Bread*, that shall be sold, bartered, or exchanged within this Province, shall be so sold, bartered or exchanged by Weight only, and in no other Way or Manner whatsoever.

And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons whatsoever shall hereafter presume to sell, barter or exchange, any *Flour, Biscuit or Ship-Bread*, by the Cask, or in any other Manner whatsoever, other than by Weight as above directed, on Pain of forfeiting all such *Flour, Biscuit, or Ship-Bread*, so sold, bartered or exchanged contrary to the Intent and Meaning of this Act: And every Person or Persons offending herein and being convicted thereof, shall also further forfeit and pay the Sum of *Twenty Shillings* for every *Hundred Weight*, and so in Proportion for a greater or less Quantity of such *Flour, Biscuit, or Ship-Bread*, so sold, bartered or exchanged; to be recovered, together with Costs of Prosecution, on the Oath of *One* credible Witness, before any *two* of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County where the Offence shall be committed.

And be it further enacted, That all Forfeitures and Penalties incurred and arising by this Act shall be applied and disposed of in Manner following, that is to say; all *Flour, Biscuit or Ship Bread*, which shall be forfeited by Virtue of this Act, shall be applied to the Use of the *Poor* of the Town or Place where the Offence shall be committed; and all and every other Penalties incurred by this Act, shall be applied to the use of the Person or Persons who shall inform and sue for the same.

Provided always, That all Prosecutions to be brought by Virtue of this Act, shall be commenced within *Ten Days* after the Offence committed.