

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 28th day of May 1765, in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations, to Tuesday the Third Day of June, 1766, in the Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

6 George III – Chapter 5 (Session 1)

An Act in further addition to and amendment of an Act made and pass'd in the 33'd Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act Relating to the Assize of Bread, and for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures."

Whereas in the act relating to the assize of bread, and for ascertaining the standard of weights and measures, the duty of the clerks of the market, is not sufficiently provided for, or set forth, nor any penalty affixed to their neglect of duty; and whereas also great frauds are daily practised by bakers and sellers of bread: for remedy whereof,

Be it enacted, by the Commander in Chief, council, and assembly, that the clerks of the market in the several towns or townships in this province, where bread is made and sold, shall visit the bake-houses, and the houses of all and every person or persons selling bread, at least one day in every week during their continuance in office as such, and if they neglect to perform their duty therein, they shall upon due conviction at the general sessions of the peace, forfeit the sum of forty shillings each, to be recovered on complaint before the said sessions; which fine shall be one half to the poor of the town or township to which such clerk shall belong, and the other half to him or them who shall complain and prosecute for the same.

And be it further enacted, that every baker or seller of bread, shall make his bread, commonly called white bread, of the flour of wheat only, and if he shall make use of, or mix with the said bread, the flour or meal of any other kind of grain, or any other ingredient whatever, or shall make use of, or mix, in the said bread, any decay'd or damag'd flour, and be duly convicted thereof, he shall pay a fine, not exceeding ten pounds, and be further corporally punished as in cases of fraud, at the discretion of the court before which he shall be convicted.

Provided always, that nothing in this act shall extend to hinder any baker or other person from making brown bread, mixed with rye or Indian meal that is not damaged, and sell the same as such.

And it is hereby also enacted, that a report shall be made once in every month by the said clerks of the market, of their whole proceedings, in virtue of this or the aforerecited act, to some one of his Majesty's justices of the peace within their dstrict, who shall certify at the general sessions of the peace for the country, whether such reports have been regularly made, and the said sessions shall proceed to fine all such clerks who have neglected to make

report as aforesaid, in any sum not exceeding forty shillings each, for the use of the poor of the town or township to which the said clerks shall belong.

And be it further enacted, that the general sessions of the peace, shall quarterly make an assize of bread, and cause the same to be affixed up at the market place weekly, and also give a copy of the same to the several clerks of the market.

Publish'd according to law, the 5th day of July 1766.