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An Ordinance made in addition
to and Amendment of an Ordinance
made & passed in His Majesty's Council
for the Island of Cape Breton on the
25th day of January 1786. and in the
26th Year of the Reign of His present
Majesty George the Third & Intituled
an Ordinance for Regulating the
Market for Wild Provisions Game
And Fish.

Whereas the Commissioners Appointed to carry into Execution the
Plan for the Erection of a Market House in the Town of Sydney, have
Reported that the same is now completed, and the Stands or Stalls
therein ready to be occupied by Butchers & others, Vendors of Provisions.

Be it Ordained & Ordered by His Honor Major General Despard
and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, and by
the Authority of the same, it is hereby Ordained & Ordered that the
said Market House, shall and may be Open on the Six Weekly days
from Sun rise until Nine O'clock at Night and on Sundays
from Sun rise until Nine O'clock in the forenoon, after which
hour the Market House shall be Shut and remain Shut for the
rest of the Day.

And be it further Ordained & Ordered that from and
after the first day of January next ensuing, all persons following the
Trade of a Butcher shall be Obliged to take out a Lease from the Trustees
of the Market for a Stand or Stall in the said Market House, and
therein to sell and expose for sale their Butchers Meat & Provisions

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of every denomination whatsoever, and that if any Butcher shall expose
Meat or Provisions of any kind in any place of the Town of Sydney other
than the Market House, he shall be liable to forfeit for so doing the Sum
of Twenty Shillings Current money for each and every Offence so
committed to be recovered before any One of His Majesty's Justices of
the Peace on the Oath of One Credible Witness.

2nd And be it also Ordained & Ordered that every Person
hiring a Stand in the Market shall pay for the same such Sum
the Trustees shall think proper per Annum, to be paid in Quarterly
payments into the Hands of the Clerk of the Market who shall be
Obliged to account for the same on Oath to the Treasurer of the Province
which Cent or five whereby Granted to His Majesty to be Applied towards
keeping the said Market House in Repair or for such other necessary
work or Improvement as may by the Governor Lieutenant Governor
or Commander in Chief for the time being with the Advice and
Consent of His Majesty's Council be found Expedient in the Town
Sydney.

3rd And be it Ordained and Ordered by the Authority
aforesaid that the Persons holding Stands or Stalls in the said Market
House as well as others coming there for the purpose of disposing of Provisions
of any kind shall be Obliged to keep the said Market House Clean and
in Good Order to the Satisfaction of the Clerk under the Penalty of One
Shilling for every Offence to be levied by Warrant from any one of His
Majesty's Justices of the Peace, upon the Clerk making Oath to the Defect
before such Justice.

4th And be it also further Ordained and Ordered
that from and after the said first day of January all persons bringing
Provisions

Butchers Meat from the Country with an intent to Sell the same, shall be obliged to carry the same to the said Market House, and therein to Sell or Expose it for Sale, and shall give in a Return of the weight of the same to the Clerk of the Market, and in failure of any part hereof shall forfeit and pay for each and every Offence the sum of Five Shillings Current Money to be recovered on the Oath of One Credible witness before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace,

5th And be it further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid that any damaged, Blown, or unwholesome Butchers Meat or other Provisions which shall be Exposed to Sale in the said Market House, shall be liable to be seized by the Clerk of the Market who is thereupon immediately to give notice thereof to One or more of the Trustees of the Market or in their Absence, to any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace Resident in the Town of Sydney, who are hereby respectively Authorised to inspect the said Meat so Seized and if found to be damaged or unwholesome to Adjudge the same to be forfeited, and cause the same to be destroyed, in the presence of the Clerk of the Market, and if the Meat so Seized or any part thereof, shall on inspection be found to have been blown, the person or persons so Exposing the same to Sale shall pay a fine of Five Shillings, and the Meat if otherwise wholesome, shall be given to the Church Wardens for the use of the Poor in the Town of Sydney, the said Fine to be recovered in like manner as is heretofore set forth.

6th And Whereas great Inconvenience may arise as also great Frauds may be practised in the sale of Butchers Meat and other Articles of Provisions in the said Market, from there not having been hitherto any Standard for Weights and Measures legally Authorised within the Province.

7th Be it Ordained and Ordered that a complete set of Weights and Measures, shall and may be procured, and to be paid for out of the Public Revenue of this Island, to remain in the Market House in the Possession of the Clerk of the Market, as Essay Weights and Measures, and that the same shall be according to the Standards of the Exchequer of England & to be Marked G. III. R. Cape Breton.

8th And be it also Ordained & Ordered that on the first day of June next, all persons making use of Scales, Weights or Measures as well in the Town of Sydney and all other parts of this Island, as in the Market House, in the Sale of any Article or Commodity, shall bring their Scales, Weights & Measures to be Essayed by the Clerk of the Market House, and shall pay the Clerk for every distinct Essay two pence. And the said Clerk shall cause such Weights and Measures so Essayed by him to be Stamp'd and Marked with the Letters G. B. And that if any Person shall after the said first of June Sell or Vend any Commodity by Weights or Measures, not so Stamp'd He or they shall upon Conviction thereof by the Oath of One Credible Witness, before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds Current money for each and every offence so Committed, and shall also forfeit the said Weights and Measures.

9th And be it further Ordained & Ordered that the Trustees of the Market, or any two of them, attended by the Clerk of the Market, shall be and they are hereby Authorised and Impowered to visit the House of Every person selling publicly by Weights and Measures Once in Every Six Months or oftener, and to Examine all Weights and Measures so used by them.

10th And be it further Ordained & Ordered by the Authority
 aforesaid, that His Honor the President of His Majesty's Council is
 hereby Authorised and Empowered to Appoint three or more Persons
 to be Trustees for the said Market, who shall be Sworn to the
 faithful performance of their Office,

11th And be it finally Ordained that all
 and every the Penalties imposed by this Ordinance shall be
 paid into the Hands of the Treasurer of the Province and they
 are hereby Granted to His Majesty to be Applied to the
 Public Uses of this Government,

Approved Ordained &
 Ordered in Council the Fifteenth
 Day of December 1803 in the Forty fourth
 Year of His Majesty's Reign

John Despard Maj^r Genl
 President of Council

Passed in Council the
 Fifteenth December 1803