

*Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1803.* Saint John, NB: John Ryan, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1803.

43 George III – Chapter 6

**An Act for regulating the Exportation of Butter. Passed 16th March, 1803.**

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That all Butter made for exportation, shall be packed in Firkins to contain sixty pounds weight as near as possible, which Firkins shall be made of good hard wood seasoned, and shall be made tight with three hoops at each end, and bilge, and sufficient to hold pickle, and before any Butter shall be shipped for exportation, every Firkin shall be Inspected by some sworn Inspector, who shall brand each Firkin with the tare thereof and the quality of the Butter contained therein free of pickle and loose salt, whether first, second or third quality, with the name of the County where the same shall be made, and such Inspector shall be entitled to receive three pence for every Firkin so by him Inspected.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Justices at their first General Sessions of the Peace, and annually thereafter shall and may appoint one or more Inspectors of Butter in each Town where the same shall by them be judged necessary, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, and shall inspect all such Butter as shall be intended for exportation, and in case of refusal to accept of such office, or neglect of duty when reasonably called upon, such Inspector shall be subject to the same penalties as other Town or Parish Officers by Law are subject to for neglect of duty, to be recovered and paid to the County Treasurer of such County. And every such Inspector shall provide himself with sufficient marks or brands and instruments for the purposes aforesaid, and shall be entitled to receive pay for the same out of the County Treasury.

III. And be it further enacted, That no Butter being in Firkins, shall be deemed merchantable, or shall be sent out of any County, unless such Butter shall have been inspected by a proper Inspector, and if any person or persons shall export for sale any Butter in Firkins without inspection, or being branded or marked as aforesaid, such person so offending shall for each Firkin incur the penalty of ten shillings, to be recovered and paid as aforesaid.