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7 George IV – Chapter 16

**An Act to regulate the Manufacturing and Shipment of Grindstones from the County of Westmorland. Passed the 7th of March 1826.**

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the first day of April next, all Grindstones, made in the County of Westmorland, and intended for Shipment therefrom, shall be free from spalts, shakes, cracks, bulls eyes or seams, and shall be made exactly round, of equal thickness, square on the edges, neatly and smoothly cut, with the eyes properly fitted, and finished in such manner, as to be fit for immediate use.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County of Westmorland, or the major part of them, at any General Sessions of the Peace or Special Sessions for that purpose, to be holden, shall and may appoint such, and so many fit persons, to be Surveyors of Grindstones, in the several Parishes in which it may be found necessary, as they, in their descretion may think fit, and to add to, remove, or displace the same or any of them, and others to appoint in their room, in such manner as other Parish Officers are appointed; which said Surveyors and every of them, before entering upon their office, shall be duly sworn, to the faithful discharge of the duties of such office.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of such Surveyors, in their several Parishes. respectively, to measure, examine, and Survey all Grindstones, intended for shipment, when called upon for that purpose, and that every Surveyor shall mark every Grindstone which he may so Survey, and deem Merchantable, and made in the manner directed by the first Section of this Act, with the initial Letters of his name, and that no Grindstones shall be shipped on board of any Vessel or Boat in order to be carried or removed from the said County, unless made, examined, surveyed, and marked, in the manner directed in and by this Act, upon pain of forfeiture there-of; and if any Grindstones are so shipped contrary to the provisions of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Surveyors to be appointed as aforesaid, to seize and secure the same, and after advertising the same, together with the time and place of such intended Sale, in some public place, near to the place where such Grindstones shall be deposited, for at least twenty days, to sell the same by Public Auction to the highest bidder, and the proceeds thereof, after deducting the necessary expences of making such seizures, and sale, shall be paid one half to the said Surveyor, who shall seize the same, and the other half to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish where the seizure shall be made, to the use of the Poor of such Parish. Provided always, that in case any Grindstones, shipped contrary to the Provisions of this Act, shall be carried or removed from the County aforesaid, so that the same cannot be seized, as before directed, that then the Person or Persons removing or carrying away, such Grind-stones, or selling such Grindstones, for the purpose of being removed or Carried away shall forfeit, and pay the sum of Four shillings for every Grindstone in measurement, according to the tables now in use, so shipped, contrary to the provisions of this Act upon due conviction thereof, before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for

the said County, upon the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, or confession of the party, to be levied by Warrant of distress, and sale of the offenders goods and chattles, and such penalty, when recovered, to be applied in the following manner, that is to say, one half thereof, to be paid to the person who shall inform and prosecute for the same, and the other half to be paid to the Overseers of the Poor, in and for the Parish, where such offence shall be committed, for the use of the Poor of such Parish.

IV. And be it further enacted, That no sheets or blocks of Stone, rounded, or perforated, and intended for making Grindstones, shall be shipped or put on Board of any Vessel or Boat, for the purpose of being carried out of the said County of Westmorland, unless completely manufactured, surveyed and marked, as aforesaid, upon pain of forfeiture thereof, as directed by the third Section of this Act; and any person or persons selling such Stores, for the purpose of shipment thereof, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings for every sheet or block of Stone, so shipped, to be recovered, levied and applied in the manner directed, in and by the third Section of this Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That Surveyors of Grindstones, shall be entitled to receive one penny for each and every Grindstone in measurement, as aforesaid, which shall be surveyed by them, and also, at the rate of seven shillings per day, during the time they are employed in attending to said Survey, the same to be paid by the person or persons, who may require them to make such Survey.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Surveyor, to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, shall be guilty of any neglect, or wilful default, in the performance of this duty, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of three pounds for every such neglect or default, to be recovered, levied and applied in the manner directed, in and by the third Section of this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and no longer.