

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1831. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1831.

1 William IV – Chapter 37

An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread in the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham in the County of Northumberland. Passed 31st March 1831.

Whereas it is found necessary that there should be a Law to regulate the Assize of Bread in the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland:

I. Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council, and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, to make such Rules and Regulations for ascertaining and establishing the Assize of Bread, and the Sale thereof, for the said Towns of Newcastle and Chatham respectively, as they or the Major Part of them, in any General Sessions, or at any Special Sessions to be held for that Purpose, shall deem just and expedient, and to enforce such Rules and Regulations under such Fines as they or the Major Part of them shall think fit: Provided always, that no Fine for any Offence shall exceed the Sum of Forty Shillings.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk of the Market for the said Towns of Newcastle and Chatham respectively, is hereby authorized and empowered, whenever he shall judge it necessary, and it shall be his Duty at all Times when Complaint shall be made to him, to enter and go into any Bakehouse within the Town for which he shall be so appointed (in the Day Time) where Bread is manufactured for Sale, and in case he shall find any Bread to be of less Weight than the regulated Size to be established as aforesaid, it shall be his Duty and he is hereby enjoined and required to seize all Bread he shall so find deficient in Weight, and to deliver the same to the Overseers of the Poor, or to any One of them, for the Parish in which such Bread shall be seized, for the Use of the Poor of such Parish; and such Clerks of the Markets shall respectively have like Power to seize, and dispose of as is above directed, any Bread that may be found deficient in Weight in any Cart, Sled or other Vehicle in which the same may be carried about for Delivery or Sale.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Clerks of the Markets shall forfeit and pay for any Neglect of Duty imposed on them by virtue of this Act, the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be forfeited by the Party guilty of such Neglect.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the several Fines and Penalties imposed by this Act shall be recovered upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the said County, and levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, rendering the Overplus (if any) after deducting the Costs and Charges of such Prosecution and Sale to such Offender, and shall be applied, One Half to the Person who shall sue for the same, and the other Half to the Use of the Poor of such Parish in which the Offence shall have been committed.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in Force for Five Years.