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**An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the
government to appoint Inspectors of flour, Pot and Pearl ashes within this Province.**

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Whereas it would be for the mutual advantage of buyers and sellers of flour, pot and pearl ashes, and tend to establish the credit of those articles in foreign markets, if means were adopted or the ascertaining the quality of those articles when offered for sale within this Province: Be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed, in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled an Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled an Act for making more effectual provision for the government of the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the government of the said Province and by the authority of the same; That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the government for the time being, to appoint one or more persons in every district of this Province at such place or places as he shall deem proper as Inspector or Inspectors of flour, pot and pearl ashes, and the said Inspector or Inspectors, before he or they shall enter upon the execution of such office shall take the following oath:

I. I _____ do sincerely swear that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and undemanding execute the office and duty of an Inspector or examiner of flour, or pot and pearl ashes (as the case may be) according to the true intent and meaning of an Act of this Province, entitled "an Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the government to appoint Inspector of flour, pot and pearl allies within, this Province." So help me God.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons having flour, pot or pearl ashes for sale, to call upon the Inspector to examine the same, who is hereby authorized and required to examine such flour by boring the head of the cask and piercing through the flour with the usual instrument in order to prove whether it be honestly and truly packed, and to judge of its quality; and the said Inspector shall declare the quality of the same, by Marking it as superfine, fine or middling, and if unsound or soured he shall also mark the same on the head of each cask, and in the case of pot and pearl ashes, the Inspector is hereby authorized and required to unpack the cask or casks in which it is contained, and to repack the same, and he shall declare the quality thereof, by marking each cask as first, second or third sort, or merely salts as the case may be.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for such Inspector to ask and receive of and from the person calling upon him to search and examine flour, pot and pearl ashes as aforesaid, for every barrel of flour three pence, and for every cask of pot and pearl ashes one shilling.