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6 George IV – Chapter 6

An Act for the better regulating the Assize, and fixing the Price of Bread, in the several Police Towns throughout this Province. (Passed 13th April, 1825.)

Whereas, it is necessary to make more effectual Provision for regulating the Assize, and fixing the Price of Bread in the several Towns throughout this Province; and more particularly, to define the same: Be it therefore 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 such of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, residing within the limits of any Town in this Province, where a Police is now or hereafter may be established, or residing within the limits of the Division constituted, for the time being, for holding a Court of Requests in said Town or Towns, to Assemble on the First and Third Saturday in each Month, at the Court House, in each and every of the said Towns, respectively; and two of the said Justices being then and there present, are hereby authorised and required to Assize and fix the Price of Bread; and if more than two of the said Justices being then and there present, the majority shall fix and determine the same for each ensuing intermediate period, or if any default shall be made by reason of the non-attendance of the said Justices, or in case no change, alteration, or modification, be found necessary, then the last Assize made shall continue to be in full force and effect, until the same shall be varied and changed by a new Assize, in manner above mentioned.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid – That the Clerk of the Market in each and every Police Town in this Province, is hereby required to keep a just and fair statement in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, of the Daily Price or Prices of Flour exposed and offered for Sale in such Market whereof he is appointed Clerk, and exhibit the same to any two of His Majesty's said Justices of the Peace, for the Town or Towns aforesaid, and make oath of the correctness of the same, if required.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid statement of the average price of Flour of the Fourteen Days previous, so exhibited, shall be the rule and guide for the said Justices of the Peace, to Assize and fix the Price of Bread for the ensuing Fourteen Days, due regard being had to the existing Price of Flour, Fuel, and Labour, in each of the said Towns.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid – That within Twenty Four Hours after such Justices of the Peace shall have so Assized and fixed the Price of Bread, the Clerk of the Market shall affix a Notice thereof in some conspicuous place on the Market House, in such Police Town or Towns, as aforesaid.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each and every Baker who shall willfully and negligently disobey or refuse to conform to such Assize and Price so fixed as aforesaid, shall be liable to a Fine of Ten Shillings for each and every offence so committed, upon conviction thereof before any two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, upon the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, to be Levied by Warrant of Distress and Sale, under the Hands and Seals of such Justices of the Peace of the Goods and Chattels of such offender or offenders.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all Fines imposed and collected under the authority of this Act, shall be applied by the Justices of the Peace in the same manner as the Funds collected for Police Purposes, within the Town or Towns in which the said offence or offences shall be so committed.