

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1840. York: Robert Stanton, 1840.

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**An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the thirty-second year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, “An Act to establish the Winchester Measure throughout this Province.” Passed 10th February, 1840.**

Whereas by the seventh clause of an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Gracious Majesty George the Fourth, entitled, “*An Act to repeal an Act passed in the thirty-second year of His Majesty’s reign, entitled, ‘An Act to establish the Winchester Measure, and a standard for other Weights and Measures throughout this Province, and to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of obtaining a standard for Weights and Measures for this Province,’*” it is enacted that one half of the said penalty so forfeited as aforesaid, shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other half to His Majesty’s Receiver-General, to be applied and appropriated towards the Civil Government of this Province, and to be accounted for to His Majesty through the Lords Commissioners of His Treasury: And whereas for carrying into effect the intentions of the said Act, it is necessary that the Inspector of Weights and Measures for each of the Districts of the Province should attend certain public places in each of the several Districts of the said Province, with the Stamps and copies of the standard Weights and Measures in his custody, by which Weights and Measures used in buying and selling may be examined, compared and stamped: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen’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 be lawful for the Inspectors of Weights and Measures in the several Districts in this Province, and they are hereby required so to do, to publish in one or more newspapers of the District in which they are acting, from time to time, the different places and times in their Districts where and when they shall attend with the Stamps and copies of the Standard Weights and Measures in their custody, to examine, compare, and Stamp if found correct, all Weights and Measures made use of in buying or selling.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the seventh Section of the said Act as enacts that the one half of the penalty so forfeited shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, be and the same is hereby repealed.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the information of the Inspector upon oath, shall in future be considered prima facie sufficient evidence for a conviction, in not complying with the other requisitions and provisions of the said Act.