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sell, or vend, any Commodity by Weights or Measures not so branded, or marked, shall forfeit for every such offence *Twenty Shillings*, on due Conviction thereof before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District wherein the Offence shall be committed, to be levied by Warrant of Distress, and Sale of the Offenders Goods.

And for the more effectual preventing such Frauds, *Be it further Ordained and Declared*, That the said Clerks shall, and are hereby impowered, to inspect all Weights and Measures; and for that Purpose, once in three Months, or oftner, if they see Cause, shall visit every Inhabitant selling publickly by Weights and Measures, and shall have full Power and Authority to seize all such, not stampd or branded as afore-said, and may assay and mark and dispose of the same for their Use, as a Satisfaction for their Trouble therein: And if any Person shall hereafter be convicted of selling by Weights and Measures, less than the Standard hereby established, he shall forfeit the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, to be recovered by Bill, Complaint or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, for the Use of His said Majesty.

And for preventing Frauds in the Assize of Bread, *Be it Ordained and Declared*, That the Clerks of the Market be, and are hereby impowered to visit every Bake-House, or the House of any Person selling Bread, and to seize all such as shall be found under the Weights and Assize established by this Ordinance, or under the Weights that may be from Time to Time hereafter regulated and established, by any three of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Ordinance, *viz.*

When the Price of Wheaten Flour is at, or under <i>Fourteen Shillings</i> the 112 lbs. Avoirdupoize,	Avoirdupoize.	
	lb.	oz.
The <i>Sixpenny</i> Loaf of the same shall weigh	4	0
Ditto Brown Loaf	6	0

And in that Proportion, less or more, when the Price of Wheaten Flour is dearer or cheaper than the above Price of *Fourteen Shillings* per 112 lbs. And it shall and may be lawful for said Clerks to stop and examine the Bread that may be carried through the Streets, by any Person or Persons, either for immediate Sale, or the Supply of his or their Customers, and in the like Manner to seize all such as shall be found under the Weight and Assize; which Assize to be regulated by any three Justices of the Peace in the Districts of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, on the first Monday in every Month, and by them published.

And be it further Ordained and Declared, That every Baker within this Province, shall, and are hereby required, to mark his Bread with the first Letter of his Christian and Sur-name, which upon Failure thereof shall be seized, and such Bread so seized shall be forfeited, and delivered to the Overseers of the Poor of the Town where the Offence is committed, for the Benefit of the Poor or Prisoners.

Provided always, That if any Person shall think himself agrieved by such Seizure, he may apply for Redress to any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District, who is hereby impowered to determine the same, if Application be made within twelve Hours after the Seizure be made.

And be it further Ordained and Declared, That if any Person, making use of Weights and Measures, or selling Bread, shall refuse Admittance to any of the said Clerks, declaring the Intent of their coming to discharge the Duty of their Office, he shall for every such Refusal forfeit the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, to be recovered before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace.

GIVEN by His Excellency the Honorable JAMES MURRAY, Esq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of QUEBEC, and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of the same, Governor of the Town of Quebec, Colonel-Commandant of the Second Battalion of the Royal