

All Persons carrying on the Business of a Butcher, without License shall forfeit Fifty Pounds.

Assistants not having License to forfeit three Pounds.

How the Fines are to be applied.

Authority of the Clerks of the Market.

Butchers or Assistants behaving with Indecency Irregularity, &c. to have their License suspended.

Butchers or Assistants being aggrieved may have a Rehearing.

Town or County of *Halifax*, without a License first had and obtained from said Justices annually, or after such License shall be suspended as herein after directed, that then, and in such Case, such Butcher or Assistant so acting without License, or after his License shall be suspended or expired, shall forfeit and pay for each and every Offence; the Butcher the Sum of Fifty Pounds, and the Assistant a Sum not exceeding three Pounds to be recovered by Complaint, before any three of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Halifax*; and on Conviction to be levied by Execution under the Hand and Seal of two of the said Justices, on the Goods, Chattels, or Person of the Offenders, Half of which said Penalty of Fifty Pounds, or of three Pounds shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Half shall be applied for the Repair of the Market House.

III. *And be it further Enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Clerks of the Market at all Times to inspect the Market House, and Slaughter Houses, and other Places, where Meat is, or may be exposed to Sale, and to see the several Laws, for regulating the Market carried into Execution, and to condemn and forfeit, according to Law, all Blown or unwholesome Meat, that shall be exposed to Sale; and if it shall appear to one or both the Clerks of the Market, that the licensed Butchers and Assistants, or any of them, shall attempt to sell their Meat in the Market, or wherever it may be exposed to Sale, in a filthy Dress, or shall neglect to keep his or their Stall or Stalls sweet and clean, or shall behave with Indecency or Irregularity in said Market, or Places of Sale or Slaughter Houses, or shall insult Countrymen vending the produce of their Farms, or getting their Cattle slaughtered in the public Slaughter Houses, or shall be guilty of any Species of Extortion or unfair Dealing, or shall hock, maim or otherwise cruelly treat the Beast or Animal they have for Slaughter, that then, and in such Case, it shall be lawful for two or more Justices of the Peace, on complaint of such Clerk or Clerks, to suspend the License of such Butcher or Assistant, and at the same Time to file with the Clerk of the Peace at *Halifax*, a Paper under the Hand and Seal of such Justices, setting forth therein, the Reason or Reasons for suspending such Butcher or Assistants License; and if such Butcher or Assistant shall think himself aggrieved by such Decision of said Justices, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for said County in their Sessions to grant such Butcher or Assistant a Re-hearing, and if it shall appear to the said Justices on Trial by Jury before them, that such Butcher or Assistant has been unjustly dealt with, they may direct a new License to be granted to said Butcher or Assistant, and if it shall appear otherwise to the said Justices, they shall confirm the Judgment of the said Justices, and award reasonable Costs to be recovered from the Party applying for a Hearing.