

exceeding in length sixty, and not exceeding in length one hundred and twenty fathoms, currency; for measuring any load of wood, currency; for measuring any quantity of wheat or other grain, a rate not exceeding per minot or bushel; for numbering the carriage of any carter, currency; and any Clerk of the Markets who shall demand, receive, or take any other greater fee or allowance, for or in respect of any service done or performed in either of the said Cities or Town, or for any other service or consideration in respect to produce brought from the country, for sale in the said Towns, than such as are herein above-mentioned, authorised and established, shall, on being thereof lawfully convicted, incur for the first offence, a penalty of and for the second offence, a penalty of ; and in addition thereto, be thereafter disqualified from holding the said office of Clerk of the Market; and in either of the said cases, shall stand committed until payment of the penalty, any law, statute, usage, custom, rule or regulation of Police, in either of the said Cities, or in the said Town, in any respect to the contrary hereof notwithstanding. Provided always, that the weights herein above-mentioned shall be held and considered *avoir-du-pois*; and that every article sold, or bought by weight, upon any market-place in this Province, shall be considered as sold or bought by *avoir-du-pois* weight, unless at the time of sale and purchase it shall have been otherwise stipulated, and mutually agreed upon between the buyer and seller.

II Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be optional with buyers or sellers, on any of the markets in either of the said Cities or Towns, to cause any article by them sold or bought by weight, to be weighed by the Clerk of the Market, if they or either of them shall so deem it necessary, and not otherwise; all compulsory weighings, unless at the instance of either buyer or seller, and exactions by reason of, or under pretext of such compulsory weighings, being hereby declared illegal, any law, statute, usage, custom, rule or regulation of Police, in either of the said Cities or Town, to the contrary hereof in any respect notwithstanding. And provided also, that any such article sold by weight shall be weighed at the instance or request of either buyer or seller, such weighing shall be at the proper expence and charges of the seller, unless otherwise stipulated and mutually agreed upon between such buyer and seller.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty and no longer.