

or before the Justices in the Sessions held for such County or Township, and be levied on non-payment thereof, by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, and applied for the Use of the Poor of the Township where the Offence shall be committed.

## C A P. II.

### An ACT, to Regulate Abuses in the Sale of Hides and Skins.

**WHEREAS** notwithstanding the Penalties to be inflicted by the Laws of this Province on Butchers or other Persons, who shall gash, cut, split or flaw the Hides of Cattle, Calf or Sheep in slaing thereof, or otherwise, great Abuses are daily committed to the great Injury of the Public;

Preamble.

I. *Be it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly,* That the Persons appointed Searchers and Sealers of Leather, shall view every Hide or Skin of any Cattle, Calves or Sheep either in the Slaughter House or at the Tanners, before the same shall be delivered on Sale, and if he shall find the same to be gashed, cut, split or Flawed, there shall be an Allowance made in the Price thereof to the Buyer, as shall appear to the said Searchers and Sealers of Leather, to be just and equitable, and any Butcher or other Person, who shall not call on the said Searchers and Sealers of Leather to view such Hides or Skins before such Sale, shall forfeit and pay a Fine of Twenty Shillings, for every such Hide or Skin not exposed to view as aforesaid, to be recovered before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the peace, and be levied by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, one half thereof to be paid to the Informer or Person suing for the same, and the other Half to the Poor of the Place where the Offence shall be committed.

The Searchers and Sealers of Leather to view every hide or skin of cattle, Calves or sheep before delivered on sale, and if gash'd &c. an allowance to be made in the price.

Any butcher or others who shall not call on searchers of leather to view the same before the sale, shall pay a fine of 20s. for every hide &c.

to be recovered before one Justice, one half to informer or Person suing, and one half to the poor.

II. *And be it also Enacted,* That the said Searchers and Sealers of Leather shall be paid for their trouble in viewing the said Hides and Skins, that is to say, for every Ox, Bull, Steer or Cow Hide, three Pence, and for every Calf or Sheep Skin one penny, and Three Pence per Mile Travel, to be paid by the Seller.

Searchers & sealers of Leather to be paid for their trouble.