

tion of Salt, and that in proportion to the age and quality of the animal from which it was taken. At the same time, it may be understood that Pork accumulates weight in salting. The purchaser or consumer, therefore, must, in the nature of things, bear the result, whether loss or gain.

The object of Government, in enacting the law under consideration, was, undoubtedly, to establish an uniformity of character in each grade of Beef or Pork for exportation; and that this character should be raised and maintained by a conformity of proceeding among those who are charged to carry it into effect. Whatever may apply to those who have gone before me, I can build upon no other foundation than a principle of obedience to the rules laid down in the statute for my government; and upon this principle, I shall cheerfully unite with others of the appointment, in discharge of the duties of this office,

Altho' the Act of this Province, regulating the Inspection of Beef and Pork, came into existence sixteen years since, it does not appear, that any stability of character is attached to those articles for exportation. If it can, with truth, be said, that Inspectors have, from a negligent or indiscreet execution of the law, sometimes given just cause of complaint to the consumer; and if it also be true, that inspectors have erred on the other hand, by misapprehension of the law, or by unlawfully attempting to raise the credit of their brands, with just cause of offence to the owner or their employers, why our provisions have not attained to any consistency of character is accounted for. However, when we compare the quantity of Beef and Pork imported with that exported from this Province up to the year 1820, it is believed