

XIII. If any Inspector or his assistant not then employed in the inspection of Hops, shall, on application on lawful days between sunrise and sunset to him made, shall refuse to receive any Hops, or shall neglect or delay to proceed in such examination and inspection for the space of three hours after such application so made to him, the said Inspector or his assistant so in default, shall, for each such offence, forfeit the sum of five pounds current money, to the use of the person or persons so delayed.

Penalty for refusing to inspect, &c.

XIV. If any person counterfeits any of the aforesaid brand marks or other marks of any inspection of Hops,—or without the consent of such Inspector impresses or brands the same, or any other mark purporting to be the mark of any such Inspector, on any package containing Hops, either with the proper marking tools of such Inspector, or with any counterfeit thereof,—or empties any package of Hops branded or marked by any such Inspector, in order to put therein Hops for sale or exportation, without first cutting out or obliterating any previous brand marks thereon,—or fraudulently packs therein any other Hops or thing than the Hops contained therein when such mark was impressed,—or if any person in the employ of any such Inspector hires or lends out the marking tools of such Inspector to any person whatever,—or connives at, or is privy to, any fraudulent evasion of this Act,—such person committing any of the offences aforesaid shall, for every such offence, incur a penalty of fifty pounds.

Penalty for counterfeiting Inspector's marks, &c.

XV. If any dispute shall arise between any Inspector or Assistant Inspector and the proprietor or possessor of any Hops, with regard to the quality thereof, then upon application to any of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the district in which such Inspector or his assistant shall act, the said Justice shall issue his summons to three persons of skill and integrity, one whereof to be named by the Inspector or his assistant, another by the proprietor or possessor of the Hops, and the third by the Justice of the Peace, requiring the said three persons to examine and inspect the same, according to the provisions of this Act, and report their opinion of the quality and condition thereof under oath (which oath the said Justice of the Peace is hereby required and authorised to administer), and their determination, or that of the majority of them, shall be final and conclusive, whether approving or disproving the judgment of the Inspector or his assistant, who shall immediately attend thereto, and mark, or cause to be marked, each and every bale and package of the qualities directed by such determination, according to the provisions of this Act; and if the opinion of the Inspector or his assistant be thereby confirmed, the reasonable costs and charges of such re-examination, to be ascertained and awarded by the said Justice, shall be paid by the proprietor or possessor of the Hops, if otherwise, by the Inspector.

Disputes between owners of Hops and Inspectors, how to be settled.

Costs.

XVI. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any person from purchasing or selling hops without inspection, but the inspection had in conformity with the provisions of this Act shall be decisive as to the quality and condition of the hops so inspected.

Inspection not to be compulsory.

XVII. Every penalty and forfeiture imposed by this Act shall be recoverable by any Inspector or Assistant Inspector, or any other person suing for the same, in any Court having civil jurisdiction to the amount; and if such penalty does not exceed ten pounds the proceedings shall be summary: and such penalty or forfeiture shall, on failure of payment,

Recovery of penalties.