

His Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great-Britain*, Hath Ordained and Declared, and by and with the Advice, Consent and Assistance aforesaid, *Doth hereby Ordain and Declare*, That all Kinds of live Stock (Oxen and Sheep excepted) all dead fresh Provisions, Grain, Hay, Roots or Garden Stuff, which shall be brought to the said Towns of *Quebec*, *Montreal* and *Trois-Rivieres*, after the Publication hereof, shall by the Proprietors thereof be brought to the publick Market-place, and there openly exposed to Sale, at or after the Hour of Six of the Clock in the Forenoon, but not before that Hour from the First of *May* to the First of *October*, and at Eight of the Clock, and not before, from the First of *October* to the First of *May*. And no such live Stock, or dead fresh Provisions whatsoever, Grain, Hay, Roots or Garden Stuff shall (during the Space of Three Hours in the Winter, and Four Hours in the Summer Season, after being so exposed to Sale in the Market-place) be sold or contracted for in Gross, or to or with any Person or Persons whatsoever, more than is reasonably necessary for the Use of his or their Families, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Article or Articles so sold, bought or contracted for, or the Value thereof, upon Conviction by the Oath of One credible Witness, before any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be levied by Warrant of Distress under the Hands and Seals of the said Justices, One Half of which Forfeitures to be to the Use of the Informer, and the other Half to the Use of the Poor of the Place where such Forfeitures shall be incurred.

*And be it Ordained by the Authority aforesaid*, That for the better Encouragement of the Inhabitants on the South Shore, or other more distant Parts of the Province, who may bring to the Towns of *Quebec*, *Montreal* and *Trois-Rivieres*, during the Season for Navigation, Grain, Hay, live or dead fresh Provisions in Sloops, Schooners, or other small Craft, for whom it may be inconvenient to land the same, that they shall have Liberty to dispose of the said Commodities on board their respective Vessels, provided they give immediate Notice thereof by beat of Drum or ringing of Bell throughout the Town of their Arrival, specifying the Nature of the Commodities to be sold, and that they do not bring to sell for One Hour after their Arrival, or until the said Publication has been made throughout the Town, under a Penalty of *Forty Shillings* for the Person offending against the true Meaning and Intent hereof. Any Person buying, or offering to buy a small Quantity, always having the Preference of him that offers to buy a Cargo; and such Vessel or Vessels shall not be liable to, or be chargeable with any Port Charges whatsoever, or Custom-House Fee; the Officers of the Custom-House having a Right nevertheless to search the same.

And that all Prosecutions under this Ordinance, shall be within Ten Days after the Offence is committed.

And His said Excellency, by and with the Advice, Consent and Assistance aforesaid, *Doth hereby further Ordain and Declare*, That every Butcher and other Person, who shall kill or slaughter any Ox, Cow, Sheep, Swine, Calf, Lamb, or other Cattle for Sale, shall slaughter and flea the same in the most clean and plain Manner, and shall not on any Pretence, raise or blow, or use any fraudulent or deceitful Art to set off the same; and no Butcher or other Person shall sell, or expose to Sale any Cattle killed, but what shall be killed and dressed in the most plain Manner, and according to the Meaning of this Ordinance: And if any Butcher, or other Person, shall offend in any of the Premises, and be convicted in the said Offence, before One Justice of the Peace of any District, by One Witness, or Confession of the Offender, or on View by such Justice, he shall forfeit such Ox, Cow, Sheep, Swine, Calf, Lamb, or other Cattel, or Part thereof, killed or dressed contrary to this Ordinance, to be disposed of by such Justice among the Poor of the Town where such Offence shall be committed; or among the Prisoners, and shall further forfeit the Sum of *Five Shillings*, to and for the Use of the Informer, to be levied by Warrant of Distress under the Hand and Seal of such Justice.

*And it is further Ordained, by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Butcher, or other Person, shall sell, or expose to Sale any tainted Flesh or Fish unfit for Sale under the like Forfeiture and Penalty, to be prosecuted and recovered, and to be disposed of in Manner