

which there shall not be more than half a neck and one shank with the hock cut off, and one of the heads of all Barrels or half-barrels containing Beef of this description shall be branded with the words "Prime Beef." That Cargo Beef shall consist of fat Cattle of all descriptions of three years old and upwards, with not more than half a neck and three shanks without the hocks in each barrel or half-barrel in proportion, and to be otherwise merchantable, shall be branded on one of the heads with these words, "Cargo Beef," and every Barrel of Beef shall be well salted with seventy-five pounds of clear St. Ubes, Isle of May, Lisbon or Turk's Island Salt, or other Salt of equal quality, exclusive of Pickle made as strong as salt will make it, and to each barrel of Beef shall be added four ounces of Saltpetre, and each half-barrel of Beef shall be Salted with one half of the quantity and of the same quality of Salt above-mentioned, and two ounces of Saltpetre.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the first day of November next, every barrel and half-barrel in which Beef shall be packed or re-packed shall be made of good seasoned white oak Staves and Heading free from every defect, and each barrel shall contain two hundred pounds weight of Beef, the barrels to measure sixteen inches and a half between the chimbs, and to be twenty-eight inches long, to be hooped with fourteen good white Ash, Hickory or Oak hoops, the head to be made of good thick stuff, the hoops to be well set and drove, the half-barrels to contain not less than fifteen nor more than sixteen gallons, and hooped in the same manner as the whole barrels, and to contain one half the quantity of Beef as the whole barrels.

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