

sessions, then it may be sued for and recovered by any other person in the province, in the ensuing quarter sessions of the peace for the said district, that is, in the second quarter sessions of the peace after the commission of the offence; and the said money so forfeited, may be sued for and recovered by the said clerk of the peace, or other person, by information before the said commissioners, in their said sessions; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the said information, in a summary manner, and upon the oaths of two credible witnesses; and if upon such information, the defendant shall be convicted by the commissioners of having committed such offence, they shall order the said sum of Twenty pounds, together with the costs of suing for the same, to be levied upon the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said offender; and if sufficient goods and chattels, lands and tenements, belonging to the said offender, cannot be found by the sheriff, or other ministerial officer, to produce the said sum, the said commissioners shall, in such case, summon the two sureties of the said offender, to come before them in their quarter sessions, and shew cause why they should not pay the said sum of Ten pounds each, or so much thereof, as is necessary to increase the sum levied upon the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the offender, to Twenty pounds; and for want of any good and sufficient cause, the commissioners of the peace, either in the same or in the next following quarter sessions, shall make another order to the said sheriff, or other ministerial officer, to seize and sell so much of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said sureties, as shall be sufficient to increase the sum already raised upon the offender himself, to Twenty pounds; taking care, as much as may be, to raise an equal sum on each surety; and of the said sum of twenty-pounds, so forfeited and levied, one half shall belong to the said clerk of the peace, or other informer, together with the costs above-mentioned, and the other half shall belong to the King's Majesty, and shall be paid into the hands of the receiver general of his Majesty's revenue in this province; and if, upon hearing the said information, the said commissioners shall acquit the defendant, and they shall be of opinion that the said information is frivolous, and brought without any appearance of reason; it shall be lawful for them to award to the baker, who shall have been so informed against, and acquitted, his reasonable costs, or such part thereof as they shall think fit, and to order the same to be levied upon the goods and chattels of the clerk of the peace or other person who shall have brought the said frivolous and groundless information.

Penalty on bakers selling bread under weight, or of unwholesome flour.

III. If any baker shall bake and sell any bread under the weight established by the commissioners of the peace, or shall bake and sell any bread made of unwholesome or adulterated flour; such baker shall for every offence forfeit the sum of Forty shillings, one half of which shall belong to the King's Majesty, and the other half to the person who shall sue for the same, by information before any one commissioner of the peace of the district in which such offence shall have been committed, who shall hear and determine such information in a summary manner, upon the oath of one credible witness (being some other than the informer) and shall levy the sum so forfeited, together with the cost of suing for the same, by a warrant in writing under his hand, to seize and sell the goods of the offender.

Bakers to mark their bread with the initial letters of their names.

IV. Every baker shall mark his or her bread with the initial letters of his or her christian and surname, under the penalty or forfeiting all such bread, as shall be found without such mark, to be applied to the use of the poor, or the prisoners, at the discretion of the commissioners of the peace, before whom any complaint, relative to such offence, shall have been heard.

Commissioners of the peace to regulate

V. The commissioners of the peace, or any three of them, are hereby authorized and