

C A P. IV.

A N O R D I N A N C E

For regulating the markets of the towns of Quebec and Montreal.

All provisions and provender to be carried to the market places.

IT is ordained and enacted by his excellency the captain general and governor in chief of this province, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council of the same, that from and after the publication of this ordinance, all kinds of live stock (horned cattle excepted) and all kinds of provision and provender whatsoever, which shall be brought to the towns of Quebec and Montreal for sale, shall be carried to the public market places of these towns, and there exposed; and if any butcher, huckster or other person, buying to sell again, shall buy or contract for, or cause to be bought or contracted for, any kind of provision or provender in the road, or in the street, coming to market; such butcher, huckster, or other person, buying to sell again, shall for every such offence, forfeit the sum of five pounds; and any person who does not buy to sell again, shall, if guilty of the said offence, forfeit the sum of twenty shillings. And if any person whatsoever shall dissuade or deter any person from bringing any kind of provision or provender to market, or from selling the same when brought to market, or shall persuade any person to enhance the price of such provision or provender; such person, so offending therein, shall forfeit the sum of five pounds.

Penalty on hucksters, &c. buying on the road to market.

Penalty on any other person. Penalty for preventing any person to bring provisions to market, &c.

No huckster, &c. to buy to sell again, before 10 o'clock in summer and 12 in winter.

Penalty.

II. No butcher, huckster, or other person buying to sell again, shall, on any pretence, purchase or contract for, or cause to be purchased or contracted for, any kind of provision or provender brought to the market of either of the said towns, before the hour of ten in the forenoon, from the first day of May to the thirtieth day of September, nor before the hour of twelve at noon, from the first day of October to the thirtieth day of April; under a penalty on such butcher, huckster, or other person buying to sell again, before the said hours, of five pounds for every such offence.

Provisions and provender brought in sloops, &c. may be sold on board, giving notice.

Penalty on persons purchasing before such notice.

Penalty on hucksters, &c. purchasing within 9 hours after such notice.

Provisions coming in canoes, to be carried to the market place.

III. Any person bringing live stock, or any other kind of provision or provender, to either of the said towns, in schooners, sloops, or other such like craft, shall be at liberty to sell the same on board, an hour after notice shall have been given to the inhabitants of the town, by the bellman; any person purchasing any of the above articles, on board, before the said notice shall have been given, shall forfeit the sum of twenty shillings; and no butcher, huckster or other person buying to sell again, shall purchase any such provision or provender, until three hours after such notice, under a penalty of five pounds for every such offence.

IV. All provisions coming to either of the said towns in canoes; shall be carried to the market place, and there exposed to sale; and any person purchasing such provision, before the same shall be brought to the market place, shall forfeit twenty shillings.

All bad meat, or fish or other provision to be forfeited.

V. All blown meat, and meat fraudulently or deceitfully set off, all veal under three weeks old, and all tainted meat, fish, or other provisions whatever, shall be forfeited; to be disposed of, in such manner as the commissioner of the peace, to whom complaint shall be made, may direct.

Penalty on persons taking any commodity by force.

VI. Any person who shall take, or attempt to take, forcibly, and at an arbitrary price, any commodity brought to market, shall forfeit the sum of Ten shillings.

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