

An ORDINANCE, *Relating to the Assize of Bread, and for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in the Province of Quebec.*

WHEREAS great Frauds are daily committed in this Province, because no Standards for Weights and Measures; or Assize of Bread, have hitherto been established,

His Excellency the Governor, therefore, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council for the said Province. and by Virtue of the Power and Authority to him given, by His Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great-Britain, hath thought fit to Ordain and Declare, and his said Excellency, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, *Doth hereby Ordain and Declare*, That from and after the Tenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four, all Weights and Measures used in this Province, shall be according to the Standard of the Exchequer of England, and that the Receiver-General of this Province, as soon as may be, procure a Set of Measures, Long, Liquid and Dry, and a Set of Brais, Weights and Scales; and that until such Weights and Measures shall arrive, the Weights and Measures at His Majesty's Custom-House shall be the Standard;

And the Clerks of the Market for each Town (to be hereafter appointed) shall procure therefrom, a Set of Weights according to such Standard, which shall remain

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with them as Assay Weights, and shall be marked with the Letters G : R:

And be it further Ordained and Declared, That every Inhabitant of each Town respectively, making use of Weights and Measures in the Sale of any Commodity, shall, in one Week after public Notice given, by such Clerks respectively, bring, or cause to be brought, their Weights and Measures to be assayed, for each of which Assay he shall have *Two Pence* for his Trouble and no more; and the said Clerk shall cause such Weights and Measures to be branded, or stamped, with the Initial Letter of the Town where such Assay shall be made. And whosoever shall thence-forward sell, or vend, any Commodity by Weights or Measures not so branded, or marked, shall forfeit for every such Offence *Twenty Shillings*, on due Conviction thereof before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District wherein the Offence shall be committed, to be levied by Warrant of Distress, and Sale of the Offenders Goods.

And for the more effectual preventing such Frauds, *Be it further Ordained and Declared*, That the said Clerks shall, and are hereby empowered, to inspect all Weights and Measures; and for that Purpose, once in three Months, or oftner, if they see Cause, shall visit every Inhabitant selling publicly by Weights and Measures, and shall have full Power and Authority to seize all such, not stamped or branded as aforesaid; and may assay and mark and dispose of the same for their Use, as a Satisfaction for their Trouble therein: And if any Person shall hereafter be convicted of selling by Weights and Measures, less than the Standard hereby established, he shall forfeit the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, to be recovered by Bill, Complaint or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, for the Use of His said Majesty.

And for preventing Frauds in the Assize of Bread, *Be it Ordained and Declared*, That the Clerks of the Market be, and are hereby empowered to visit every Bake-House, or the House of any Person selling Bread, and to seize all such as shall be found under the Weights and Assize established by this Ordinance, or under the Weights that may be from Time to Time hereafter regulated and established, by any three of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Ordinance, *viz.*

When the Price of Wheaten Flour is at, or under	Avoirdupoize.
<i>Fourteen Shillings</i> the 112 lbs. Avoirdupoize,	lb. oz.
The <i>Sixpenny</i> Loaf of the same shall weigh — — —	4 — 0
Ditto Brown Loaf — — — — —	6 — 0

And in that Proportion, less or more, when the Price of Wheaten Flour is dearer or cheaper than the above Price of *Fourteen Shillings* per 112 lbs. And it shall and may be lawful for said Clerks to stop and examine the Bread that may be carried