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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Province of Nova-Scotia, begun and holden at HA-LIFAX, on the fixth Day of June 1770, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And there continued by feveral Prorogations until the Sixth Day of October, 1783, in the Twenty Third Year of His said Majesty's Reign, being the Thirteenth Session of the Fifth General Affembly convened in the said Province.

CAP. I.

AN ACT for Licensing Butchers, and preventing them in future from being guilty of Extortion, and other Milbehavior.

MADDA HEREAS many and great Injuries have arisen to the Inbabitants of this Province, by the Butchers of the Town of Ha lifax, combining together, and keeping up Meat at exorbitant bigb Prices, for Remedy whereof.

Preamble.

I. BE it Enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace for the County of Halifax, in their General or Special Sessions of the Peace, held at Halifax, shall and may grant Licenses to all Persons, who shall in future follow the Trade or Occupation of Butchers within the Town or County of Halifax, and also to all Persons who shall attend as Assistants in, and about the Slaughter Houses of faid Town or County, for which License such Butcher so applying for the same, shall pay the Sum of Forty Shillings Annually, to be applied to the repairing of the Market House, and the Affistants shall receive their Licenses Gratis.

Butchers to take out Licenie.

Butchers Affiftant to take out License.

Monies arising from Licenses to be ap-

plied to the Repairs of the Market Houle.

II. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall on any Pretence exercise or follow the Trade or Occupation of a Butcher or Assistant within the said Town

All Persons carrying on the Business of a Butcher, without License shall forfeit Fifty Pounds.

Assistants not having License to forfeit three Pounds.

How the Fines are so be applied.

Authority of the Clerks of the Market.

Butchers or Affiflants behaving with Indecency Irregularity, &c. to have their License suspended.

Butchers or Affiflants being aggrieved may have a Rehearing. Town or County of Halifan, without a License sirst had and obtained from said Justices annually, or after such License shall be suspended as herein after directed, that then, and in such Case, such Butcher or Assistant so acting without License, or after his License shall be suspended or expired, shall forfeit and pay for each and every Offence; the Butcher the Sum of Fifty Pounds, and the Assistant a Sum not exceeding three Pounds to be recovered by Complaint, before any three of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Halifant, and on Conviction to be levied by Execution under the Hand and Seal of two of the said Justices, on the Goods, Chattels, or Person of the Offenders, Half of which said Penalty of Fifty Pounds, or of three Pounds shall be paid to the Interner, and the other Half shall be applied for the Repair of the Market House.

III. And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Clerk's of the Market at all Times to inspect the Market House, and Slaughter Houses, and other Places, where Meat is, or may be exposed to Sale, and to see the several Laws, for regulating the Market carried into Execution, and to condemn and forfeit, according to Law, all Blown or unwholesome Meat, that shall be exposed to Sale; and if it shall appear to one or both the Clerks of the Market, that the licensed Butchers and Assistants, or any of them, shall attempt to sell their Meat in the Market, or wherever it may be exposed to Sale, in a filthy Dress, or shall neglect to keep his or their Stall or Stalls sweet and clean, or shall behave with Indecency or Irregularity in said Market, or Places of Sale or Slaughter Houses, or shall insult Countrymen vending the produce of their Farms, or getting their Cattle flaughtered in the public Slaughter Houses, or shall be guilty of any Species of Extortion or unfair Dealing, or shall hock, maim or otherwife cruelly treat the Beast or Animal they have for Slaughter, that then, and in such Case, it shall be lawful for two or more Justices of the Peace, on complaint of such Clerk or Clerks, to suspend the License of such Butcher or Assistant, and at the same Time to file with the Clerk of the Peace at Halifax, a Paper under the Hand and Seal of fuch Justices, setting forth therein, the Reason or Reasons for sufpending such Butcher or Assistants License; and if such Butcher or Affistant shall think himself aggrieved by such Decision of said Justices, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for said County in their Sessions to grant such Butcher or Assistant a Re-hearing, and if it shall appear to the faid Justices on Trial by Jury before them, that fuch Butcher or Assistant has been unjustly dealt with, they may direct a new License to be granted to said Butcher or Assistant, and if it shall appear otherwise to the said Justices, they shall confirm the Judgment of the faid Justices, and award reasonable Coffs to be recovered from the Party applying for a Hearing.

IV. And be it also Enasted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if after the Publication of this Act any Person licensed to follow the Trade or Occupation of a Butcher within the said Town and County of Halifax, shall sell or vend the Carcases of any Ox, Cow, Bull, Steer, Heiffer, Sheep, Lamb, Calf, or Hogg, or any Part thereof for a greater Price, than One Half Penny per Pound more, than such Butcher shall have given to the Countryman, or Person from whom he shall have bought such Ox, Cow, Bull, Steer, Heiffer, Sheep, Lamb, Calf, or Hogg or any Part thereof, that then, and on conviction of Such Butcher before his Majesty's Court of General Quarter or Special Sessions of the Peace, he shall forfeit and pay, the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered by Information, to be filed in the said Court of General Quarter or Special Sessions of the Peace, which Penalty shall be levied by Execution, One Half thereof to be paid to the Informer, and the other Half to be applied to Repairs of the Market House aforesaid.

Butchers not to take more than one Half Penny per Pound Profit on Meat, or on Conviction to forfeit Twenty Pounds.

V. And be it further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons what-soever, shall combine together by any Sham Sale, or otherwise, to evade the Regulations herein before prescribed, either of such Persons, shall on Conviction in His Majesty's Court of General or Special Sessions of the Peace, forseit and pay each the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be levied and disposed of as herein before directed.

Any Perfons convicted of Combination to defeat or evade the Regulations to forfeit Fifty Pounds each.

VI. Provided nevertheless, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any Countryman or transcient Persons from vending their Meat without License.

Not to extend so transcient Persons vending Mest or Cattle.

VII. And be it also further Enasted, That for the future the Market House shall be kept open from Sun rise to Sun set, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Market House to be kept open from Sun rise till Sun set.

VIII. And be it further Enacted, That all Butchers, Countrymen or transcient People may from the passing of this Act, expose their Meat to Sale in the Market House during the Time abovementioned, and at their own Houses or Places of abode at all Times (Sundays excepted.)

Meat may be expofed to Sale at all Times and Places, Sundays excepted.

IX. And be it also Enasted, That this Act shall be, and remain in Force for Two Years, from the End of this Session of the General Assembly.

CAP. II.

AN ACT for regulating Inns, and Taverns on all the Public Roads throughout this Province, and establishing the Prices of Entertainment for Travellers and their Horses.

Preamble.

HEREAS many and great Inconveniencies arise from the War Keepers of Inns and Taverns in this Province, extorting exorbitant Prices from Travellers for the Entertainments of themselves and Horses, for remedy whereof.

Tavernkeepers and Common Victuallers to be furnished with good Provisions, &c. under a Penalty of Twenty Shillings.

I. Be it Enasted by the Governor, Council and House of Assembly, That all Innholders, Tavernkeepers, and Common Victuallers, keeping Houses of Entertainment on the public Roads throughout this Province, shall at all Times be furnished with suitable and comfortable Provisions, and Lodgings for the Refreshment and Entertainment of Travellers and Strangers, and sufficient Stable Room, Hay and Provender for Horses, on Pain of being deprived of their Licences, and paying a Fine of Twenty Shillings, to be recovered upon complaint being made, before one Justice of the Peace for the County, where such Inn or Tavern shall be kept, and if it shall appear to such Justice, that the Person complained of was negligent in keeping his Inn or Tavern supplied with the foregoing Articles (reasonable Allowance being made for the local Situation of fuch Inn or Tavern,) that it shall, and may be lawful, for the said Justice to fign and seal an Execution, directed to the proper Officer, to levy the faid Penalty of Twenty Shillings, on the Goods and Chattles of the Person complained of, and for Want thereof, to commit his Person to the County Goal, and at the same Time, it shall and may be lawful, for any three Justices of the Peace for the said County, on complaint being made before them, and on making Al. lowance as aforesaid, to direct a Writing to the Clerk of the Licences, to recall the Licence of such Person, as shall be so convicted before them of neglect, in keeping his Inn, or Tavern supplied as aforesaid.

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II. And be it further Enasted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, for the Justices of the Peace at the first General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, that shall be held after the Publication of this Act and afterwards at such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, as are held in the Fall of the Year in any Town or District within this Province in each County, to regulate the Prices of Entertainment for Travellers, and their Horses, at the several Inns and Taverns within their County, and to make a Table thereof, in the following Order, setting reasonable Prices thereto.

The Justices in the first General Quarter Sessions in the Pall of the Year to establish the Prices of Entertainment.

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For one Man or Woman's Lodging in a comfortable Bed

A Servant's Lodging

Stabling and Hay for a Horse per Night

Oats per Quart

Breakfast for Man or Woman, of Bread, Butter and Tea, or Coffee, or Chocolate with Loaf Sugar

A Servant's Breakfast

A Dinner for a Man, or Woman of Good wholesome Meat with Bread and Vegetables - -

A Servant's Dinner

A Supper for a Man or Woman of Good wholesome Meat with Bread and Vegetables - -

A Servant's Supper

For Tea or Coffee in the Afternoon, for Man or Woman with Bread, Butter and Loaf Sugar

Man or Woman's Breakfast or Supper on Bread and Milk. Sufficient Hay to Bait one Horse, while his Master breakfast, or dines

Pasture for a Horse one Night

III. And if any Innholder or Tavernkeeper in any County within this Province, shall neglect in Twenty Four Hours after such Regulation shall be made, to apply to the Clerk of the Peace, and obtain a Copy under his Hand of such Regulations, which every Clerk of the Peace is bound on demand to give, and to charge no more than the Sum of One Snilling, and six Pence for the same, and if such Tavernkeeper or Innholder shall neglect to keep such Regulations, with the Alterations that shall in suture be made therein, constantly posted up in the most conspicuous Part of his House, such Innholder or Tavernkeeper, shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings with Costs for every Neglect of the same, to be recovered by any Person whatsoever, on Complaint before any single Justice of the Peace for the County, where such Tavernkeeper lives.

If Innholders &c. neglect to apply in twenty four Hours after the Regulation is made for a Copy thereof and not keep it conftantly posted up, to forfeit tol, for every Neglect.

IV. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforefaid, That if the Justices of the Peace, shall neglect to make, and establish the said Regulations at the Times, and in the Manner beforementioned, such Justices as shall be resident in the County at the Time such Regulations should be made, shall be tiable to Forfeit on every Complaint that shall be made, the Sum of Ten Pounds each, the same to be recovered by any Person or Persons whatsoever, on Complaint being made, in his Majesty's Supreme Court at their Sittings in any Part of this Province; and if any Innholder or Tavernkeeper within this Province, shall ask, demand, or receive (for any Species of Entertainment, enumerated in the said Regulation) from any Traveller, any larger Sum or Sums, than what is allowed thereby, such Tavernkee-

Justices neglecting to make and establish the Regulations to forfeit and pay Ten Pound each. Innholders who domand or receive any greater Sum than is allowed by the Regulation to forfeit 40s. for every Offonce.

Offence, the same to be recovered on the Complaint of any Person whatsoever, before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the County, where such Tavernkeeper shall live, to be levied by Execution on the Person or Goods of the Offender, one Half to go to the Informer, and the other Half to the Poor of the Town, where such Tavernkeeper shall live.

To continue in force for two Years.

V. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall continue, and be in force for Two Years, to be computed from the End of the present Session of Assembly.

CAP. III.

AN ACT for continuing the several Laws relating to the Duty on licensed Houses.

E it Enasted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That

B the several Acts recited and mentioned in an Act made
in the Twentieth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Intituled, An Astin further Amendment of, and for continuing the
several Laws, relating to the Duty on Licensed Houses, together with the
Amendments made thereto in said Ast, as also the Amendments made in
an Act passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, Intituled, An Ast
in Addition to, and for Continuing the several Laws, relating to the Duty on
Licensed Houses, shall be, and continue, and the same are hereby continued in Force, until the Thirty First Day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Four.

C A P. IV.

AN ACT for continuing the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Wines, Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for continuing the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, relating to the Duties of Excise on Molasses and Brown Sugar, sold within or brought into this Province, and for the more effectual Improving, and extending the Trade of this Colony to the West Indies.

E it Enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That the several Acts recited and mentioned in an Act, made in the Twentieth Year of his Present Majesty's Reign, Intituled, An Act for continuing the several Acts of the General

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neral Assembly of this Province, therein mentioned, relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Wines, Beer; Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and an Act made in the last Session of the General Assembly, intituled, An Ast in Addition to, and Amendment of, and for continuing the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Wines, Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, together with the feveral Acts recited and mentioned in the said Act, and an Ast made in the Fifteenth Year of his Present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for granting to bis Majesty an Excise on Molasses and Brown Sugar, fold within or brought into this Province, and for the more effectual Improving and extending the Trade of this Colony to the West Indies. Act made in the Eighteenth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, in Amendment of, and for continuing the said Ast, and an Ast made in the Twenty Second Year of his said Majesty's Reign in Amendment of, and for Continuing the faid AEIs, shall be and continue, and the same are hereby continued in Force, until the Thirty First Day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Four.

CAP. V.

An ACT for Establishing the Standard Weight of Grain and for Appointing proper Officers for Measuring Grain, Salt and Coals, and ascertaining the Standard Size of Bricks.

B fame is hereby Enacted, That from and after the Publication hereof, the Justices of the Peace in their several Sessions shall appoint two sit Persons in each Township in this Province for the Purpose of Measuring all Grain, Salt, and Coals, and Inspecting all Bricks, that may be offered for Sale, and that all Grain exposed to Sale, shall not be deemed merchantable, unless it be of the following Standard Weight, to say

Two Persons to be appointed for Measuring Grain, Salt and Coals, and inspecting Bricks in each Township.

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Indian Corn	Ditto	-		4	58	1	
Barley -	Ditto	-		-	50	}	du 1
Oats -	Ditto	-	••	~	36	1	poife.
Pease - I	Ditto	-		-	60	j	je.

Standard Weight of all Grain per Bushel.

and that all such Grain as may be exported or ship't Coastways, shall be first inspected and measured by the sworn Inspectors of such Town or Port, where the same shall be ship't, and if the Person or Persons shipping All Grain fhip't Coastways to be first inspected under Penalty of Fisty Pounds. Fines to be applied to the Repair of Roads within the County where the Offence shall be committed.

Fees to be paid by the Seller for Meafuring and Inspection.

Size of Bricks:

Officers to be refpectively fworn.

Officers appointed refusing to serve, or after being sworn neglecting their Duty to forfeit a Sum not exceeding Three Pounds.

shipping or exporting the same, shall neglect to have it so inspected that for every such Offence, he or they shall forseit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information in any Court of Record within this Province, and the same to be applied for the Use of the Roads within the County, where such Offence shall be committed, and that the Inspectors shall be allowed and paid by the Seller, at and after the Rates hereafter mentioned for his Attention and Trouble therein, and that all Grain, Coals, Salt and Brick imported into this Province, shall be subject to the aforesaid Regulations. For Measuring of all Grain (Oats excepted) Two Shillings per Hundred Bushels, and for Oats one Shilling per Hundred Bushels.

II. And be it Enasted, That all Bricks made in this Province for Sale, shall be Eight Inches in Length, Four Inches in Width, and Two Inches thick, and shall be sold at the Rate of Six Score to the Hundred.

III. And be it further Enacted, That all Salt and Coals exposed to Sale in any Part of this Province shall be measured, and all Bricks shall be inspected by the Officers appointed for that Purpose, and that they shall be allowed and paid by the Seller, for every Chaldron of Coals at the Rate of One Shilling per Chaldron, and for every Hogshead of Salt at the Rate of two Pence per Hogshead, and for Inspecting Bricks at the Rate of Two Pence per Thousand, and that the Officers so appointed, shall be respectively sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Duty, and that upon Resulal to accept of said Offices or being guilty of any Neglect or Misbehaviour in the Execution of the Duties thereof, they shall forfeit and pay for the Use of the Poor, in the Town wherein they reside, a Sum, not exceeding three Pounds, to be recovered upon Proof thereof, before any two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace.

IV. And be it Enatted, That this Act shall continue and he in Force for one Year, and until the End of the Session of the General Assembly then next following.

CAP. VI:

An ACT for continuing feveral Acts that are near expiring.

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HEREAS the several Acts bereunder mentioned will expire at the End of the present Session of the General Assembly, and ** * that it is necessary the same be continued.

I. Be it Enacted, by the Governor, Council and Affembly, That an A& made in the Sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled, An Act to prevent the Multiplicity of Law Suits, Also an Act made in the Sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled, An Ast for the Prescribing the Forms of Writs, and Manner of issuing the same, "And an Act made in the Eighth Year of his faid Majesty's Reign for Altering. Amending, and Continuing the laid Act, And an Act made in the "Eleventh Year of his said Majesty's Reign for Altering, Amending "andfurther Continuing the same, also An Act, made in the Sixteenth "Year of his said Majesty's Reign, in further Amendment of the said "Act. And an Act made in the Sixth Year of his faid Majesty's Reign. intitled, an Act for the Establishment of Fees as regulated by the Goe vernor and Countil at the Request of the House of Assembly, And an Act. " made the Eleventh Year of his faid Majesty's Reign, in Addition to the faid Act, also An Act made in the Fourteenth Year of his faid Mai jesty's Reign, in further Addition to, and for Continuing the said "Acts, also An Act made in the Fifth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, intitled, an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, And an Act made in the Eleventh Year of his faid Majetty's Reign in Amendment of the " faid Act, also An Act made in the Fourteenth Year of his Majesty" "Reign, in Addition to the faid Act, and An Act made in the Fifteenth "Year of his said Majesty's Reign, in further Amendment of in Addition to said Act, also An Act made in the same Year, intitled, an Act in further Amendment of the several Laws relative to the Summary "Trial of Actions," shall be, and continue, and the same are hereby continued in Force, until the End of the Session of the General Assembly, then next following.

CAP. VII.

An ACT in Amendment of, and for Continuing an Act made in the last General Assembly of this Province, intitled, An Act to raise a Sum of Money towards keeping in Repair the Roads leading from Halifax to Windsor, and the District of Colchester.

A Turnpike Gate to be erected on the Bridge at Fort Sackwille and the Money arising from the Tolls to be laid out on the Repair of Rosds.

***** E it Enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is bereby Enacted, That from, and after the Publication of this Act, there shall be only One Turnpike Gate, and, ****** that the same shall be placed on the Bridge at Fort Sackville, and that all the Monies arising from the Tolls collected at the said Turnpicke Gate, shall be laid out on the Repairs of the Roads leading from Fort Sackville Bridge towards Windsor, and the District of Colchester.

Penalty for Offences Felony with. Benefit of Clergy. II. And be it further Enasted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall pull down, burn, cutt or destroy the said Turnpike Gate, or any Part thereof, or of the Fences sixed for the Protection of the same, or shall send threatening Messages to the Persons concerned in Collecting the Tolls at the said Gate, or putting up and supporting the same, such Person or Persons, if sound guilty of such Offence or Offences, shall be deemed guilty of Felony with Benefit of Clergy.

This Act with the former to continue in Force for One Year or until the End of next General Assembly.

III. And be it also Enacted, That an Act made in the last Session of the General Assembly, intituled, An Act to raise a Sum of Money towards keeping in Repair the Roads leading from Halifax to Windsor, and the District of Colchester, together with the Amendment thereto made by this Act, shall be, and continue, and the same is continued in Force for One Year, and until the End of the Session of the General Assembly, then next following.