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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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**Chapter 153.**

CHAP. 153

An Act to establish the salary of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Somerset County.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

That so much of section five of chapter one hundred and fifty of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, as relates to the salary of the clerk of the supreme judicial court for Somerset county, is hereby repealed, and the salary of said clerk is hereby established at and restored to what it was before the passage of said section of said act.

Salary of clerk of courts for Somerset county, restored.

Approved February 28, 1883.

**Chapter 154.**

An Act to prevent deception in sales of butter and cheese.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. Whoever, by himself or his agents, shall sell, expose for sale or have in his possession with intent to sell, any article, substance or compound, made in imitation or semblance of butter, or as a substitute for butter, and not made exclusively and wholly of milk or cream, or containing any fats, oils or grease not produced from milk or cream, shall have the words, adulterated butter, or if such substitute is the compound known as oleomargarine, then the word, oleomargarine, stamped, labeled or marked, in printed letters of plain roman type not less than one inch in length so that said word cannot be easily defaced, upon the top and side of every tub, firkin, box or package containing any of said articles, substance or compound. And in case of retail sales of any of said articles, substance or compound not in the original packages, the seller, by himself or his agents, shall attach to each package so sold at retail, and deliver with said package to the purchaser, a label or wrapper bearing in a conspicuous place upon the outside of said package the words, adulterated butter, or the word, oleomargarine, as herein provided, in printed letters of plain roman type not less than one-half inch in length.

Sale of adulterated butter and oleomargarine, regulated.

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Sale of adulterated cheese, regulated.

SECT. 2. Whoever, by himself or his agents, shall sell, expose for sale or have in his possession with intent to sell, any article, substance or compound, made in imitation or semblance of cheese, or as a substitute for cheese, and not made exclusively and wholly of milk or cream, or containing any fats, oils or grease not produced from milk or cream, shall have the words, imitation cheese, stamped, labeled or marked, in printed letters of plain roman type not less than one inch in length, so that said words cannot be easily defaced, upon the side of every cheese-cloth or band around the same, and upon the top and side of every tub, firkin, box or package containing any of said article, substance or compound. And in case of retail sales of any of said article, substance or compound not in the original packages, the seller, by himself or his agents, shall attach to each package so sold at retail, and deliver with said package to the purchaser, a label or wrapper bearing in a conspicuous place upon the outside of said package the words, imitation cheese, in printed letters of plain roman type not less than one-half inch in length.

Penalty for violation of act.

SECT. 3. Whoever sells, exposes for sale or has in his possession, with intent to sell, any article, substance or compound made in imitation or semblance of butter, or as a substitute for butter, except as provided in section one; whoever sells, exposes for sale, or has in his possession with intent to sell, any article, substance or compound made in imitation or semblance of cheese, or as a substitute for cheese, except as provided in section two; and whoever shall deface, erase, cancel or remove any mark, stamp, brand, label or wrapper provided for by this act, or change the contents of any box, tub, article or package marked, stamped or labeled as aforesaid, with intent to deceive as to the contents of said box, tub, article or package, shall for every such offense, forfeit and pay a fine of one hundred dollars, and for a second and each subsequent offense a fine of two hundred dollars, to be recovered, by indictment, with costs in any court of this state, of competent jurisdiction.

Duty of officers to make complaints.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of every inspector of milk, sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable to institute complaint for violating the provisions of this act whenever he has reasonable cause for suspicion, and on the information of any person

who shall lay before him satisfactory evidence on which to sustain the same. It shall be the duty of said inspector or constable to take specimens of suspected butter or cheese and cause the same to be analyzed or otherwise satisfactorily tested. The expense of such analysis or test, not exceeding twenty dollars in any one case, shall be included in the costs of prosecution, and taxed and allowed to the officer paying the same.

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Suspected articles to be analyzed.

—costs, how taxed.

SECT. 5. For the purposes of this act, the terms butter and cheese shall be understood to mean the products usually known by these names, and which are manufactured exclusively from milk or cream, or both, with salt and rennet, and with or without coloring matter.

Terms butter and cheese, defined.

Approved February 28, 1883.

### Chapter 155.

An Act to repeal chapter one hundred and ninety-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four and section seventeen of chapter fifty of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relating to taxidermists and all acts authorizing their appointment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. Chapter one hundred and ninety-two of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four and section seventeen of chapter fifty of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, are hereby repealed.

Ch. 192, public laws 1874, and section 17, ch. 50, public laws 1878, repealed.

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts authorizing the appointment of taxidermists, are hereby repealed.

Acts authorizing appointment of taxidermists, repealed.

Approved February 28, 1883.