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# THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.]

[No. 5.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY-EIGHT.

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AN ACT to amend chapter thirty-eight of the Revised  
Statutes, relating to the inspection of beef and pork.

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

SECTION 1. In the sixth line of the twenty-third  
2 section of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes  
3 as printed, after the word "therein," insert the words  
4 "for exportation;" and in the seventh line, after the  
5 word "package," insert the words "except for ships'  
6 stores;" and in the eighth line, after the word  
7 "state," insert the words "except for ships' stores;"  
8 and in the twenty-first line strike out the words "for  
9 the ships company"—so that said section as amended,  
10 shall read as follows:

SECT. 23. No pork or beef, except hams reserved  
2 for pickling or smoking, packed in this state or im-  
3 ported into it in barrels, half barrels, or other casks  
4 not bearing the name and brand of an inspector of  
5 some one of the United States, showing the quality  
6 and quantity thereof, shall be transported out of the  
7 state, or shipped, sold, or offered for sale therein for  
8 exportation, under a penalty of ten dollars for each  
9 package, except for ship stores; nor shall any salted  
10 beef or pork be exported from the state, except for  
11 ship stores, unless the master or owner of the vessel  
12 produces to the collector, or other officer of the United  
13 States granting a clearance, a certificate from the  
14 inspector general or his deputy, that it is inspected  
15 and branded according to law, and each certificate  
16 shall express the number of barrels and half barrels  
17 of beef or pork of each sort; and on producing such  
18 certificate, he shall take and subscribe the following  
19 oath before said officer, namely:

20 I, A. B., master, (or owner, as the case may be,) of  
21 the —, do swear, that according to my best knowl-  
22 edge and belief, the certificate hereunto annexed, con-  
23 tains the whole quantity of salted beef, (or pork, as  
24 the case may be,) on board the —, — master;  
25 and that no salted beef or pork is shipped on board  
26 the said vessel on freight or cargo, but what is in-

27 spected and branded, according to the law of this  
28 state.

SECT. 2. . When any beef or pork, packed in barrels,  
2 half barrels or casks not bearing the name or brand  
3 of an inspector of this state, or some one of the United  
4 States, shall be sold or offered for sale in this state,  
5 the purchaser of any such beef or pork, may at the  
6 time of such purchase, demand an inspection conform-  
7 able to the laws of this state, and in case of refusal  
8 or neglect of the seller of said beef or pork to cause  
9 the same to be properly inspected and branded, and  
10 to pay all charges thereon, he shall forfeit and pay  
11 not less than ten dollars for each package sold, to be  
12 recovered as provided for in section thirty-four of  
13 chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes. *Provided,*  
14 that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to  
15 bar the rights of the purchaser to damages, for any  
16 deficiency in quality or quantity, if purchased without  
17 inspection.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on and after its  
2 approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE,

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IN SENATE, February 1, 1858.

Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WEST, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*