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### CONSTITUTION OF THE U. STATES

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brand any cask, keg or firkin of butter or lard with any brand or brands of such inspector, or with any counterfeit brand as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence the sum of ten dollars.

Sec. 10. Be it further enacted, That if any person shall Penalty for shifting conempty any cask, keg or firkin of butter or lard inspected and tents of casks, branded as by this Act is required, and put in any other butter or lard for sale or exportation, without first cutting out the said brands and marks, the person or persons so offending, shall for each such cask, keg or firkin, forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars.

fraudulently.

Sec. 11. Be it further enacted, That all fines and for-Fines and penfeitures mentioned in this Act shall, and may be sued for and covered and recovered, with costs, by any person to his own use before a appropriated. Justice of the Peace, or any other Court proper to try the same, with liberty of appeal, as in other civil actions.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty Inspector to make annual of the inspector of butter and lard in the month of January returns to secretary of State, annually to make a return of the number of casks of different qualities of these articles branded by him, and his deputies, and the weight of the respective kinds, into the office of the Secretary of this State: The returns above specified to be made up to the first day of May of each year. And the and require of said inspector shall require of his deputies to make the re-his deputies to make the re-make the returns to him necessary to carry into effect the provision quisite returns to him. aforesaid.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, That the inspector of Inspector and butter and lard and his deputies, who are now in office in in office to this State, shall and may continue to exercise and perform continue, &c. all the duties of their respective offices in as full and ample manner as they might lawfully do, if appointed pursuant to the first section of this Act.

[Approved March 19, 1821.]

#### CHAPTER CL.

An Act to provide for the packing and inspection of Pickled and Smoked Fish.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Represen-Governor to tatives, in Legislature assembled, That the Governor with the appoint inspectors of advice of Council is hereby authorized and directed to ap- pickled fish VOL. II.

and smoked alewives and herrings.

Inspector to be sworn and give bond to town treasurer, &c.

Selectmen to examine such bonds, annually; ·

Persons injured may sue such bonds.

Proceedings on such suits.

Quality and size of casks for packing pickled fish. point and commission during his pleasure in each town and plantation in this State, where pickled fish or smoked alewives and herrings are cured or packed for the purpose of exportation, one or more suitable person or persons inspector or inspectors of pickled fish and smoked alewives and herrings, who shall be well skilled in the quality of the same, and who before he enters on the duties of his office shall be sworn to the faithful discharge thereof, and shall give bond

with sufficient sureties to the Treasurer of the town or plan-

tation in which he is appointed, in the penal sum of not less

than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. Selectmen of towns, and Assessors of plantations in which such inspectors shall be appointed, shall annually examine the bonds given as aforesaid, and if the bond of any such inspector shall by them be considered insufficient, they shall if found insuffi- forthwith notify such inspector of the same, and if any innewed, or in. spector shall for thirty days after such notice, neglect to give spector to be bond as aforesaid to the satisfaction of such Selectmen or removed! Assessors, it shall be their duty to give information thereof to the Governor who shall remove such inspector and appoint some other person to such office. And any person injured by the neglect or misdoings of any such inspector, shall be entitled to a copy of such bond, and shall have a right to bring an action thereon in the name of such Treasurer for his own use and benefit: and on producing the original in Court and obtaining judgment thereon, execution shall issue for such sum only as shall be found due in damages to the person for whose use any such action shall be brought; and the amount thereof being entered by the

> whom the same was received. SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That all barrels, half barrels and tierces which shall be made or used for the purpose of packing or containing pickled fish, shall be made of sound, well seasoned white oak, ash, red oak, spruce, pine or chesnut staves of rift timber, with heading of either of the said kinds of wood, sound, well seasoned, and the pine heads free from sap: said heading to be well planed; the

Clerk of the Court on the original bond, the same may be delivered back (by leaving a copy) to the Treasurer from

barrels, half barrels and tierces to be well hooped, with at least three hoops on each bilge, and three hoops on each chime, all of which shall be good hoops of sufficient substance, the barrel staves to be twenty eight inches in length, and the heads to be seventeen inches between the chimes; and to contain not less than twenty nine nor more than thirty gallons; and barrels, half barrels and tierces shall be branded on the side of the cask near the bung with the name of the maker or owner of said cask, and shall be made in a workmanlike manner, to hold pickle; the half barrels to contain not less than fifteen gallons, and the tierces to contain not less than forty five, nor more than forty six gallons: Provided however, That nothing contained in Proviso as fish in kegs. this Act, shall extend to fish packed in kegs of less than ten gallons.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That all boxes which quality and size of boxes shall be made for the purpose of packing smoked alewives for packing or herrings and containing the same, shall be made of good herrings. sound boards, sawed and well seasoned, the sides, top and bottom of not less than half inch boards, and the ends not less than three quarters of inch boards, securely nailed with not less than eight sixpenny nails, and sixteen four penny nails to each box, and the top of each box to be planed, and shall be seventeen inches in length, eleven inches in breadth and six inches in depth in the clear, inside. And all ale-for exporting wives or herrings intended to be smoked and packed shall to be well be sufficiently salted and smoked, to cure and preserve the salted and smoked. same; and afterwards closely packed in the boxes, in clear and dry weather.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty Duty of in-of the inspector to see that salmon, mackerel, shad and all packing salother kinds of split pickled fish, or fish for barrelling, have el, &c. been well struck with salt or pickle in the first instance, and preserved sweet, free from rust, taint or damage. such fish as are in good order, and are of a good quality, shall be packed in tierces, barrels or half barrels; the tierces shall contain three hundred pounds, the barrels shall contain two hundred pounds, and the half barrels one hundred pounds of fish each; and the same shall be packed with thirty five pounds of good and clean coarse salt, suita-

Mode of branding. ble for the purpose to each barrel; and said casks after being packed and headed up with the fish, and sufficient salt to preserve the same, shall be filled up with a clear strong pickle; and shall be branded Salmon, Mackerel, Shad (or as the case may be;) those of the best quality, caught in

Cargo No. I.

the right season, to be most approved, and free from damage, shall be branded Cargo No. 1; those which remain after the best have been selected, being sweet and free from taint, rust or damage shall be branded Cargo No. 2; and

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there shall be a third quality, which shall consist of the thinnest and poorest of those that are sweet and whole-

Cargo No. 3.

some, which shall be branded Cargo No. 3. And the inspector shall also brand in plain legible letters on the head of each and every cask, in which inspected merchantable fish or whole fish are packed or repacked, the weight, and initials of his christian name, with his surname at large, the name of the town for which he is appointed.

Penalty for fraudulently mixing or shifting inspected fish. weight, and initials of his christian name, with his surname at large, the name of the town for which he is appointed, and the word Maine annexed: And each cask shall be filled with fish of one and the same kind: and if any person shall intermix, take out or shift any inspected fish which are packed and branded as aforesaid, or put in other fish for sale or exportation contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, he or they shall forfeit and pay fifteen dollars for each and every package so altered: Provided however, If any casualty shall render it necessary to repack a cask of inspected fish, it may in all cases be done by an inspector of such fish. And if any person shall sell or export or cause to be sold or exported, within or from this State,

Penalty for exporting damaged fish.

tor of such fish. And if any person shall sell or export or cause to be sold or exported, within or from this State, any tainted or damaged fish, he shall forfeit and pay ten dollars for every hundred weight that shall be thus sold or exported.

Cod fish, haddock, &c. how to be packed.
Quality of casks, &c.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That all cod fish, haddock, hake, pollock and hallibut pickled and hereafter offered for sale, shall be packed in casks of the contents required by the second section of this Act, each barrel to contain two hundred and twenty five pounds, and each half barrel to contain one hundred and twelve and an half pounds, agreeably to the rules of packing in the fourth section of this Act, with sufficient salt to preserve the same. And it shall be the duty of the inspectors to brand with plain and legible

Inspectors to brand the figures, the weight of the aforesaid five kinds of fish in weight, &c. on addition to the brands required by the fourth section of this Act.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, That all small fish which Small fish, are usually packed whole with dry salt, shall be put in good be packed, and casks of the size and materials mentioned in the second sec- in what casks tion of this Act; said fish shall be packed close in the cask and well salted: the casks shall be filled full with the fish and salt, putting no more salt with the fish than is necessary for their preservation; and the inspector shall brand all casks containing such inspected whole fish with the name of the fish, and the quality as described in the fourth section of this Act.

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Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That all smoked alewives Smoked aleor herrings shall be divided and sorted by the inspector, and rings how denominated according to their quality, first sort, and second sorted, &c. sort; the first sort shall consist of all the largest and best cured fish, of not less than eight inches long; second sort, of the smaller, but well cured fish, of not less than seven inches long; and in all cases the following shall be taken out as refuse; all those which are belly broken, tainted, scorched or burnt, slack salted, or not sufficiently smoked. And Boxes how to each box of alewives or herrings so inspected, shall be branded on the top, by the inspecting officer with the first letter of the christian name, and the surname at length, of the inspector who inspected the same; and in like manner the name of the owner thereof, with the name of the town where it was inspected, with the addition of Maine, and also with the quality of first sort, or second sort. SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, That no pickled fish in casks, Pickled fish.

and no smoked alewives or herrings in boxes, shall be ex- in casks, and smoked herported from this State by water, unless the master or owner ring, &c. in boxes not to of the vessel shall produce to the Collector, or other officer be exported, unless certificate of inspectificate from the inspector, that the same has been inspected, duced to colpacked and branded according to the directions of this Act: lector. and the certificate shall express the number of barrels, half Substance of barrels and tierces, and the number of boxes thus shipped, certificate. the kind and quality of the fish they contain, with the name of the master and owner, and the name of the vessel in which

Master or owner to make oath thereto.

such fish are received for exportation. And such master or owner of every vessel shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, before the officer authorized as aforesaid:

Form of oath.

I, A. B. do swear, or affirm (as the case may be) according to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the certificate hereunto annexed, contains the whole quantity of pickled and barrelled fish, and of smoked alewives and her---- master; and that no fish, rings on board the smoked alewives or herrings are shipped on board said vessel, for the ship's company, or on freight or cargo, but what are inspected and branded according to the laws of this So help me God: or this I do under the pains and penalties of perjury (as the case may be.) SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, That if any pickled or

Pickled or smoked fish, put on board vessel for exportation, not being inspected, may be seized by war-

barrelled fish, or any smoked fish shall be put on board of any boat, vessel, or carriage of conveyance, within this State, with intent to sell or export the same, unless said fish shall have been inspected, and the casks and boxes containing the rant from Jus- same shall have been branded agreeably to the provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace in the same county, upon complaint made to him, to issue his warrant to the Sheriff or his deputy, or to any Constable of the town where such boat, vessel or carriage of conveyance may be, requiring them respectively to seize and secure said fish, and carry the same to the inspector nearest the place where said boat, vessel or carriage may be; and said inspector is hereby authorized and required to open and inspect, and to pack and brand the same in the same manner as is prescrib-And it shall be lawful for said inspector to ed in this Act. detain the said fish until the expenses and charges of seiz-

Power and duties of inspect-

person who will prosecute therefor. SEC 10. Be it further enacted, That no pickled or smoked into the State, not to be sold, fish, which shall be brought into this State from any other

ure, inspection, packing, and all other charges arising from such seizure, shall be paid. And it shall be the duty of every person, when required, to give necessary aid to the officer having such warrant, on pain of forfeiting five dollars for his refusal, to be recovered by action of debt, or on the case, before any Court proper to try the same; and by any

Fish brought

State or Government, shall be sold or offered for sale before unless inspectthe same shall have been regularly inspected according to to this act. the provisions of this Act; and each and every person who Penalty for vibuy or sell, or offer for sale [ANY] pickled or smoked fish which shall be brought into this State from any other State or Government, before the same is regularly inspected as aforesaid, shall severally forfeit and pay five dollars for each and every hundred pounds weight, so bought or sold; to be How recoverrecovered by any person who shall prosecute for the same, by action of debt, or on the case, before any Court proper to try the same.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, That if any master of a Penalty for vessel or other person shall put or receive on board any ves-sel receiving sel or other carriage of conveyance to transport the same on board a vessel, &c. fish from this State, any pickled or whole fish packed in casks not inspected which are not inspected and branded in manner by this Act prescribed, he or they, on conviction, shall forfeit and pay not less than five dollars, nor more than ten dollars for each

and every hundred pounds of such uninspected fish.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, That no smoked alewives Penalty for exor herrings which shall not have been inspected and brand- porting smoked alewives, or ed agreeably to the provisions of this Act, shall be exported herring, not inspected and from this State, under a penalty of two dollars for each box branded. so exported; nor shall any alewives or herrings be taken from any box so inspected and branded, and others of an

inferior quality be put in their place, with intent to deceive or defraud any person in the sale of the same, under a pen-

alty of five dollars for each box so changed.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, That if the inspector shall Penalty for brand any cask, the contents of which he has not inspected, branding packed, salted and coopered, or any boxes of smoked aleinspected by wives or herrings, which he has not inspected, packed and him; or permitting others
nailed according to the true intent and meaning of this. Act nailed according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, to use his brands unlawor if he shall permit other persons to use his brands in vio- fully. lation or evasion thereof, he or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every cask and box so branded, the sum of twenty dollars.

Sec. 14. Be it further enacted, That all persons within Persons in certhis State who shall have fish for packing and pickling eith-furnish iner in bulk or in casks to the amount of twenty barrels in spectors with brands,

one season, shall furnish the inspector with a branding iron,

Penalty for neglect.

Pickled fish for home con-

sumption, how to be packed.

containing the first letter of the owners christian name, and his surname at large; and the inspector shall cause the names of such owners to be fairly branded on the head of every cask of their inspected fish; and if any such owner of fish shall refuse or neglect to furnish such brand, he shall forfeit and pay for such neglect and refusal, not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars; and all kinds of pickled fish which are packed in tierces, barrels or half barrels for consumption within this State, and which are not subject to be inspected and branded as provided for exportation, shall, however, be packed with only one kind of fish in each cask, and there shall be the same weight in each cask as is provided by the fourth section of this Act; and for intermixing different kinds of fish in the same cask, or for short weight in any cask, the owners or venders shall

Penalties and forfeitures, how recovered.

pickled fish.

Sec. 15. Be it further enacted, That all penalties and arising by force and virtue of this Act, exforfeitures cept the penalties of five dollars mentioned in the ninth and tenth sections of this Act, shall be recovered by action of debt in any Court proper to try the same; one moiety thereof for the use of the town or plantation wherein the offence shall be committed, and the other moiety to him or them who shall sue for the same.

be subjected to the same penalties and forfeitures as are provided by this Act for the like offence in the inspected

Fees for certificates, &c. to be paid by purchaser.

Sec. 16. Be it further enacted, That the charges for certificates, inspecting and branding, shall be paid by the the exporter or purchaser, in addition to the purchase or cost of the fish; and bills for the legal fees of inspection and certificates, shall in the first instance be paid by the original owner of said fish, or by the person employing the inspector; and all such owners or employers are hereby empowered to demand and recover the amount of said bills from the subsequent purchaser or exporter.

Inspectors in

Sec. 17. Be it further enacted, That the inspector and ed unii April his deputies legally appointed and now in office shall con-10, 1821. tinue to hold and enjoy their respective offices until the tenth day of April next.

Sec. 18. Be it further enacted, That every inspector of Inspectors to fish appointed in this State, shall, on being qualified for dollars such office, pay to the Treasurer of the town or plantation in which he shall reside, five dollars; and it shall be the duty of such Treasurers to pay over all monies so received to the Treasurer of this State, on or before the twentieth day of January annually.

SEC. 19. Be it further enacted, That the inspectors shall Inspector's be paid for each certificate for exportation, seventeen cents; and for inspecting and branding each and every cask of fish as directed by this Act; for each tierce ten cents, for each barrel seven cents, for each half barrel four cents, for each box of smoked herrings or alewives two cents; exclusive of the labour and expense of packing and coopering; and the fees for inspecting and the expense for packing and coopering shall be paid by the seller.

Approved March 22, 1821.

### CHAPTER CLI.

An Act to ascertain the quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes, and for the more effectual inspection of the same.

SEC. 1. BE it enacted by the Scrate and House of Represen- Governor to tatives, in Legislature assembled, That there shall be an in-inspector of spector of pot and pearl ashes for the State, who shall be ashes, well skilled in the knowledge and properties of the same, to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, and to be by them removable at pleasure; and who, before he shall enter upon the duties of his office, who shall give shall give bond with sufficient sureties, to the Treasurer of the State, in the penal sum of three thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall also he sworn and be sworn, faithfully to perform the same. And such inspector shall and appoint deputy inspechave power, when so qualified, to appoint, and shall appoint tors, deputy inspectors in every sea port town where pot and pearl ashes are exported, and such other places as he shall judge necessary; for whom he shall be answerable, and shall take who shall give bonds from them with sufficient surety or sureties, and they and be under shall also be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty.

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