

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1831.

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PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF 28TH JUNE, 1820.
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Portland.

TODD AND HOLDEN.....PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1831.

ding to the force and effect of the grant, and preserve the same from pillage and trespass.

SECT. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That the sixth, seventh and eighth sections of an Act to promote the sale and settlement of the public lands, passed the twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and all parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That all contracts entered into under the same, shall be valid.

6th, 7th & 8th sections of act of Feb. 20, 1828, and all acts inconsistent with this act repealed.

Contracts under former acts valid.

[*Approved by the Governor, March 28, 1831.*]

CHAPTER DXI.

AN ADDITIONAL ACT to regulate the Inspection of Beef and Pork.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That it shall be the duty of the Inspector General of Beef and Pork, and of his deputies, to make inspection of beef and pork as required by law within the time between sunrising and sunsetting; and if the Inspector General or his deputy shall make such inspection during the time between sunsetting and sunrising, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, for each and every such offence, to be recovered in an action of debt by any person who shall sue for the same, within six months after said offence shall be committed.

Beef and Pork to be inspected between sunrising and sunseting.

Penalty for making inspection at any other time and how recovered.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That no pork nor beef imported into this State, in barrels, half barrels, or other casks, which shall not bear thereon the marks of an inspection, showing the quality and quantity thereof, and the name of an inspector of this State, or of some one of the United States, shall be shipped in this State, or sold or offered for sale in this State, and any person

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Penalty and how recovered. who shall ship any beef or pork in this State, or sell, or offer for sale in this State, any beef or pork, in barrels, half barrels or other casks, not marked as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every barrel, half barrel or other cask of beef or pork which he shall so ship, sell or offer for sale, the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt, by any person who shall sue for the same, within six months after the time of such sale.

Description of extra mess beef.

Fees, duties, and liabilities of Inspector General and deputies.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the Inspector General or any of his deputies may inspect, cut, weigh, pack or repack, salt, cooper and brand, beef of the following description, which shall be branded extra mess, without any abbreviation, viz: oxen of four years old and upwards, and weighing seven hundred pounds and upwards, to be cured in the same manner that mess beef is now directed to be cured at law; and the fees of the Inspector General and of his deputies shall be the same, and the duties and liabilities of both shall be the same as are now established by the laws regulating the inspection of other beef and pork in this State, except where any of their provisions are inconsistent herewith.

Description of mess pork.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the Inspector General, or any of his deputies may inspect, cut, weigh, pack or repack, salt, cooper and brand, pork of the following description, which shall be branded mess pork, viz. every part, except the heads, legs, shanks and lard, of well fattened hogs in good condition, weighing from two to three hundred pounds and averaging two hundred and fifty pounds; to be well salted with seventy pounds of clean coarse salt to the barrel, exclusive of a strong pickle, and with thirty five pounds of clean coarse salt to the half barrel, exclusive of a strong pickle; and the fees of the Inspector General and of his deputies shall be the same, and the duties and liabilities of both shall be the same, as are now established by the laws regulating the inspection of other beef and

pork in this State, except where any of their provisions are inconsistent herewith.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That where packed or repacked in barrels or half barrels for exportation, two hundred pounds of fresh pork shall be put into every barrel, and one hundred pounds of fresh pork into every half barrel; or that two hundred and fifteen pounds of salted pork shall be put into every barrel, and one half thereof into every half barrel of clear pork No. 1 and of clear pork No. 2, and that two hundred and ten pounds of salted pork shall be put into every barrel, and one half thereof into every half barrel of bone-middlings and of mess pork: That clear pork, No. 1, shall consist of the best pieces of well fatted healthy hogs, not less than three inches and a half thick in the thickest part of such pieces, clear of lean: That clear pork No. 2 shall consist of the best pieces of well fatted healthy hogs, not less than two inches and a half thick, in the thickest part of such pieces clear of lean; and that the ends of the ribs and briskets may be included in clear pork No. 1 and clear pork No. 2, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Quantity of pork in each barrel & half barrel.

Quality of different sorts.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That all barrels and half barrels of pork and beef packed or repacked for exportation, shall be branded with the actual weight of said pork or beef in legible figures, and letters, in addition to the other brands now established at law.

Mode of branding.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That neither the Inspector General nor any of his deputies, shall pack or repack, or begin to pack or repack, any beef or pork, before a convenient, strong and secure place has been provided by the party claiming such inspection, and the key or keys thereof, are lodged with the Inspector General or with a deputy of his, actually employed in the inspection, whose duty it shall be to keep the said key or keys, until such beef or pork is packed, or repacked, salted, coopered and branded, and other-

Secure place to be provided before beginning to pack or repack beef or pork.

wise completely prepared for exportation, and no longer. But the Inspector General and his deputies shall begin and finish the packing or repacking, heading, coopering and branding, as soon as may be, after such place of security has been so provided and the key or keys thereof are lodged with him or with a deputy of his actually employed in such inspection, under the penalties already established for neglect or refusal; provided nevertheless, that neither the Inspector General, nor any of his deputies shall be liable to any of the penalties for such neglect or refusal, before the whole inspection charges for inspecting, cutting, salting, coopering and branding such pork and beef, are either paid or secured to him or his said deputy, and all provisions of law inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Penalty for neglect, not incurred unless all charges paid.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That instead of six ounces of salt petre, not more than four nor less than three shall be used to each barrel of mess beef and extra mess beef, and that instead of four ounces of the same, not more than three nor less than two ounces shall be used to each barrel of No. 1, 2 and 3 beef, and that in the half barrels of the different kinds, one half of the said several quantities of saltpetre shall be used.

Quantity of salt petre to each barrel & half barrel.

SECT. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever the office of Inspector General of beef and pork shall become vacant, by death or otherwise, the deputies of the said Inspector General, be, and hereby are authorized to do all acts and things they were empowered to do during the continuance of said Inspector General in office, and until a successor shall be appointed, being accountable to the State for their conduct, in the same manner they were to the Inspector General, and all bonds given by any deputies aforesaid, shall run to the Inspector General, and in case of any vacancy by his death or otherwise, to the State of Maine.

When office of Inspector General vacant, deputies may continue to act till successor appointed.

[Approved by the Governor, March 28, 1831.]