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## Cap. 55.

An Act for amending an Act, made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, made in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, 'An Act for the due making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Affize thereof, and to punish Persons who shall adulterate Meal, Flour, or Bread,' so far as the same relates to the Affize and making of Bread to be sold in the City of London, and the Liberties thereof, and within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the Royal Exchange.*

[21st June 1798.]

**W**HEREAS it has been found necessary that certain additional Regulations should be made, and further Powers given for rendering more effectual the Provisions contained in the Statute, made in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act,*

[Loc. & Per.]

§ X

Preamble.  
37 Geo. III,  
Cap. 98, re-  
made cited,

and so much thereof as requires Bakers, within certain Limits, to leave at the Cocket Office, every Monday, an Account of Meal and Flour bought by them, repealed; and instead thereof, they shall leave, every Saturday, an Account in the following Form:

made in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, 'An Act for the due making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Assize thereof, and to punish Persons who shall adulterate Meal, Flour, or Bread,' so far as the same relates to the Assize and making of Bread to be sold in the City of London, and the Liberties thereof, and within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the Royal Exchange; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, of Great Britain, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That so much of the said Act of the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as requires and directs that every Baker and other Person making or who shall make Bread for Sale within the City of London and the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the Royal Exchange, shall prepare, and leave or cause to be left, Weekly, before the Hour of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon of every Monday, at the Cocket Office in the Mansion House, in the said City, an Account, in Writing under his Hand, of all such Meal and Flour, for the Purpose of making Wheaten Bread, as shall have been bought by such Baker or other Person in the Course of the Week next preceding such Monday, shall be, and is hereby repealed; and instead thereof, be it enacted, That every Baker and other Person making or who shall make Bread for Sale within the City of London, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the Royal Exchange, shall, and is hereby required to prepare and deliver, or cause to be delivered, Weekly, on every Saturday, at the Cocket Office in the Mansion House aforesaid, with the proper Officer there, a true and particular Account, in Writing under his Hand, of all such Meal and Flour made of Wheat as shall have been bought by such Baker or other Person within the Term or Space of the Seven Days next preceding such Saturday, for the Purpose of or fit for making Wheaten Bread; and that every such Account so hereby required shall specify, particularly, and in Words at Length, the Street, or other Place or Places, and Parish or Parishes, wherein such Baker by or for whom the same shall be so delivered shall then dwell and carry on his Business, the Names of the respective Sellers of such Meal and Flour made of Wheat, the respective Quantities and Sorts thereof, and the several and respective Prices at which the same shall have been really and truly sold; and shall be in the following Form, or to the like Effect; (that is to say),



tion to the said Office, be supplied with such and so many of the said printed Forms, as they respectively may stand in need of, on paying a reasonable Price for the same, not exceeding the Rate of One Shilling and Sixpence *per* Hundred; which printed Forms so to be provided and obtained as last mentioned, shall alone be made use of by every such Baker and other Person for every such Weekly Account; and that every such last mentioned Account shall be marked and distinguished by such particular Letter and Number, to be printed or written at the Top of every Weekly Account to be delivered by every such Baker or other Person, as the proper Officer for the Time being at the said Cocket Office shall mention and direct in that Behalf, and so as that such Accounts may be distinguished, not only by the proper Names of the Bakers or other Persons who shall have prepared the same, but also by particular Letters and Numbers to be allotted to them respectively, and so as that each Weekly Account of One of such Persons may be marked and known by A. 1, of another by A. 2, of a Third by A. 3, and so on in a regular progressive Series of Numbers, up to A. 100, beyond which, B. 1, B. 2, B. 3, *et cetera*, are to be used for the like Purpose up to B. 100, and so on in like Manner alphabetically throughout the whole Alphabet, if need be, each Letter being used for an Hundred Persons only, and that jointly with Numbers from Number 1 to Number 100 inclusive.

Bakers who have not purchased any Meal or Flour within the preceding Seven Days, to deliver in an Account as herein specified.

III. And, for preventing the unnecessary summoning and molesting of Bakers in the Case next herein-after mentioned, be it also enacted, That when any Baker or other Person from whom Weekly Accounts of the Meal and Flour to be bought by him are hereby required, shall not, for the Term or Space of Seven Days next preceding any *Saturday*, buy any Meal or Flour for the Purpose of or fit for making Wheaten Bread, then and so often as the Case shall happen, every such Baker or other Person, not having during such Seven Days bought any such Meal or Flour as last-mentioned, shall and is hereby required, upon the said *Saturday* immediately following the same Seven Days, to prepare and deliver, instead of such Weekly Account as aforesaid, and at such Time and Place as is herein-before directed concerning such Weekly Account, One of the printed Forms herein-before directed to be used for such Baker's Weekly Accounts, containing the proper Letter and Number at the Top thereof, and the Word "None," written in the Column intituled "Number of Sacks," and specifying particularly, and in Words at Length, the Street or other Place or Places, and Parish or Parishes, wherein such Baker or other Person shall then dwell and carry on his Business, and otherwise filled up in a sufficient Manner, and signed by such Baker or other Person.

So much of the cited Act repealed as prescribes the Oath to be taken by Bakers, and the Oath following to be taken.

IV. And be it also enacted, That so much of the said Act of the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as prescribes the Oath or Affirmation thereby directed to be taken by Bakers or other Persons making, or who shall make, Bread for Sale, and the Manner of administering such Oath or Affirmation, and as inflicts a Penalty on Bakers and other Persons omitting to take the same, shall be, and is hereby repealed; and that instead thereof, every Baker making, or who shall make, Bread for Sale within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, shall, within One Calendar Month next after the passing

of this Act, or within One Calendar Month from the Time when he shall begin to make Bread for Sale within the Limits aforesaid, take the following Oath, or (being One of the People called *Quakers*) affirm, as herein-after mentioned; (that is to say),

‘ I *A. B.* do swear, [*or affirm*], That the Accounts which I shall here-  
 ‘ after deliver, or cause to be delivered at the Cocket Office in the  
 ‘ *Mansion House*, in the City of *London*, of and concerning the Meal or  
 ‘ Flour (made of Wheat) which henceforward shall be bought by or for  
 ‘ me, shall, to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, contain the whole  
 ‘ Quantity, and no more, of the Meal or Flour (made of Wheat) really  
 ‘ and truly bought by or for me, within the Period to which such Ac-  
 ‘ counts shall respectively refer, with the Names of the Sellers or Per-  
 ‘ sons of whom the same shall be bought, and with the just and true  
 ‘ Prices respectively, without Collusion under any Pretence whatsoever,  
 ‘ and shall be, to the best of my Judgement, conformable in all other  
 ‘ Respects to the Directions of an Act, passed in the Thirty-eighth Year  
 ‘ of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for amending*  
 ‘ *an Act, made in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present*  
 ‘ *Majesty, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act,*  
 ‘ *made in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King*  
 ‘ *George the Second, intituled, ‘ An Act for the due making of Bread, and*  
 ‘ *to regulate the Price and Affize thereof, and to punish Persons who shall*  
 ‘ *adulterate Meal, Flour, or Bread, so far as the same relates to the Af-*  
 ‘ *size and making of Bread to be sold in the City of London, and the*  
 ‘ *Liberties thereof, and within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and*  
 ‘ *within Ten Miles of the Royal Exchange;’* and I do further swear,  
 ‘ That I will not use, or cause to be used, any Allum or other pernicious  
 ‘ Ingredients in the making of Bread or Rolls to be sold by me.’

Oath.

Which Oath (or Affirmation) the Lord Mayor of the City of *London* for the Time being, (whether such Baker shall reside within the said Lord Mayor’s Jurisdiction or not), or any other Justice of the Peace within whose Jurisdiction such Baker shall reside, is hereby authorized and required to administer, upon being duly applied to for that Purpose, and to grant a Certificate thereof, to be registered in the Town Clerk’s Office of the said City, and every such Oath or Affirmation shall be so administered, certified, and registered, without any Fee or Reward to be demanded or paid for the same; and in case any Person shall carry on the Trade and Business of a Baker, or shall make Bread for Sale within the said City, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, without taking the said Oath, or affirming as aforesaid, conformably to the Directions of this Act, every such Person so offending shall, on being convicted of such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds.

Lord Mayor or a Justice to administer the Oath, and to grant a Certificate, to be registered in the Town Clerk’s Office.

57. Penalty for making Bread without taking the Oath, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That the General Return or Account, by the said Act of the Thirty-seventh Year of His present Majesty directed to be prepared every *Monday* by the Meal Weighers of the City of *London*, or by such other Persons as the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City shall appoint, of and concerning the Quantities, Sorts, and Prices of Meal and Flour made of Wheat, shall, from and after the Commencement of this Act, be prepared from and by Means

Return required by recited Act to be prepared every *Monday* by the Meal Weighers, to be prepared from the Weekly Account of Meal and Flour,

and to contain certain Particulars.

of the Weekly Accounts of Meal and Flour herein-before directed to be delivered as aforesaid; and every such General Return or Account shall contain the Quantities, Sorts, and Prices, and Average Price, of all such Meal and Flour made of Wheat, as shall have been bought by the Bakers and other Persons making Bread for Sale within the said City and Liberties, and Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, within the Term or Space of the Seven Days next preceding the *Saturday* which shall have last elapsed at the Time of preparing such General Return or Account, or the Quantities, Sorts, and Prices, and Average Price, of so much of the same Meal and Flour as shall be mentioned in the said Weekly Accounts of Meal and Flour for those Seven Days only.

Penalty on Bakers and Meal Weighers for not making Returns, or making false Ones, and on Peace Officers for Neglect of Duty.

VI. And be it likewise enacted, That if any Baker or other Person making, or who shall make, Bread for Sale within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, or any Meal Weigher of the City of *London*, or other Person or Persons who, in pursuance of the said Act of the Thirty-seventh Year of His present Majesty, or of this Act, shall be appointed by the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City to certify and return the Quantities and Prices of Meal and Flour made of Wheat, shall in anywise neglect, omit, or refuse to make, deliver, or leave, any such Account or Return, or printed Form filled up and signed as aforesaid, as is by this Act required or directed to be made, delivered, or left by him, her, or them respectively, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or shall designedly or knowingly make, deliver, or leave, or cause to be made, delivered, or left, any false Account or Return, or printed Form filled up and signed as and for any such Account or Return as is required by this Act; or if any Constable or other Peace Officer shall refuse or neglect to observe or obey any Warrant in Writing which shall be delivered to him, under the Hand and Seal of any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, or to do any other Act requisite to be done by him or them, for carrying this Act, or any of the Powers or Authorities hereby given into Execution; then every Person so offending in any of the Premises shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, on being convicted thereof, any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, as the Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, before whom any such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, shall think fit and order.

Penalty on Bakers for receiving, and on Persons selling Meal or Flour, for giving any Allowance so as that the Cost shall be made less than stated in Weekly Accounts.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Baker or other Person making, or who shall make, Bread for Sale within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, shall at any Time corruptly, or in order to evade this Act, have or receive, directly or indirectly, of or from any Person of whom he shall have bought, or shall intend to buy, any Meal or Flour, any Allowance, Payment, or Gift in Money, or otherwise, by Way of lessening the Price or Cost of such Meal or Flour, or so as that the actual Cost thereof shall be thereby in reality or virtually made less than what shall in such Weekly Account as aforesaid be set forth as the real Price of the same Meal or Flour, then and in every such Case, as well every Person so corruptly making, allowing, or giving such Allowance,

lowance, Payment, or Gift, as last mentioned, as also every Baker or other Person so having or receiving the same, shall for every such Offence, on being convicted thereof, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Five Pounds.

VIII. And whereas, by an Act made this present Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majesty additional Duties on Salt*, the Price of that Article is materially increased, by reason whereof the Bakers would be considerably injured, if some Allowance were not made to them on Account of such additional Duties; be it therefore enacted, That, from Time to Time, when and so often as the Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or the Lord Mayor of the City of *London* for the Time being, shall, in setting the Assize of Bread in Execution of the said Act of the Thirty-seventh Year of His present Majesty, and of this present Act, think proper to use or be guided by the Average Price of Wheat, they or he shall, immediately before setting such Assize, while such additional Duties on Salt shall continue, but no longer, add to what shall, by Means of the then last General Return or Account of Wheat, appear to be the then Average Price *per Quarter* of Wheat fit for the making of Wheaten Bread, the Sum of Five-pence on Account of the said new Duties on Salt, so as to increase such Average Price Five-pence *per Quarter*; and shall then, in setting the Assize of Bread, make use of such increased Average Price or Sum instead of the real Average Price, in such and the same Manner, in all Respects, as if the same were the real Average Price of Wheat, according to the then last General Return or Account of Wheat; and that, from Time to Time, when and so often as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Lord Mayor, shall, in setting the Assize of Bread in Execution of the same Two Acts, think proper to use or be guided by the Average Price of Flour, they or he shall, immediately before setting such Assize, while such additional Duties on Salt shall continue, but no longer, add to what shall, by Means of the then last General Return or Account of Meal and Flour, appear to be the then Average Price *per Sack* of Flour fit for the making of Wheaten Bread, the Sum of Four-pence on Account of the said new Duties on Salt, so as to increase such Average Price Four-pence *per Sack*, and shall then, in setting the Assize of Bread, make use of such increased Average Price or Sum instead of the real Average Price, in such and the same Manner, in all Respects, as if the same were the real Average Price of Flour, according to the then last General Return or Account of Meal and Flour made of Wheat.

IX. And whereas in setting the Assize of Bread in Conformity to the Directions of the said Act of the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, it frequently happens that the Average Price of Wheat or of Flour returned does not agree with any of the Prices specified in the Table affixed to the said Act from which the Assize of Bread is directed to be set, and the Assize is then set from the Price in the said Table nearest the said Average Price returned, by reason whereof the Assize and Price of Bread is at Times higher than by the said Act is intended, to the Injury of the Publick, and at other Times not so high, to the Injury of the Baker; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That whenever there shall be any Difference between the average Price of Wheat or of Flour returned,

38 Geo. III,  
Cap. 43, re-  
cited.

In setting the  
Assize of  
Bread 5d.  
*per Quarter*  
to be added to  
the Average  
Price of  
Wheat, and 4d.  
*per Sack* to the  
Average Price  
of Flour, as an  
Allowance for  
the Additional  
Duty on Salt.

When the A-  
verage Price of  
Wheat or  
Flour returned  
does not agree  
with any of the  
Prices specified  
in the Table  
annexed to re-  
cited Act, an  
Account of  
the Differences  
to be kept at  
the Cocket Of-  
fice till they  
amount to half  
an Assize, and

then the next  
Assize to be  
set accord-  
ingly.

returned, and the Price from which the Assize of Bread shall be set, the Amount of such Difference of Price shall be entered in a Book to be kept at the Cocket Office aforesaid for that Purpose; and when and so often as it shall appear that upon such Differences being added together they amount to a sufficient Sum, either in Favour of the Publick or of the Baker, to make a Variation in the Price of Bread of Half an Assize, then and so often the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, if the said Court shall then sit, and if such Court shall not then sit, then the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being shall, and they or he are or is hereby required to make such Addition to, or Deduction from, the average Price of Wheat or of Flour returned, and in setting the then next Assize of Bread, either to lower or to raise the same One Half an Assize, as the Case may require, accordingly, as the Difference between the average Prices of Wheat or of Flour returned, and the Prices from which the Assize shall have been set, appears to have been in Favour of the Publick or of the Baker.

Such Parts of  
any Acts as im-  
pose a Penalty  
on Bakers not  
marking  
Loaves, re-  
pealed within  
certain Limits,  
and such  
Loaves to be  
marked as  
herein speci-  
fied.

X. And be it further enacted, That such Part or Parts of any Act or Acts of Parliament heretofore made, whereby a Penalty or Penalties is or are inflicted on Bakers neglecting to mark their Loaves as thereby directed shall, as to Bakers making, or who shall make, Bread for Sale within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, but not further or otherwise, be, and the same is or are hereby repealed; and that every Person making, or who shall make, Bread for Sale, within any of the same last-mentioned Limits, shall, from Time to Time, cause to be fairly imprinted or marked on every Loaf of each respective Sort of Bread which he, she, or they, shall make or sell, or carry out or expose to or for Sale, the Roman Letters herein-after mentioned; that is to say, Upon every Loaf of Bread which shall be made, sold, carried out, or exposed to or for Sale as Wheaten Bread, a large Roman W.; and upon every Loaf of Bread which shall be made, sold, carried out, or exposed to or for Sale as Household or Brown Bread, a large Roman H.; and that every Person who shall make for Sale, or shall sell, carry out, or expose to or for Sale, within any of the same last-mentioned Limits, any Loaf of any Sort of Bread than allowed to be made in pursuance of any Act or Acts of Parliament, and which shall not be marked pursuant to the Directions of this Act, so as that it may on the View thereof be ascertained from Time to Time under what Denomination or Sort of Bread every such Loaf was made, and ought to be weighed, (except as to Loaves which shall be rasped after the bespeaking or purchasing thereof by the particular Desire of any Person who shall order the same to be so rasped for his, her, or their own Use or Uses), shall for every Time he, she, or they shall offend in the Premises, and be thereof convicted, forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings, nor less than One Shilling, for every Loaf of Bread not marked as hereby is directed.

Penalty for  
Neglect.

No Baker to be  
liable to Pe-  
nalty for Defi-  
ciency in  
Weight of  
Bread, unless

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Baker or other Person making, or who shall make Bread for Sale within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, shall be liable to any Punishment for or on Ac-



count of any Bread which shall be found deficient in Weight, nor shall the same be liable to be seized by reason of such Deficiency, unless the Weight thereof be duly ascertained within Twenty-four Hours after such Bread shall have been baked.

ascertained  
within 24  
Hours after  
baking.

XII. And be it further enacted, That no Baker or other Person or Persons who shall ask, demand, or take, for any Bread which he, she, or they shall sell, or expose to or for Sale. within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, any greater or higher Price than such Bread shall be ascertained to be sold for or at, by the Court, Magistrate or Magistrates, or Justices, authorized by the said Act of the Thirty-seventh Year of His present Majesty, or otherwise, to set the Price and Assize of Bread within their respective Jurisdictions; and that no Baker or other Person who shall make any Bread for Sale within the same City or Liberties, or Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, shall refuse or decline to sell any Loaf or Loaves of any of the Sorts of Bread which, in pursuance of the same last-mentioned Act, and of this Act, or of any other Law, shall be allowed or ordered to be made to any Person or Persons who shall tender ready Money in Payment for the same, at or for the Price such Bread, by the Assize which shall have been set in respect thereof, shall be fixed at, or ascertained to be sold for, when any such Baker, or other Person who shall make Bread for Sale within the said Limits, shall have any Loaf of any such Bread in his House, Bakehouse, Shop, or Possession, to be sold, more than shall be requisite for the immediate necessary Use of his own Family or Customers, and which it shall be incumbent on such Baker or other Person who shall be complained of for refusing or declining to sell any such Bread, to prove, before the Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, to whom any such Complaint shall be made, if thereunto required by the Party or Parties who shall make any such Complaint, upon Pain that every Person who shall be convicted of any such Offence, shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, nor less than Ten Shillings, as the Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, before whom any such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, shall think fit and order, every Time he, she, or they shall so offend, and be convicted.

No Baker or other Person to ask more for his Bread than the set Price, nor to refuse to sell to any Person who shall tender Payment for Loaves in his Possession, more than necessary for the immediate Use of his Family or Customers.

Penalty for Offence.

XIII. Provided always, and be it likewise enacted, That no Person shall sell, or offer to Sale, within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, any Bread of an inferior Quality to Wheaten Bread, at a higher Price than Household Bread shall be set at by the Assize, on Pain of forfeiting for every such Offence, on being convicted thereof, a Sum of Money, not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings.

Penalty for selling Bread inferior to Wheaten at a higher Price than Household.

XIV. And be it also enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices of the Peace, within the Limits of their respective Jurisdictions, and also for any Peace Officer or Peace Officers, authorized by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, (and which Warrant any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Jus-

Magistrates, or Peace Officers by their Warrants, may, at reasonable Times, search Bakers Premises, and if any adulterated Flour,

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ed of.

tices, is and are hereby empowered to grant), at seasonable Times, in the Day Time. to enter into any House, Shop, Stall, Bakehouse, Warehouse, Outhouse, or Ground, of or belonging to any Baker, or other Person making, or who shall make Bread for Sale, within the said City, or Liberties, or Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, and to take with him or them, to his or their Assistance, One or more Master Baker or Bakers, and to search and examine whether any Allum or other Ingredient shall have been mixed up with or put into any Meal, Flour, Dough, or Bread, in the Possession of any such Baker or other Person, whereby any such Meal, Flour, Dough, or Bread, is or shall be in anywise adulterated, and also to search for Allum, or any other Ingredient which may be intended to be used in or for any such Adulteration or Mixture; and if, on any such Search, it shall appear that any such Meal, Flour, Dough, or Bread, so found, shall have been so adulterated by the Person in whose Possession it shall then be, or any Allum or other Ingredient shall be found which shall seem to have been deposited there in order to be used in the Adulteration of Meal, Flour, or Bread, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices of the Peace, or Officer or Officers authorized as aforesaid, respectively, within the Limits of their respective Jurisdictions, to seize and take any Meal, Flour, Dough, or Bread, which shall be found in any such Search, and deemed to have been adulterated; and all Allum and other Ingredients and Mixtures which shall be found, and deemed to have been used or intended to be used in or for any such Adulteration as aforesaid, and such thereof as shall be seized by any Peace Officer or Officers authorized as aforesaid, shall, with all convenient Speed after Seizure, be carried to some Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices of the Peace, within whose Jurisdiction the same shall have been so seized; and if any Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices of the Peace, who shall make any such Seizure in pursuance of this Act, or to whom any Thing so seized under the Authority of this Act, shall be brought, shall adjudge that any such Meal, Flour, Dough, or Bread, so seized, shall have been adulterated by any unwholesome or improper Mixture or Ingredient put therein, or shall adjudge that any Allum or other Ingredient or Mixture so found as aforesaid, shall have been deposited or kept where so found for the Purpose of adulterating Meal, Flour, or Bread, then and in any such Case every such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices of the Peace, is and are hereby required, within the Limits of their respective Jurisdictions, to dispose of the same as he or they, in his or their Discretion shall, from Time to Time, think proper.

Penalty on  
Bakers in  
whose Pre-  
mises shall be  
found any In-  
gredients for  
adulterating  
Meal, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That every Baker or other Person making, or who shall make Bread for Sale within the said City or Liberties, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, in whose House, Shop, Stall, Bakehouse, Warehouse, Outhouse, Ground, or Possession, any Allum or other Ingredient or Mixture shall be found, which shall, after due Examination, be adjudged by any Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices of the Peace, to have been deposited there for the Purpose of being used in adulterating Meal, Flour, or Bread, shall, on being convicted of any such Offence, either by his, her, or their own Confession, or by the Oath of One or more credible

credible Witness or Witneſſes, forfeit and pay on every ſuch Conviction, any Sum of Money not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor leſs than Five Pounds, or ſhall, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of the Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, be apprehended and committed to the Houſe of Correction, or ſome Priſon of the County, City, Borough, or Place where the Offence ſhall have been committed, or the Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, nor leſs than One Calendar Month, from the Time of ſuch Commitment, as any ſuch Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, ſhall think fit and order, (unleſs the Party or Parties charged with any ſuch Offence ſhall make it appear, to the Satisfaction of the Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, who ſhall find or ſeize any ſuch Allum or other Ingredients or Mixture, or before whom the ſame ſhall be brought, that ſuch Allum or other Ingredient or Mixture, was not nor were brought or lodged where the ſame was or were found or ſeized with any Deſign or Intent to have been put into any Meal, Flour, or Bread, or to have adulterated therewith the Purity of any Meal, Flour, or Bread, but that the ſame was or were in the Place or Places in which the ſame ſhall have been ſo found or ſeized as aforeſaid, for ſome other lawful Purpose); and it ſhall be lawful for the Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom any ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, and he and they is and are hereby required to cauſe the Offender's Name, Place of Abode, and Offence, to be publiſhed in ſome Newſpaper which ſhall be printed or publiſhed in or near the City of *London* or the Liberty of *Weſtmiſter*, and to defray the Expence of publiſhing the ſame out of the Money to be forfeited as laſt mentioned, if any ſhall be ſo forfeited and ſhall be paid or recovered.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully obſtruſt or hinder any ſuch Search as herein-before is authorized to be made, or the Seizure of any Meal, Flour, Dough, or Bread, or of any Allum or other Ingredient or Mixture which ſhall be found on any ſuch Search, and deemed to have been lodged with an Intent to adulterate the Purity or Wholeſomenefs of Meal, Flour, Dough, or Bread, or ſhall wilfully oppoſe or reſiſt any ſuch Search being made, or the carrying away any ſuch Allum or other Ingredient or Mixture as aforeſaid, or any Meal, Flour, Dough, or Bread, which ſhall be ſeized as being adulterated, or as not being made purſuant to this Act, he, ſhe, or they ſo doing or offending in any of the Caſes laſt aforeſaid, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, on being convicted thereof, forfeit and pay ſuch Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor leſs than Five Pounds, as the Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be convicted, ſhall think fit and order.

Penalty for obſtruſting any Search, or the Seizure of any Meal, &c. or Ingredient to adulterate it.

XVII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That if any Perſon making, or who ſhall make Bread for Sale within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, ſhall at any Time make Complaint to any Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace within his or their Jurisdiction, and make appear to him or them, by the Oath

If any Baker ſhall make it appear that any Offence for which he ſhall have paid Penalty, ſhall have been occaſioned by a Servant, the

Magistrate  
may order his  
Servant to  
make R. com-  
pence, &c.

of any credible Witness, that any Offence which such Person shall have been charged with, and for which he or she shall have incurred and paid any Penalty under the said Act of the Thirty-seventh Year of His present Majesty, or this Act, or any other Act concerning the Assize and Price of Bread, shall have been occasioned by or through the wilful Act, Neglect, or Default of any Journeyman or other Servant employed by or under such Person so making Complaint, then and in any such Case any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, may and is or are hereby required to issue out his or their Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or respective Hands and Seals, for bringing any such Journeyman or Servant before any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, or any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace acting in and for the County, City, Division, or Place, where the Offender can be found; and on any such Journeyman or Servant being thereupon apprehended and brought before any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, he or they, within his or their respective Jurisdiction, is and are hereby authorized and required to examine into the Matter of such Complaint, and on Proof thereof, upon Oath, to the Satisfaction of any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices of the Peace, who shall hear such said Complaint, then any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, is and are hereby directed and authorized by any Order under his or their respective Hand or Hands, to adjudge and order what reasonable Sum of Money shall be paid by any such Journeyman or Servant to his Master or Mistress, as or by Way of Recompence to him or her for the Money he or she shall have paid by reason of the wilful Act, Neglect, or Default, of any such Journeyman or Servant; and if any such Journeyman or Servant shall neglect or refuse, on his Conviction, to make immediate Payment of the Sum of Money which any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, shall order him to pay by reason of such his said wilful Neglect or Default, then any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, within his or their respective Jurisdiction, is or are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to cause such Journeyman or Servant to be apprehended and committed to the House of Correction, or some other Prison of the County, City, Division, or Place, in which such Journeyman or Servant shall be apprehended or convicted, to be there kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month from the Time of such Commitment, as to such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, shall seem reasonable, unless Payment shall be made of the Money ordered after such Commitment, and before the Expiration of the said Term of One Calendar Month.

Persons for-  
swearing  
themselves  
guilty of Per-  
jury.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall take any Oath by this Act directed to be taken, or be examined on Oath by virtue or in Execution of this Act, shall wilfully forswear himself or herself, or shall at any Time afterwards wilfully break any such Oath, every such Person shall be subject and liable to be prosecuted as for Perjury, by Indictment or Information, according to due Course of Law, and if convicted, shall be liable to the Pains and Penalties which Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

XIX. And be it also enacted, That the Clauses, Provisions, and Directions contained in the Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of King George the Second, Chapter the Twenty-ninth, for empowering Magistrates to hear and determine Offences against the said Act in a summary Way, and summon and examine Evidences, and convict Offenders, and for recovering Penalties, and otherwise punishing Offenders, and for authorizing Persons thinking themselves aggrieved to appeal to the Justices at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and the Clauses and Directions in the same Act contained for protecting and indemnifying Magistrates and other Officers under the said Act, shall respectively (except in the Cases herein otherwise provided for and directed) extend and relate to this present Act, and, so far as the same are applicable to the Purposes of this Act, shall be exercised for putting this Act in Execution, and for enforcing the Provisions and Directions thereof, in such and the same Manner as if the same several Clauses were herein contained and at large re-enacted.

Certain Provisions of 31 Geo. II, Cap. 29, to extend to this Act.

XX. And be it further enacted, That all Magistrates and other Persons whomsoever, shall be entitled to and have all such other the Privileges, Protections, and Indemnifications, in all Respects whatsoever, for what they shall lawfully do in putting this Act in Execution, as they are entitled to and have by the Laws already enacted, and now in being, relative to the making of Bread, and selling or exposing the same to or for Sale, for putting the said Laws in Execution.

The Privileges of the present Laws relative to making of Bread, &c. to extend to Persons putting this Act in Execution.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That no *Certiorari*, Letters of Advocation or of Suspension, shall be granted to remove any Conviction or other Proceedings had thereon in pursuance of this Act.

No *Certiorari*, &c. to be granted to remove Proceedings.

XXII. Provided also, and be it likewise enacted, That no Person shall be convicted of any Offence under this Act, unless the Information in order for such Conviction shall be exhibited within Fourteen Days after the Offence committed, except in Cases of Perjury; and that no Person who shall be prosecuted to Conviction for any Offence done or committed against this Act, shall be liable to be prosecuted for the same Offence under any other Law.

Limitation of Actions.

Persons convicted under this Act not liable to other Prosecution.

XXIII. And be it also enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act inflicted, or such of them, or so much thereof respectively as are not or is not herein-before directed to be otherwise applied, shall, when recovered and paid, go and be disposed of in such and the same Manner as in and by the said Act of the Thirty-seventh Year of His present Majesty is expressed and directed concerning the Penalties inflicted by that Act.

Application of Penalties.

XXIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not extend to prejudice any Right or Custom of the City of London, or the Practice there used, or any Right or Custom of any Lord or Lords of any Leet, to set, enquire, and punish, the Breach of Assize of Bread within their respective Leets, or Views of Frankpledge, or the Rights of any Clerk or Clerks of the Market in any Place.

Act not to prejudice the Rights of the City of London, &c.

Commence-  
ment of Act.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Directions, Regulations, Powers, and Authorities of this Act, shall commence and take place, and be had, done, executed, and performed, immediately from and after the Second *Tuesday* next after the passing of this Act, unless otherwise especially directed by this Act.

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