



ANNO QUADRAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGI II. REGIS.

Cap. 71.

An Act for repealing an Act, made in Forty-third Year of His present Majesty, for extending the Provisions of Two former Acts, relating to the Use of Horse Hides, in making Boots and Shoes, and preventing the damaging of Raw Hides and Skins in the flaying thereof; and for making other Provisions in lieu thereof. [27th May 1808.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to extend the Provisions of Two Acts passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth, and in the Forty-first Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, relating to the Use of Horse Hides in making Boots and Shoes, and preventing the damaging of Raw Hides and Skins in the flaying thereof; to, and to alter and amend the same, as to the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Borough of *Southwark*, and Liberties thereof, and all Places within Fifteen Miles of the *Royal Exchange* of the said City of *London*:" And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Act should be altered and amended, and it would tend to the more easy and effectual Execution of the Purposes intended by the said Act, if the same were repealed, and other Provisions made in lieu thereof: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Twenty-fifth Day of *June* next, the said recited Act shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

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recited;

and repealed.

Persons flaying
Hides and
Skins in
London, &c.
subject to
this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That this Act, and all and every the Clauses, Powers, Provisions, Regulations, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things herein contained, shall extend, and be construed to extend, to all and every Butcher, and all and every other Person and Persons, flaying, or employed in the flaying or selling, or employed in the selling of any such Raw Hide or Hides, Skin or Skins, as is and are herein-after mentioned, within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Borough of *Southwark*, and Liberties thereof, or any of them, or at any Place or Places within the Distance of Fifteen Miles of the *Royal Exchange* of the said City of *London*.

Commissioners
named.

III. And be it further enacted, That *Evan Edwards*, *Paul Giblett*, *George Leyburn*, *John Lomas*, *Robert Salmon*, *Benjamin Stubbing*, and *John Warmington*, and their Successors, to be appointed in Manner herein-after mentioned, together with Seven Persons to be annually appointed as herein-after mentioned by the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants for the Time being of the Worshipful Company of Butchers of the City of *London*, Seven Persons to be annually appointed as herein-after mentioned, by the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants for the Time being of the Worshipful Company of Curriers of the City of *London*, and Seven Persons to be annually appointed as herein-after mentioned by the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants for the Time being of the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers of the City of *London*, shall be Commissioners for putting this Act into Execution.

Butchers'
Company
annually
to appoint
Commission-
ers.

IV. And be it further enacted, That within Fourteen Days after the passing of this Act, and so annually on the First *Monday* in *May* in every succeeding Year, the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Butchers, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to assemble at the Hall belonging to their said Company, or other their usual Place of Meeting, when, and where the said Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants then present, or the major Part of them, shall nominate and appoint Seven Persons to be, and act as Commissioners for putting this Act into Execution for the Year then next ensuing, in conjunction with the Persons herein-before named, and their Successors, and other the Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Companies of Curriers and Cordwainers as herein is mentioned.

For appoint-
ment of Com-
missioners in
Default of
Butchers'
Company
appointing.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Butchers, shall at any Time or Times hereafter neglect or omit at the Times herein-before directed for that Purpose, to nominate and appoint the full Number of Commissioners directed to be appointed by them, for carrying this Act into Execution, then, and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Commissioners herein-before named, or their Successors, within Fourteen Days after such Neglect or Omission, to nominate and appoint such Commissioners, and the Commissioners so to be nominated and appointed are hereby vested with the same Powers and Authorities for the then ensuing Year, and shall be subject and liable to the same Rules and Restrictions in all Respects, as they would have been vested with, and subject and liable to, if they had been.

been duly nominated and appointed by the said Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants, of the said Worshipful Company of Butchers.

VI. And be it further enacted, That within Fourteen Days after the passing of this Act, and so annually on the First *Monday* in *May* in every succeeding Year, the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Curriers shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, to assemble at the Hall belonging to their said Company, or other their usual Place of Meeting, when and where the said Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants then present, or the major Part of them, shall nominate and appoint Seven Persons to be and act as Commissioners, for putting this Act into Execution for the Year then next ensuing, in conjunction with the Persons herein-before named, and their Successors, and other the Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Companies of Butchers and Cordwainers as herein is mentioned.

Curriers' Company annually to appoint Commissioners.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Curriers, shall at any Time or Times hereafter neglect or omit at the Times herein-before directed for that Purpose, to nominate and appoint the full Number of Commissioners directed to be appointed by them for carrying this Act into Execution, then and in every such Case it shall may be lawful to and for the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Cordwainers, within Fourteen Days after such Neglect or Omission, to nominate and appoint such Commissioners; and the Commissioners so to be nominated and appointed are hereby vested with the same Powers and Authorities for the then ensuing Year, and shall be subject and liable to the same Rules and Restrictions in all Respects as they would have been vested with, and subject and liable to, if they had been duly nominated and appointed, by the said Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Curriers.

For Appointment of Commissioners in Default of Curriers' Company appointing.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That within Fourteen Days after the passing of this Act, and so annually, on the First *Monday* in *May* in every succeeding Year, the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Cordwainers shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to assemble at the Hall belonging to their said Company or other their usual Place of Meeting, when and where the said Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants then present, or the major Part of them, shall nominate and appoint Seven Persons to be and act as Commissioners for putting this Act into Execution for the Year then next ensuing, in conjunction with the Persons herein-before named, and their Successors, and other the Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Companies of Butchers and Curriers as herein is mentioned.

Cordwainers' Company annually to appoint Commissioners.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Cordwainers shall, at any Time or Times hereafter, neglect or omit at the Times herein-before directed for that Purpose, to nominate and appoint the full Number of Commissioners, directed to be appointed by

For Appointment of Commissioners in Default of Cordwainers' Company appointing.

them for carrying this Act into Execution, then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Curriers, within Fourteen Days after such Neglect or Omission, to nominate and appoint such Commissioners, and the Commissioners so to be nominated and appointed, are hereby vested with the same Powers and Authorities for the then ensuing Year, and shall be subject and liable to the same Rules and Restrictions in all Respects, as they would have been vested with, and subject and liable to, if they had been duly nominated and appointed by the said Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Cordwainers.

Power to appoint new Commissioners in the Room of any of the named Commissioners who may die or decline to act.

X. And be it further enacted, That in case of the Death of any or either of the Seven Commissioners herein-before named, or of their Refusal to act, or of their Neglect to act for the Space of Twelve Months together, unless prevented by Sickness or other unavoidable Accident, it shall be lawful for the surviving or remaining of such herein-before named Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, at any Meeting to be holden for that Purpose, to nominate and appoint one other Person to be a Commissioner in the Room or Stead of each such named Commissioner dying, refusing, or neglecting to act as aforesaid; and every Person who shall be so nominated and appointed is hereby vested with the same Powers and Authorities, and shall be subject and liable to the same Rules and Restrictions, in all Respects, as the Commissioner in whose Room or Stead he shall be so nominated and appointed was vested with and subject and liable to.

If named Commissioners make default, Butchers Company may appoint.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Commissioners herein-before named, or their Successors for the Time being, shall at any Time or Times hereafter, upon the Death or Refusal to act of any such Commissioner, neglect or omit to nominate and appoint one other Commissioner for carrying this Act into Execution, in the Room of the Commissioner so dying or refusing to act, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Butchers for the Time being, to give Fourteen Days Notice of such Neglect or Omission, to the surviving or remaining acting Commissioners; and in case a new Commissioner shall not be appointed within that Time, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said Worshipful Company of Butchers, to nominate and appoint a Commissioner in the Room or Stead of such Commissioner so dying, or refusing to act, and the Commissioner so to be nominated and appointed is hereby vested with the same Powers and Authorities, and shall be subject and liable to the same Rules and Restrictions, in all Respects, as he would have been vested with, and subject and liable to, if he had been duly nominated and appointed by the surviving or remaining Commissioners appointed by this Act.

Power to appoint new Commissioners in the Room of any of the Company's Commissioners dying.

XII. And be it further enacted, That in case of the Death of any or either of the Commissioners to be appointed by either of the said Worshipful Companies, or of their Refusal to act, it shall be lawful for the surviving or remaining Commissioners appointed by the Company, by which such Commissioner so dying, or declining to act, shall have been appointed,

appointed, or any Five or more of them, at any Meeting to be holden for that Purpose, to nominate and appoint one other Person to be a Commissioner in the Room or Stead of each such Commissioner dying, or refusing to act as aforesaid; and every Person who shall be so nominated and appointed, is hereby vested with the same Powers and Authorities for the Remainder of the then current Year, and shall be subject and liable to the same Rules and Restrictions, in all Respects as the Commissioner in whose Room or Stead he shall be so nominated and appointed was vested with, and subject and liable to.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That each and every of the said Commissioners herein-before named, and their Successors, and each and every of the Commissioners to be appointed by or for the said respective Companies, shall, before he begins to execute his said Office, take an Oath duly and faithfully to execute the same; which Oath shall be in the following Words: Commissioners to take an Oath.

“ I *A. B.* do swear, (or being one of the People called *Quakers*, do affirm), that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly execute the several Powers and Trusts reposed in me by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, (*here set out the Title of this Act,*) and that without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice, to any Person or Persons whomsoever. “ So help me GOD.” Commissioner's Oath.

Which Oath any Two or more of the said Commissioners are hereby empowered and required to administer to each other, and they the said Commissioners are hereby also required and empowered to enter and keep a Memorandum or Memorandums thereof, signed by them respectively, among their Acts, Orders, and Proceedings relative to the Execution of this Act.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That no Act of the said Commissioners shall be, or be deemed to be, good, valid, or effectual, unless the same be done at some Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act, and that all the Powers and Authorities, by this Act granted to the said Commissioners, shall and may be exercised, from Time to Time, by the major Part of them who shall be present at any Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act, the Number of Commissioners present at every such Meeting not being less than Five; and all the Orders and Proceedings of the major Part of the Commissioners present at such their several Meetings shall have the same Force and Effect as if the same were made or done by all such Commissioners for the Time being; and at every Meeting of the said Commissioners, a Chairman shall and may be appointed, and such Chairman shall, at the joint Meetings of the said Commissioners, be alternately, chosen from the Trade of Butchers and the Leather Trade; and when and as often as it shall happen that there shall be an Equality of Votes at any Meeting upon any Question, (including the Vote of the Chairman,) then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for such Chairman to give a second Vote, which shall be the decisive or casting Vote. No Act to be valid unless at a Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act.

Chairman to have the... casting vote.

First Meeting
of Commis-
sioners.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall meet together at the New *London Tavern Cheapside* in the City of *London*, on the Third *Monday* after the passing of this Act, between the Hours of Three and Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, and shall proceed to the Execution of this Act; and shall then, and from Time to Time afterwards, adjourn themselves, and meet at the Place aforesaid, or at any other Place or Places which such Commissioners shall think proper or convenient for putting this Act, into Execution; and if it shall happen that there shall not appear at any such Meeting a sufficient Number of Commissioners to act, and to adjourn, then and as often as the Case shall happen, the Clerk to the said Commissioners shall appoint the said Commissioners to meet on that Day Week, at the same Place at which such last Meeting was appointed to have been held.

No Order
to be
revoked
unless at a
Meeting for
the Purpose.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Appointment, or other Proceeding, made at any Meeting of the Commissioners, holden in pursuance of this Act, shall be revoked or altered at any subsequent Meeting, unless at a Meeting holden for that express Purpose, nor unless Notice, specifying the Revocation or Alteration intended to be made, signed by the Clerk to the said Commissioners, be given to each of the said Commissioners, or left at their respective usual Places of Abode, at least Three Days before such subsequent Meeting, nor unless a greater Number of Commissioners shall be present at such subsequent Meeting, than were present at the Meeting when such Order, Appointment, or Proceeding was had or made; and a Majority of the Commissioners present at such subsequent Meeting shall decide in favour of such Revocation or Alteration.

Proceedings
to be en-
tered in a
Book.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall cause to be provided and kept a proper Book or Books, and fair and regular Entries to be made therein, of all their Acts, Orders, and Proceedings relative to the Execution of this Act, and of the Names of all such Commissioners as shall be present at their several Meetings; and all Entries in such Book or Books, being signed by the Chairman of the next Meeting, and Clerk, or either of them, shall be deemed Originals; and shall be allowed to be read as Evidence in all Causes, Suits, and Actions touching or concerning any Thing done in pursuance of this Act.

Commis-
sioners to
appoint Of-
ficers, and
remove
them;

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, at any Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act, to appoint one or more Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk or Clerks, and any other Officer or Officers, as they shall find necessary and convenient, and shall or may take Security from all such Persons for the due Execution of their respective Offices; and also shall and may, from Time to Time, remove all, or any of the said Officers, or other Persons, and appoint others in the Room of such of them as shall be so removed, or that shall die; and the said Commissioners shall and may, out of the Monies arising by virtue of this Act, pay such Salaries, and make such other Allowances to such Officers, and other Persons, so to be appointed, or who shall be anyways employed in the Execution of this

and may
allow them
Salaries (ex-
cept Trea-
surer).

this Act, (except the Treasurer or Treasurers,) as they the said Commissioners shall think fit.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any one or more of the Persons herein-before appointed, or by the said respective Companies to be appointed, as Commissioners, or their Successors, from being appointed Treasurer or Treasurers under this Act, if the Majority of the Commissioners present at any Meeting, to be holden in pursuance of this Act, shall think proper, to appoint any or either of such Commissioners to be Treasurers or Treasurer.

Commis-
sioners may
be appointed
Treasurers.

XX. And be it further enacted, That after the said Twenty-fifth Day of June next, the Owner of every Hide or Skin that shall have been wilfully, negligently, or carelessly, cut or gashed in the flaying thereof, shall, on the Inspection thereof, in Manner by this Act directed, forfeit and pay for every Hide or Skin so cut or gashed, the several and respective Fines and Penalties following; that is to say, a Sum not exceeding Two Shillings and Sixpence, and not less than Sixpence, for the Raw Hide or Skin of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, Stirk, or Calf, which shall be so wilfully, negligently, or carelessly cut or gashed in the flaying thereof; a Sum not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence, nor less than Sixpence, for the Hide or Skin of every Horse, Mare, or Gelding, which shall be so wilfully, negligently, or carelessly cut or gashed in the flaying thereof; a Sum not exceeding One Shilling, nor less than Three-pence, for the Skin of every Hog or Pig, which shall be so wilfully, negligently, or carelessly cut or gashed in the flaying thereof; and the Sum of One Halfpenny for the Skin of every Sheep, or Lamb, which shall be so wilfully, negligently, or carelessly cut or gashed in the flaying thereof.

If any Butch-
er, &c. shall,
after 25th
June 1808,
wilfully,
negligently,
or carelessly
gash any
Hide or Skin
he shall pay
certain
Penalties.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed, taken, or construed to extend, so as to impose any Fine or Penalty on any Person or Persons whomsoever, for or on account of any Hide or Skin that may be cut or gashed, in the flaying thereof, if it shall appear to the Inspector or Inspectors, that due Care and Attention had been employed in the flaying of such Hide or Skin; and it shall be the Duty of such Inspectors respectively to hear the Parties, and any Witnesses that may be produced, respecting the Care and Attention employed in the flaying of such Hide or Skin, and to examine and decide whether the Cut or Cuts, Gash or Gashes therein, was or were wilfully made, or had been occasioned, by Carelessness or Negligence on the Part of the Flayer or Flayers thereof; and if such Inspector or Inspectors shall be of Opinion that any Cut or Cuts, Gash or Gashes, in any Hide or Skin, shall not have happened wilfully or through Negligence or Carelessness, then and in every such Case the Owner of such Hide or Skin shall not be subject or liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture, for or on account thereof, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Penalties
not to be in-
flicted for
unavoidable
Damage.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all Raw Hides and Skins of Oxen, Bulls, Cows, Heifers, Steers, or Stirks, Horses, Mares, Geldings, Calves, Hogs or Pigs, which shall be flayed within any Parish or Place

All Hides and
Calf Skins
within Five
Miles of
the Royal

Exchange to be brought to Leadenhall.

Sheep and Lambs Skins to one of the Three Skin Markets.

Penalty for not bringing any Hides, &c. to be inspected.

Places and Hours of Inspection to be appointed for Places beyond Five Miles from the Royal Exchange, within Three Months after the passing this Act.

Butchers at any Place within Fifteen Miles, may bring Hides, &c. to Leadenhall or other Markets on giving Notice.

Eight Inspectors to be annually appointed for Leadenhall.

Place not exceeding Five Miles from the *Royal Exchange* of the City of *London*, shall be brought for the Purpose of being inspected, examined, stamped, and marked in Manner by this Act directed, to the Market of *Leadenhall* in the City of *London*, on the usual Market Days there; and all Raw Skins of Sheep, or Lambs, which shall be flayed within any Parish or Place, not exceeding Five Miles from the *Royal Exchange* of the said City of *London* shall be brought for the Purpose of being inspected, examined, stamped, and marked as aforesaid, either to the Sheep-Skin Market at *Wood's Close*, or to the Sheep-Skin Market in the Borough of *Southwark*, or to the Sheep-Skin Market in the Parish of *Saint Botolph Aldgate*, commonly called the *Whitechapel* Market, or to such other Market or Markets, Place or Places, as shall at any Time hereafter be named and appointed for that Purpose, in and by any Act of Parliament that may be hereafter made.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if the Owner of any such Raw Hide or Skin, as aforesaid, shall neglect or omit to bring, or cause to be brought, any such Raw Hide or Skin, or Raw Hides or Skins, to the proper Market or Markets, Place or Places, as aforesaid, in order that the same may be inspected, examined, stamped, and marked as aforesaid, according to the Provisions of this Act, then, and in every such Case, every such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Hide or Skin a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than less Twenty Shillings.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That proper Places and convenient Days and Hours for the Inspection of all such Raw Hides and Skins as aforesaid, as shall be flayed at any Place beyond the said Distance of Five Miles, and within the said Distance of Fifteen Miles from the *Royal Exchange* of the said City of *London*, shall, within Three Months after the passing of this Act, be chosen, appointed, and fixed, according to the Provisions of the said Two Acts of Parliament, made in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth, and in the Forty-first Years of the Reign of His present Majesty; but nevertheless it shall and may be lawful for any Butcher or other Person flaying any such Hides or Skins at any Place or Parish beyond the said Distance of Five Miles, and within the said Distance of Fifteen Miles of the *Royal Exchange* of the said City of *London*, to bring any such Raw Hides or Skins as aforesaid, to such respective Markets as are herein-before mentioned, upon giving One Week's Notice of such his Intention, to the Inspector or Inspectors of the District or Place from which such Raw Hides or Skins shall be so respectively brought as aforesaid.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That on the First Monday in June in every Year, or within Fifteen Days after, Eight Persons, who shall respectively be of good Character, shall be annually elected by the said Commissioners as Inspectors, to examine, inspect, stamp, and mark all Raw Hides and Skins brought to the Market at *Leadenhall*, Four of which Inspectors shall be annually elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or or the said Worshipful Company of Butchers, in conjunction with the Seven Commissioners herein-before named, or their Successors, other Two of which Inspectors shall be annually elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Curriers, and the remaining Two of which Inspectors shall be annually elected by the

Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Cordwainers; and that Two other Persons, who shall respectively be of good Character, shall be annually elected as Inspectors, to examine, inspect, stamp, and mark all Raw Skins of Sheep and Lambs, to be brought to the aforesaid Market at *Wood's Close*, One of which last mentioned Inspectors shall be annually elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Butchers, in conjunction with the Seven Commissioners hereinbefore named, or their Successors, and the other of which last mentioned Inspectors shall be annually elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Curriers, and by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Cordwainers alternately; and that Two other Persons, who shall respectively be of good Character, shall be annually elected as Inspectors, to examine, inspect, stamp, and mark all Raw Skins of Sheep and Lambs, to be brought to the aforesaid Market in the Borough of *Southwark*, One of which last mentioned Inspectors shall be annually elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Butchers, in conjunction with the Seven Commissioners hereinbefore named, or their Successors, and the other of which last mentioned Inspectors shall be annually elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Curriers; and that Two other Persons, who shall respectively be of good Character, shall be annually elected as Inspectors, to examine, inspect, stamp, and mark all Raw Skins of Sheep and Lambs to be brought to the aforesaid Market at *Whitechapel*; One of which last mentioned Inspectors shall be annually elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Butchers, in conjunction with the Seven Commissioners hereinbefore named, or their Successors, and the other of which last mentioned Inspector shall be annually elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Cordwainers.

Two for
Wood's
Close;Two for
Southwark;and Two for
Whitechapel.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if it shall hereafter be found, that the Number of Inspectors hereinbefore mentioned is not sufficient for the Execution of this Act, at such respective Markets, or any or either of them, or if it shall be found necessary that Inspectors should be appointed for any other Market or Markets, Place or Places, that may be named and appointed as aforesaid for the Inspection, examining, stamping, and marking of any Hides or Skins, that then, and in such Case, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to elect such Number of additional Inspectors for any or either of such Markets and Places as may be necessary; so as that One-half of the Number of such additional Inspectors be elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Butchers, in conjunction with the Seven Commissioners hereinbefore named, and the other Half of such Inspectors be elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Curriers, and the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Cordwainers, in the same Proportions as are hereinbefore directed; and it shall also be lawful for the said Commissioners to make such Orders and Regulations for the Conduct of all the said Inspectors, with respect to their Attendance at such Markets and Places alternately, or otherwise, as to the said Commissioners shall seem meet and proper.

Power to
increase the
Number of
Inspectors,
and make
Regulations
for their
Attendance.

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XXVII. And

Inspectors
to take an
Oath.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That each and every Person who shall be appointed an Inspector of Hides and Skins by virtue of this Act, shall, before he begins to execute his said Office, take an Oath, duly and faithfully, to execute the same; which Oath shall be in the following Words:

Inspector's
Oath.

‘ I *A. B.* do swear, (or being one of the People called *Quakers* do solemnly affirm), That I will faithfully and diligently execute the Office of Inspector of Hides and Skins, according to the true Intent and Meaning of an Act of Parliament passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act*, [*here set forth the Title of this Act*,] without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice, to any Person whomsoever.

‘ So help me GOD.’

Which Oath shall and may be administered by the Lord Mayor, or by One of the Aldermen of the City of *London*; and every such Inspector shall, with due Care and Attention, and with all reasonable and proper Dispatch, inspect, examine, stamp, and mark, in Manner by this Act directed, all Raw Hides and Skins which shall be brought to such Markets and Places for which he shall be acting as such Inspector, for the Purpose of being inspected, examined, stamped, and marked as aforesaid.

Fees to be
paid for In-
spection.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That every such Inspector shall be entitled to demand and take for the inspecting, examining, stamping, and marking of the several and respective Sorts of Raw Hides and Skins inspected, examined, stamped, and marked by him, in pursuance of this Act, the several and respective Sums following, and no more, (that is to say:) For the Hide of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer or Stirk, Horse, Mare, or Gelding, the Sum of One Halfpenny; and for the Skin of every Calf, Hog or Pig, the Sum of One Farthing; and for every Score of Sheep or Lambs’ Skins, the Sum of Three-pence; and so in proportion for any greater or less Number than a Score.

Power for
Commis-
sioners to
increase In-
spection’s
Fees.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if at any Time or Times hereafter the Fees by this Act directed to be demanded for the inspecting, examining, stamping, and marking of any Hide or Hides, Skin or Skins at the said respective Markets and Places shall, by the said Commissioners, be deemed insufficient to compensate the said respective Inspectors for the necessary Trouble and Labour attending such Inspection, Examination, stamping, and marking as aforesaid, that then, and in such Case, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to increase the same to the several and respective Sums following, and no more; that is to say, for the Hide or Skin of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer or Stirk, Horse, Mare, or Gelding, any Sum not exceeding One Penny; for the Skin of every Calf, Hog or Pig, any Sum not exceeding One Halfpenny; and for the Skin of every Sheep or Lamb, any Sum not exceeding One Farthing; and all such increased Fees shall and may thenceforth be demanded, taken, received, and recovered in like Manner as the other Fees can or may be demanded, taken, received, and recovered by this Act.

Not exceed-
ing certain
Sums.

XXX. And

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever, other than such Inspector or Inspectors, or some Person or Persons authorized by him or them in that Behalf, shall stamp or mark any Raw Hide or Skin with any Stamp or Mark, denoting that such Hide or Skin has been inspected and examined according to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained, then and in every such Case, every such Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty for
imitating
Inspector's
Mark.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That each and every such Inspector of Raw Hides and Skins, appointed under this Act, for the said Market at *Leadenhall*, shall regularly attend at the said Market, on the usual Market Days there, from the Hour of Six of the Clock in the Morning, until the Hour of Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* to the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* in every Year, both Days inclusive; and from the Hour of Seven of the Clock in the Morning, until the Hour of Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, from the Thirtieth Day of *September* to the Twenty-fourth Day of *March*, both Days inclusive; and each and every such Inspector appointed for any other Market or Place, shall attend at such Market or Place respectively, on the respectively Market Days, and on such other Days, and for and during such Hours as shall, from Time to Time, be fixed and appointed for that Purpose, by the said Commissioners assembled at any Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act; and all such Inspectors as aforesaid, shall respectively use all due Diligence and Dispatch in the Exercise of their said Offices as aforesaid.

Hours of
Inspector's
Attendance.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That each and every such Inspector of Raw Hides and Skins, appointed under this Act, shall provide Two different and distinct Stamps or Marks, one with the Letter S thereon, for the Purpose of being impressed on Hides and Skins that are not damaged in the flaying thereof, and the other with the Letter D thereon, for the Purpose of being impressed on damaged Hides or Skins; and with the first of such Stamps or Marks, such Inspector shall stamp or mark on or near the Tail, every Raw Hide or Skin that is not wilfully, carelessly, or negligently damaged in the flaying thereof; and with the latter of such Stamps or Marks, such Inspector shall stamp or mark on one of the Fore-shanks thereof every Raw Hide or Skin that is wilfully, carelessly, or negligently damaged in the flaying thereof; and if the Owner of any such damaged Hide or Skin, or the Person or Persons employed by or acting under the Authority of such Owner or Owners, and bringing such Hide or Skin to be inspected, examined, stamped, and marked, as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to pay, or cause to be paid, the Penalty by this Act imposed for the wilfully, negligently, or carelessly cutting or gashing any Raw Hide or Skin in the flaying thereof, for or on Account of such damaged Hide or Skin; or if the Owner or other Person or Persons employed by, or acting under the Authority of such Owner, and bringing any Hide or Skin to be inspected, examined, stamped, or marked as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to pay, or cause to be paid, the several Sums of Money herein allowed to be demanded and taken for inspecting and examining, stamping, and marking Raw Hides or Skins, for or on Account of every Hide or Skin so inspected, examined, stamped, and marked, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the Inspector

Inspectors
to provide
Stamps for
marking
Hides, &c.

If Penalty or
Fee be not
paid, In-
spector may
seize the
Hide and
sell it, unless
Notice of
Appeal
be given.

or Inspectors, who shall inspect, examine, stamp, or mark any such Hide or Skin, forthwith to seize and detain every such Raw Hide or Skin as aforesaid; and in case such Penalty, and such Fees respectively as aforesaid, or either of them, shall not be paid within Forty Eight Hours after such Seizure and Detention as aforesaid, (save and except the Owner of such Hide or Skin, or other Person or Persons to whom such Hide or Skin, or Hides or Skins, shall belong, or some Person on his, her, or their Behalf, shall give Notice of his, her, or their Intention to appeal to the Arbitrators to be appointed in pursuance of this Act,) it shall be lawful for such Inspector or Inspectors to sell the said Hide or Hides, Skin or Skins, or cause the same to be sold, and to retain the Penalty or Penalties by this Act imposed, and such Fees as aforesaid, and all reasonable Charges and Expences incurred in the seizing, detaining and selling such Hide or Hides, Skin or Skins, and the Overplus, (if any), shall be returned to the Owner of such Hide or Hides, Skin or Skins, or other Person or Persons to whom such Hide or Hides, Skin or Skins shall have belonged as aforesaid.

Arbitrators
to be ap-
pointed to
attend at
Leadenhall.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That on the First *Monday* in *June* in every Year, or within Fifteen Days after, the said Commissioners hereinbefore appointed, shall nominate and elect Two Persons, who shall be respectively of good Character, to be and act as Arbitrators in case of any Differences arising at the said Market of *Leadenhall* upon the Inspection and Examination of any Hides or Skins which may be brought to such Market to be inspected, examined, stamped, and marked as aforesaid; One of which said Arbitrators shall be annually nominated and elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Butchers in conjunction with the Seven Commissioners hereinbefore named, or their Successors; and the other of which said Arbitrators shall be annually nominated and elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Curriers, in conjunction with the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Cordwainers; and each of the Arbitrators to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall, before he begins to execute his Office, take an Oath to do Justice between all Parties, in all Differences which may be referred to them by virtue of this Act, which Oath shall and may be administered by the Lord Mayor, or any One of the Aldermen of the City of *London*, and shall be in the following Words:

Arbitrators
to take an
Oath.

Arbitrators'
Oath.

‘ I *A. B.* do swear (or being one of the People called *Quakers* do solemnly affirm), That I will faithfully and diligently execute the Duty of an Arbitrator, reposed in me by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, [*here insert the Title of this Act,*] without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice, to any Person or Persons whomsoever.

‘ So help me GOD.’

Hours of
their Atten-
dance.

And the said Arbitrators shall regularly attend at the said Market of *Leadenhall*, on the usual Market Day there, from the Hour of One of the Clock in the Afternoon, until the Close of the Market upon each Market Day, or upon such other Days, and for and during such
Hours

Hours as shall from Time to Time be fixed for that Purpose, by the said Commissioners herein-before appointed, assembled at any Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if the Owner or Owners of any Hide or Skin, which shall be brought to the said Market of *Leadenhall*, to be inspected, examined, stamped and marked as aforesaid, or any Person or Persons employed by such Owner or Owners, shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any such Inspector or Inspectors, having marked any Hide or Skin with the Letter D as damaged, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful for such Owner or Owners, or other Person or Persons, to appeal to the Arbitrators herein-before directed to be appointed, and thereupon such Arbitrators shall inspect the Hide or Skin in question, and hear the Parties and any Witness or Witnesses that may have been produced before the Inspectors respecting the Care and Attention employed in the flaying of such Hide or Hides, Skin or Skins, which may have been so marked by the said Inspector or Inspectors, as damaged; and thereupon the said Arbitrators shall determine whether the Hide or Skin in dispute, ought to have been marked as damaged, and whether the said Inspector or Inspectors ought to have demanded or levied the whole or any and what Penalty or Forfeiture in respect of such Hide or Skin; and the Decision of such Arbitrators shall be binding and conclusive on all the Parties interested in such Difference or Dispute; and the Party or Parties against whom such Decision shall be given, shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings nor less than Two Shillings and Sixpence for every such Hide or Skin, upon which an Appeal shall so have been made to the said Arbitrators; and all and every such Fine and Fines shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Commissioners, for the Purposes of this Act.

Appeal from the Determination of the Inspectors to such Arbitrators.

Arbitrators Decision to be final.

Party against whom such Appeal shall be determined to pay a Fine.

XXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Difference of Opinion shall at any Time or Times hereafter happen to arise between the said Arbitrators, herein-before directed to be appointed, in respect of any Hide or Skin upon which any Appeal may have been made to them as aforesaid, that then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Arbitrators, and they are hereby required, immediately upon such Difference of Opinion arising, to nominate and appoint one other Person, to whom such Difference of Opinion between the said Arbitrators shall be referred, and such Third Person shall thereupon inspect the Hide or Skin in question, and in conjunction with the said Arbitrators shall and may hear the Parties and their Witnesses, as is herein-before directed; and the Decision of the said Arbitrators, and other Persons so to be appointed as aforesaid, or Two of them, thereon, shall be as binding and conclusive on all the Parties interested in the Difference which shall have been so referred, as the Decision of the said Two Arbitrators would have been, in case they had not differed in Opinion concerning the same; and the Party or Parties against whom such Decision shall be given, shall forfeit and pay such Sum as is herein-before mentioned in that Behalf,

If Arbitrators differ in Opinion, they are to call in a Third Person.

XXXVI. Provided always and be it further enacted, That if at any Time hereafter the said Commissioners shall think it necessary for the more
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Arbitrators may be ap-

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the Sheep Skin
Markets, if
found neces-
sary.

just Execution of this Act, that Arbitrators should be appointed to attend at any or either of the said Sheep Skin Markets at *Wood's Close*, at *Southwark*, or at *Whitechapel*, or at any other Market or Markets, Place or Places, that may be named, and appointed as aforesaid, that then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to elect such Number of Arbitrators for all or any or either of such Markets and Places as may, in the Judgment of the said Commissioners be necessary, so as that One Half of the Number of such Arbitrators be elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Butchers, in conjunction with the Seven Commissioners herein-before named; and the other Half of such Arbitrators be elected by the Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Curriers; and Seven Persons to be appointed by or for the said Worshipful Company of Cordwainers, in the same Proportions as are herein-before-directed; and it shall also be lawful for the said Commissioners to make such Orders and Regulations for the Conduct of the said Arbitrators, with respect to their Attendance at such Markets and Places alternately or otherwise, and for the Regulation of their Conduct while there, as to the said Commissioners shall seem meet and proper; and from and after the Election or Appointment of any such Arbitrators, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Owner or Owners of any Sheep or Lamb Skin that shall be brought to either of the said Sheep Skin Markets, for which such Arbitrators may have been appointed, to be inspected, examined, stamped, and marked as aforesaid, or any Person or Persons employed by such Owner or Owners to appeal from the Decision of any Inspector or Inspectors, unto such Arbitrators that may so have been appointed, and such Arbitrators shall inspect the Skin in question, and hear the Parties and their Witnesses, and determine relative to the Matter of such Appeal, in the same Manner as the Arbitrators herein-before directed to be appointed for the said Market at *Leadenhall* are authorized and required to do; and the said Arbitrators that may be so elected or appointed, shall have the same Power to nominate and appoint a Third Person to decide any Difference of Opinion that may arise between such Arbitrators, relative to any Skin upon which such Arbitrators may be called to decide as is herein before given to the Arbitrators herein-before directed to be appointed for the said Market at *Leadenhall*.

If Inspectors
or Arbitrators
shall die,
others to be
appointed.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Person nominated and elected an Inspector or an Arbitrator, in pursuance of the Directions of this Act, shall die, refuse, neglect, or become incapable to act in the Execution of this Act, after any such annual Election, and before the ensuing annual Election of Inspectors or Arbitrators as aforesaid, then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners by whom such Inspector or Arbitrator so dying, refusing, neglecting, or becoming incapable to act shall have been appointed, to nominate and elect another Person to be an Inspector or an Arbitrator, in the room or stead of such Inspector or Arbitrator so dying, refusing, neglecting, or becoming incapable to act in the Execution of this Act, and so from Time to Time as often as such Case shall happen; and every Inspector or Arbitrator so nominated and elected, shall, after taking the Oath prescribed by this Act to be taken by Inspectors or Arbitrators, as the Case may happen to be, have such and the like Powers and Authorities, and shall be subject to such and the like Rules, Regulations,

tions, and Penalties, and shall go out of Office at the same Time as if he had been nominated and elected at such annual Election.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Commissioners herein-before authorized and required by this Act to choose and appoint any Inspector or Inspectors, Arbitrator or Arbitrators, shall neglect so to do within the Time specified by this Act, or in case of the Death or Refusal to act, if any one or more of such Inspectors, or Arbitrators so appointed, shall neglect to appoint another or others, in the Place of any one or more of such Inspectors or Arbitrators so dying or refusing to act, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any Seven of the Commissioners acting under this Act to give Notice to the Commissioners so neglecting to appoint such Inspector or Inspectors, or Arbitrator or Arbitrators, as aforesaid, of such their Neglect; and at the Expiration of Seven Days after such Notice, if such Inspector or Inspectors, or Arbitrator or Arbitrators, shall not in the mean Time have been appointed, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioner so giving such Notice to appoint such Inspector or Inspectors, or Arbitrator or Arbitrators, as aforesaid; and every Inspector or Arbitrator so nominated and elected, shall after taking the Oath prescribed by this Act to be taken, by Inspectors or Arbitrators as the Case may happen to be, have such and the like Powers, and Authorities, and shall be subject to such and the like Rules, Regulations, and Penalties, and shall go out of Office at the same Time, as if he had been nominated and elected by the Commissioners whose Duty it was to have nominated and elected such Inspector or Arbitrator.

In Default of Appointment of Inspectors or Arbitrators by the Commissioners herein directed, other Commissioners may appoint.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said several and respective Inspectors to be appointed as aforesaid for each of such Markets, shall keep true and perfect Accounts of all Sums of Money received by them respectively, for Fines and Penalties levied under this Act, distinguishing in such Accounts, the Names of the Persons by or upon whom such Fines and Penalties have been paid or levied; and for that Purpose the said Inspectors shall keep Books, and enter the same therein, which Books shall, upon all Market Days be kept by the said respective Inspectors, at Offices or Places to be appointed by the said Commissioners for that Purpose, in or near to each of such Markets and Places; and such Books shall be open to public Inspection on every Market Day of such Markets respectively, during the Hours of Market, without Fee or Reward; and immediately after the Close of every such Market, such Books shall be deposited and kept in such Place and Places, and with such Person and Persons as the said Commissioners shall appoint.

Inspectors to keep Accounts.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the whole of the Sums of Money respectively received by the several Inspectors for Fees at each of such respective Markets and Places as aforesaid, shall be weekly put together into one Sum; and the Sum of Money received at each of such Markets for such Fees, together with the One Half Part of all Fines and Penalties, to be received and levied at each of such Markets, by the Inspectors acting at the said several Markets, for the wilfully, carelessly, or negligently damaging of any Raw Hide or Skin, in the flaying thereof, shall be equally divided by and between the respective Inspectors acting for the said respective Markets and Places where the same shall have been received, and that the remaining

Application of Fees and Fines.

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Half Part of all such Fines and Penalties, to be received and levied at each of such Markets by the said Inspectors acting at the said Markets respectively, together with the whole of all other Fines and Penalties levied under this Act in respect of any Matter or Thing arising at either of such Markets and Places respectively, or received or levied from or upon any Person or Persons bringing any Raw Hides or Skins to either of such Markets and Places respectively to be inspected, examined, stamped, and marked under this Act, shall be weekly paid by the said several Inspectors, or other Persons receiving the same, to the Treasurer or Treasurers to be appointed by the said Commissioners as aforelaid.

Fines to be applied in Payment of the Expences of carrying Act into Execution.

Commissioners may direct Rewards to be paid to working Butchers for taking off Hides, &c. well.

Treasurer to keep an Account.

Surplus of Monies received by Treasurer, to be paid as follows; One-fourth to the Master

XLI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That all such Sum and Sums of Money, as shall be received by the Treasurer or Treasurers herein directed to be appointed of and from the said respective Inspectors, or of and from any other Person or Persons for Fines and Penalties under this Act, shall, in the first Place, be appropriated to defray the several Charges and Expences of carrying this Act into Execution, and subject thereto, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to apply any Sum not exceeding in the whole One Moiety of the Money which shall remain in the Hands of the said Treasurer or Treasurers, after defraying the Charges and Expences of carrying this Act into Execution as aforelaid, in rewarding Workmen for taking off Hides and Skins well, and for that Purpose to direct the said Treasurer or Treasurers to pay to any Person or Persons, who shall be engaged as a Workman or Workmen, in the flaying of any Oxen, Bulls, Cows, Heifers, Steers, Stirks, Horses, Mares, Geldings, Calves, Hogs, Pigs, Sheep, or Lambs, any Sum or Sums of Money, which the said Commissioners may think fit to award to any such Workman or Workmen, as a Reward or Rewards for the well flaying of any Cattle or Beast, in the flaying whereof any such Workman or Workmen may have been employed.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Commissioners, shall, and he or they is, and are hereby required, upon the Thirty-first Day of *March*, the Thirtieth Day of *June*, the Thirtieth Day of *September*, and the Thirty-first Day of *December* in every Year, or within Fifteen Days after each of such Times, to make out an Account in Writing, to be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, of all Sum and Sums of Money which shall or may have been received from such Inspector or Inspectors as aforelaid, or from any other Person or Persons on Account of any Fines and Penalties by this Act imposed, and also an Account of all Sum and Sums of Money, which shall or may have been paid by any such Treasurer or Treasurers for carrying this Act into Execution, or as Rewards to any Workman or Workmen for the well flaying of any Cattle or Beast as aforelaid; and the Balance of all such Monies as shall remain in the Hands of any such Treasurer or Treasurers at the End of the preceding Quarter of a Year, after the making such Payments as aforelaid, shall be disposed of in Manner following, that is to say, one Fourth Part of such Balance shall be paid to the Master of the Worshipful Company of Butchers of the City of *London*, one other Fourth Part of such Balance

Balance shall be paid to the Master of the Worshipful Company of Curriers of the said City of *London*, one other Fourth Part of such Balance shall be paid to the Master of the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers of the said City of *London*, and the remaining Fourth Part of such Balance shall be paid to the Seven Commissioners herein-before named; or to some Person to be nominated and appointed by them to receive the same; and the several Sums of Money which shall be so paid to the respective Masters of the said several Companies as aforesaid, shall be by them applied to and for the Use of the Poor of the said Companies respectively, in such Manner as shall be directed concerning the same by the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the said several Companies respectively, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever; and the Sum of Money which shall be so paid to the Seven Commissioners herein-before named, or to the Person to be nominated and appointed by them to receive the same, shall be by them or him, applied to and for the Use of the Poor of the said Trade of Butchers, not being Freemen of the said Worshipful Company of Butchers, in such Manner as shall be directed concerning the same by the Seven Commissioners herein-before named, or their Successors, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

of the Butchers Company, One-4th to the Master of the Curriers Company, One 4th to the Master of the Cordwainers Company, One-4th to the 7 Commissioners herein-before named.

Application thereof.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, shall at any Time wilfully impede, hinder, or obstruct any such Inspector or Inspectors as aforesaid, in the due Discharge of his or their Office, by any Hindrance, Molestation, or Obstruction whatsoever, and shall thereof be convicted before any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, then, and in every such Case, every such Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Ten Shillings, at the Discretion of any such Justice of the Peace or Magistrate.

Persons impeding Inspectors to be liable to a Penalty.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall offer any Bribe or other Fee or Reward to any such Inspector or Inspectors as aforesaid, or if any such Inspector shall receive, directly or indirectly, any Bribe or Fee for the Purpose of inducing him to neglect or omit to inspect any Hide or Skin, or for stamping or marking the same with an S instead of a D, or for shewing any Favour or Affection in the Exercise of his said Office, then, and in every such Case, the Person or Persons so offering, and the Inspector or Inspectors so taking or accepting such Fee or Bribe, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings; and every Inspector so offending shall be forthwith discharged from his said Office, and be deemed incapable of serving such Office again.

Inspectors taking, and Persons offering Bribes liable to a Penalty.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That every Salesman of Raw Rides or Skins, or other Person selling Raw Hides or Skins, shall, in all Accounts of the Sale of Hides or Skins by him delivered or given to the Person or Persons to whom such Hides or Skins shall belong, or for whom they shall be sold, specify the Number and Amount of the Fines that shall have been imposed and paid in respect of any such Raw Hides or Skins; and every such Salesman or other Person who shall in any such Account neglect or

Salesman to deliver an Account of Fines imposed.

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refuse to specify the Number and Amount of such Fines, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Workmen
or Servants
gashing
Hides, &c.
liable to
repay One
Half to their
Principal.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Butcher, or other Person, who shall pay any Fine under this Act, for, or in respect of any Hide or Hides, Skin or Skins, wilfully, negligently, or carelessly damaged in the flaying thereof, by his, her, or their Servant or Workman, shall give Notice to such Servant within Seven Days after the Payment of such Fine, of his or her Intention to recover the same, and shall proceed so to do within Seven Days after such Notice, then, and in every such Case, such Servant or Workman, shall return and reimburse to the Butcher, or other Person or Persons so fined, for or in respect of the Hide or Hides, Skin or Skins, so wilfully, negligently, or carelessly damaged by such Servant or Workman, in the flaying thereof, as aforesaid, One Moiety of such Fine or Fines, Penalty or Penalties; and in case of Non-payment thereof, on Demand made by such Butcher or other Person or Persons, from such Servant or other Workman, and Oath made by such Butcher or other Person or Persons, of the Payment made by him or her of such Fine or Fines, Penalty or Penalties, and that the same hath not, or have not been repaid to him or her, by such Servant or Workman, although demanded, (such Oath to be made before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, City or Place where such Workman or Servant shall be or reside,) such Moiety of such Fine or Fines, Penalty or Penalties, shall and may be levied and recovered in such and the like Manner, as any Fine, Penalty or Forfeiture can, or may be levied or recovered by virtue of this Act, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice.

Inspectors
and Arbitrators
compelled to use
Dispatch, or
may be
discharged.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That when any Complaint shall be made to the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Commissioners, by any Person or Persons, interested, or dealing in any Raw Hides or Skins, of any Misconduct or Neglect of Duty of any Inspector or Arbitrator, appointed under this Act, or of any Refusal or Neglect of any Inspector to attend with all reasonable Diligence and Dispatch on any Person or Persons offering any Raw Hide or Skin for Inspection as aforesaid, or of any Arbitrator, in not attending any Arbitration, and due Proof shall be made thereof to the Satisfaction of such Treasurer or Treasurers, that then, and in such Case, it shall be lawful for such Treasurer or Treasurers, and he or they is and are hereby required to call, or authorize the Clerk to the said Commissioners, to call a Meeting of the Commissioners, by whom such Inspector or Arbitrator shall have been appointed, within Seven Days after such Complaint shall have been so made to the said Treasurer or Treasurers; and such Complaint shall, at such Meeting of such Commissioners, or at some succeeding Meeting, be heard and determined; and if upon investigating such Complaint, it shall appear to the Commissioners assembled at such Meeting, that such Inspector or Arbitrator has acted improperly, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Commissioners to discharge such Inspector, or Arbitrator, or to fine any such Inspector or Arbitrator, in any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Ten Shillings; and in case of the Discharge of such Inspector or Arbitrator, such Commissioners shall within Seven Days after he shall be so discharged, proceed to the Appointment of another Inspector or Arbitrator to supply such Vacancy.

XLVIII. And

XLVIII. And be further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall ^{Buyers and} within Five Miles of the *Royal Exchange* afore said, offer any Hide or Skin ^{Sellers of un-} for Sale, or shall sell the same not having been inspected, examined, ^{stamped} stamped, and marked as by this Act directed, or if any Person or Per- ^{Hides, &c.} sons shall purchase any Hide or Skin other than and except at a public Mar- ^{liable to} ket, which shall not have been inspected, examined, stamped, and marked ^{a Penalty.} as by this Act directed, then, and in every such Case, every such Person or Persons so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, nor less than Five Shillings; for the Hide or Skin of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, or Stirk, Horse, Mare, or Gelding, any Sum not exceeding Five Shillings, nor less than One Shilling; for the Skin of every Calf, Hog, or Pig, any Sum not exceeding One Shilling nor less than Sixpence, for every Sheep or Lamb's Skin so sold or offered for Sale, or so purchased as afore said.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures by this Act imposed, (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby otherwise directed,) shall be levied and recovered before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place, where the Offence shall be committed, and such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered and required, upon Information or Complaint to him or them made, to grant a Summons or Warrant to bring before him or them such Offender or Offenders at the Time and Place which shall be in such Summons or Warrant specified; and if on the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders respectively, either of his, her, or their Confession, or on the Evidence of any one or more credible Witnesses or Witness upon Oath, (which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to administer,) such Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice or Justices, and the Overplus (if any) raised by such Distress and Sale, deducting the Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, and the Costs and Charges of making such Distress and Sale, shall be rendered to the Owner of the Goods and Chattels so distrained; and for want of sufficient Distress, or in case the Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices to commit every such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County, City, or Place, where the Offence shall have been committed, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month unless such Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, and all reasonable Charges attending the Recovery thereof, shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and all such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, when paid, (if not otherwise directed by this Act to be applied,) shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Commissioners, for the Purposes of this Act.

Penalties
how to be
recovered.

L. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons so convicted by any Justice or Justices of the Peace as before-mentioned, of any Offence or Offences against this Act, to appeal to the Justices of the Peace assembled, at the next General Quarter Sessions or General Sessions to be holden for the County, City, or Place, where such Conviction shall be made; and such Justices in such General Quarter

Appeal to
Quarter
Sessions.

Quarter Sessions, or General Sessions, shall hear and determine the Matter of such Appeal, and may either confirm or quash and annul the said Conviction, and award such Costs to either Party, as to them the said Justices shall seem just and reasonable; and the Decision of the said Justices therein shall be final, binding, and conclusive; and no Proceedings to be had or taken in pursuance of this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form only, or be removed by *Certiorari* or any other Writ or Process whatever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere, any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Justices
may summon
Witnesses.

LI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any such Justice or Justices of the Peace, before whom any such Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures shall be sued for, to summon before him or them any Person or Persons who shall, in or by the Complaint or Information made to him or them, or otherwise, appear to be a necessary Witness as to the Matters thereby charged, to appear before him or them at a Time and Place to be specified in the Summons; and, in case such Person so summoned, shall not appear according to such Summons, then, upon due Proof of the Service of such Summons, such Person so summoned and not appearing in compliance therewith, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be levied and recovered in such Manner, and by such Ways and Means as is herein directed as to other Penalties; and it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices to cause such Person to be apprehended, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of such Justice or Justices, and to be brought before him or them; and thereupon, whether such Person shall appear upon Summons as aforesaid, or shall be apprehended as aforesaid, such Justice or Justices shall and may proceed to examine him or her upon Oath, as to the Matter of such Complaint or Information; and in case such Person shall refuse to be sworn or to answer, or to give Evidence therein, then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, or their Hands and Seals, to commit such Person or Persons so refusing to be sworn, or to answer, or to give Evidence as aforesaid, to the common Gaol or House of Correction of the City, County, or Place in or for which such Justice or Justices shall then act, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Space of Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

Penalty on
Persons guilty
of Perjury.

LII. And be further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, upon his, her, or their Examination, upon Oath before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, acting in Execution of this Act, shall wilfully and corruptly, give false Evidence touching any Matter or Thing relating to this Act, every such Person, so offending, and being duly convicted thereof, shall be, and is hereby declared to be, subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as by any Law in Force and Effect, Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

Informations
to be made
within Seven
Days.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That every Information, for any Offence committed against this Act, shall be laid before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, for the County, City, or Place where the Offence shall have been committed, within Seven Days after the said

said Offence has been committed, and that otherwise such Information shall be of none Effect.

LIV. And for the more easy and speedy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That every Justice of the Peace before whom any Person shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall and may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the Form following: that is to say,

To wit. " BE it remembered, That on the	Day of	
" in the Year	A. B. was upon	Form of
" the Complaint of C. D. convicted before	of the Jus.	Conviction.
" tices of the Peace for the		
" (<i>here specify the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where</i>		
" committed) (as the Case shall happen to be) contrary to the Provisions of		
" an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Ma-		
" jesty King George the Third, intituled, (<i>here insert the Title of this</i>		
" Act). Given under	Hand and Seal, the	Day and Year
" above written."		

And such Conviction shall be certified to the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, there to be filed amongst the Records of the County, City, or Place. Conviction to be filed.

LV. Provided always, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons acting under or in pursuance of this Act, until after Fourteen Days Notice in Writing to the Person or Persons against whom such Action or Suit shall be intended to be commenced; nor shall any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in any Action for any Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceedings, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed, or caused to be committed, every or any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding, before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any Action, if he, she, or they shall so think fit, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall see fit, whereupon such Proceedings or Order and Judgement shall be made or given in or by such Court as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court. Plaintiffs not to recover if Tender of Amends be made.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That every Action or Suit, that shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the City or County where the Cause of Action shall arise, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue and give this Act and the Special Matter, in Evidence on any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act, and if it shall appear so to be done, or if any such Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County, City, or Place, than where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, that then and in such Case the Jury shall Limitation of Actions.

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General Issue.

Treble Costs.

shall find for the Defendant or Defendants ; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuit, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in other Cases by Law.

Public Act.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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