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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. xxi.

An Act for preventing Frauds in the Admeasure-
ment and Delivery of Coals within the several
Parishes in the County of *Middlesex*, lying be-
tween the Parish of *Saint Luke, Chelsea*, and the
Mouth of the River *Colne*, near *Staines*; and also
between *Limehouse Hole* and the Mouth of the
River *Lee*, near *Blackwall*; and also within the
several Parishes in the Counties of *Middlesex* and
Essex, adjoining to both Banks of the River *Lee*,
and the Branches thereof, between the River
Thames and *Edmonton*. [21st May 1816.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Forty-seventh Year of the
Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for repealing* ^{47 G. 3.}
the several Acts for regulating the Vend and Delivery of Coals ^{Sess. 2. c. 68.}
within the Cities of London and Westminster, and Liberties thereof, and
in certain Parts of the Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, and Essex,
and for making better Provision for the same, certain Land Coal Meters
were continued or appointed for the Purpose of admeasuring Coals within
the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and for that Part of the Duchy of
Cornwall adjoining thereto, and for the several Parishes of *Saint Giles in*
the Fields, *Saint Mary-le-bone*, and such Part of the Parish of *Saint*
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Andrew Holborn, as is in the County of *Middlesex*; and also for the City of *London*, and between *Tower Dock* and *Limehouse Hole*, in the County of *Middlesex*; and also for the several Parishes of *Egham*, *Thorpe*, *Chertsey*, *Weybridge*, *Walton on Thames*, *West Moulsey*, *Thames Ditton*, *Kingston*, *Richmond*, *Mortlake*, *Barnes*, *Croydon*, *Mitcham*, *Putney*, *Wandsworth*, *Battersea*, *Lambeth*, *Christchurch*, *Newington*, *Saint George* in the Borough of *Southwark*, *Saint Saviour's*, *Saint Olave*, *Saint Thomas*, *Saint John*, *Saint Mary Magdalen Bermondsey*, and *Saint Mary Rotherhithe*, in the County of *Surrey*, and certain Regulations were thereby made respecting the Vend and Delivery of Coals sold within the same Places respectively: And whereas the Regulations contained in the said Act, have proved very beneficial to the Consumers of Coals within the Places aforesaid, by preventing the Commission of Frauds in the Vend and Delivery thereof; and it is apprehended that it would be of great Benefit to the Inhabitants of the several Parishes in the County of *Middlesex*, lying upon, or adjoining to the North Side or Bank of the River *Thames*, between the Parish of *Saint Luke*, *Chelsea*, and the Mouth or Entrance of the River *Colne* near *Staines*; and also between *Limehouse Hole* and the Mouth or Entrance of the River *Lee* or *Bow Creek*, near *Blackwall*, and of the several Parishes in the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Essex*, lying upon, or adjoining to the River *Lee* or *Bow Creek*, and to the various Branches and Streams thereof, on both Sides or Banks thereof, between the River *Thames* and the Parish of *Edmonton*, in the said County of *Middlesex*, if Provisions were made to prevent Frauds in the Admeasurement and Delivery of Coals sold within the same: 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 immediately after the First of *June* next, there shall be provided or continued at or near to *Hammersmith* in the said County of *Middlesex*, One Public Office, which shall be deemed and taken to be the principal Land Coal Meter's Office for the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, in the County of *Middlesex*, lying upon and adjoining to the North Side or Bank of the River *Thames*, between the Parish of *Saint Luke*, *Chelsea*, and the Mouth or Entrance of the said River *Colne*, near *Staines*; and also between *Limehouse Hole*, and the Mouth or Entrance of the said River *Lee* or *Bow Creek*; and also for the several Parishes in the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Essex*, lying upon or adjoining to the said River *Lee* or *Bow Creek*, and of every Stream or Branch thereof, on both Sides or Banks thereof respectively, situate between the said River *Thames*, and the said Parish of *Edmonton*; that is to say, the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places of *Saint Luke*, *Fulham*, *Hammersmith*, *Chiswick*, *Ealing*, *Brentford*, *Hanwell*, *Isleworth*, *Twickenham*, *Teddington*, *Hampton*, *Sunbury*, *Shepperton*, *Laleham*, *Staines*, *Saint Anne Limehouse*, (except so much thereof as is situate between *Tower Dock* and *Limehouse Hole*) *Poplar* and *Blackwall*, in the Parish of *Stepney*, *Saint Leonard Bromley*, *Saint Mary Stratford Bow*, *Saint John at Hackney*, and *Tottenham*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and *All Saints*, *West Ham*, and *Leyton*, in the County of *Essex*; and there shall also be provided and continued Three subordinate Offices at the respective Places following; (that is to say), One at *Stratford-le-Bow*, in the County of *Essex*, and One at *Brentford*, and another at *Stamford Hill*, in the said County of *Middlesex*; which said principal and subordinate

Offices appointed.

Offices shall respectively be kept open every Day (*Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day*, and Fast or Thanksgiving Days by Proclamation only excepted) from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* to the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, yearly, from the Hour of Five in the Morning until the Hour of Nine in the Evening; and from the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* to the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, yearly, from the Hour of Six in the Morning until the Hour of Six in the Evening; and if any Principal Meter shall refuse or neglect to open or keep open any principal or subordinate Office as aforesaid, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

II. And be it further enacted, That *Abraham Sanderson*, of the Parish of *Stepney*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Gentleman, shall be, and is hereby nominated and appointed the Principal Land Coal Meter for executing the Provisions of this Act, and the Manager of the several Offices, to be provided as aforesaid (save and except he shall die or be removed from such Office by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, which Removal His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, is and are hereby empowered to make) until the First Day of *June*, which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven; and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

Principal
Meter appointed.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case and when and as often as the said *Abraham Sanderson*, or any other Principal Land Coal Meter to be from Time to Time appointed for the Purposes of this Act shall die, or shall be incapable of acting in the Execution of his Office, or shall be removed therefrom as aforesaid, or the Time limited for the Execution of such Office shall expire, then it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, to nominate and appoint any other Person as Principal Land Coal Meter in the Room or Stead of every such Principal Land Coal Meter who shall die, be so dismissed, removed, or be incapable of acting in the Execution of his Office, or whose Time limited for the Execution of his Office shall expire, and so *toties quoties* as often as any such Case shall happen; and every such Person so to be nominated or appointed as aforesaid, shall be, remain, and continue Principal Meter for the Execution of this Act, until the said First Day of *June*, One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, unless he shall be sooner removed or be incapable of acting in the Execution of his Office.

His Majesty
to appoint
Principal
Meter upon
any Vacancy.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, in General or Quarter Sessions assembled, and they are hereby authorised and required to inquire into, and hear and determine any Complaint of Fraud or Misbehaviour of the Principal Land Coal Meter for the Time being for the Execution of this Act, in the same Manner as they are by Law authorised to inquire into, hear, and determine Misdemeanors; and if such Principal Coal Meter shall be found guilty of any Fraud, Neglect, or Misbehaviour, he shall forfeit and pay for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, such Fine as such Court, before whom such Complaint shall be made, shall think fit, not exceeding Twenty Pounds; together with such Costs as such Court shall think proper to award and direct, and such Principal Coal Meter shall be liable to be removed as herein-before mentioned.

Principal
Coal Meter
punishable
by Justices
for Neglect.

V. Provided

Principal
Meters may
be re-elected
when their
Time expires.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That whenever the Term for which any such Principal Land Coal Meter shall have been appointed shall expire, then and in such Case nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to hinder or prevent any such Principal Land Coal Meter, whose Term limited for the Execution of his Office shall so expire, from being re-nominated or re-appointed to his Office of Principal Meter.

Principal
Land Coal
Meters to
take an Oath
for the due
Performance
of their
Duty.

VI. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as Principal Land Coal Meter, in the Execution of this Act, until he shall have taken and subscribed before Two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, an Oath (which Oath such Justices are hereby authorized and required to administer), in the following Words :

‘ I do swear, that I will honestly, truly, faithfully,
‘ and impartially, according to the best of my Skill and Judgment,
‘ execute the Office of Principal Land Coal Meter, for the Parishes com-
‘ prised in an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His
‘ Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this*
‘ *Act.*]
‘ So help me GOD.’

Principal
Meters to
appoint La-
bouring Me-
ters.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the said Principal Land Coal Meter for the Time being, shall, and he is hereby directed and required, from Time to Time and at all Times, to nominate, appoint, and employ a sufficient Number of Labouring Land Coal Meters, for the Purpose of admeasuring Coals, and for executing such other Duties as are by this Act required to be done by Land Coal Meters, and from Time to Time to suspend or dismiss the same Labouring Land Coal Meters, as he shall think fit.

Labouring
Coal Meters
also to take
an Oath.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Labouring Land Coal Meter in the Execution of this Act until he shall have taken and subscribed before any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, or for the said County of *Essex*, an Oath, (which Oath such Justice or Justices are hereby authorized and required to administer) in the Words following :

Form of the
Oath.

‘ I do swear, that I will honestly, truly, faithfully,
‘ and impartially, to the best of my Skill and Judgment, execute the
‘ Office of One of the Labouring Land Coal Meters for the Parishes
‘ comprised in an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His
‘ Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled [*here insert the Title of this*
‘ *Act.*] and that I will truly and impartially inspect and measure, or see
‘ measured or loaded, all such Coals between Buyer and Seller, and
‘ execute such other Duties as are by Law required to be done by a
‘ Labouring Land Coal Meter, without Favour or Hatred.

‘ So help me GOD.’

Labouring
Coal Meters
to attend
their Stations.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said several Labouring Land Coal Meters, and every of them, shall, and they and he are and is hereby required to attend at the several Wharfs, Warehouses, and other Places, at which he or they shall be stationed from Time to Time by the said
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Principal Land Coal Meter, each and every Day (*Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day, and Fast or Thanksgiving Days* by Proclamation only excepted) in each and every Year, from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* to the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, from the Hour of Five in the Morning until the Hour of Nine in the Evening, and from the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* to the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* from the Hour of Six in the Morning until the Hour of Six in the Evening; and if upon Notice being given to any such Labouring Coal Meter or Meters so stationed, or Notice being left in Writing at his or their Office or Offices, or Place or Places of Abode, to attend at any Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place, to be named in such Notice, within the Limits of his or their Station or Stations for the Time being, in order to measure or see measured any Coals, or to execute any other Duty required by this Act to be done by a Land Coal Meter at any such Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place, or if Notice requiring the Attendance of a Labouring Coal Meter or Meters at a Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place to be named in such Notice, for the Purpose of measuring or to see measured any Coals, or to execute any other Duty required of Labouring Meters by this Act, shall be given at the Office of the said Principal Land Coal Meter; and such Labouring Coal Meter or Meters shall not attend pursuant to any such Notice within the Space of Two Hours from the giving of the same, and do his or their Duty according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, then and in every such Case, every such Labouring Coal Meter, and the said Principal Land Coal Meter, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Notice to be given.

Penalty for Non-attendance.

X. And be it further enacted, That each and every Labouring Coal Meter, Deputy, Agent, or Servant of the Principal Land Coal Meter, for the Execution of this Act, shall be subject to the Power, Jurisdiction, and Controul of the said Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, or for the County of *Essex*, within their respective Jurisdictions, in General or Quarter Sessions assembled, and shall and may be dismissed and suspended by such General or Quarter Sessions respectively, from the Execution and Emoluments of their said respective Offices on Complaint and Proof of any Fraud, Default, Neglect, or other Misbehaviour in the Management or Execution thereof, all which Complaints shall and may be heard and determined by the said Courts in a summary Way.

Labouring Meters subject to the Controul of Justices.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the said Principal Land Coal Meter, or any of the Persons to be employed under him, shall at any Time or Times hereafter, during his or their respective Continuance in Office or Employment as aforesaid, be directly or indirectly interested or concerned in the Sale of any Coals whatsoever, otherwise than in the Discharge of his or their said respective Offices, such Principal Land Coal Meter so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and such Deputy Coal Meter, and Labouring Coal Meter respectively, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, and being thereof respectively convicted before the said Court of Quarter Sessions for the said County of *Middlesex* or *Essex* (according to the Jurisdiction), shall be dismissed from his or their said respective Office or Employment, and be for ever disabled from holding or executing the same or any other under this Act.

Coal Meters not to be interested in the Sale of Coals.

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XII. And

Land Coal
Meters may
demand from
Vender or
Wharfinger
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the Ship's
Certificate.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all Coals whatsoever, sold and to be sent in any Waggon, Cart, or other Land Carriage, from any Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place or Places within the Limits of this Act, and also all Coals whatsoever sold and to be sent by Gang Labour, from or over any Wharf or other Place where any Land Meter shall be stationed, situate within such Limits or District, shall, previously to such Coals being so sent away, be carefully inspected and examined by the Principal or One of the Labouring Land Coal Meters, in order that such Principal or Labouring Land Coal Meter may see and be satisfied that such Coals (in case of such Coals being sent away in any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage), are of the Sort or Description mentioned in the Ticket or Tickets by this Act directed to be delivered by or on the Behalf of all and every Venders and Vender of such Coals to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, or may see and be satisfied that such Coals (in case of such Coals being to be delivered by Gang Labour) are of the Sort or Description as and for which the same shall be sold; and such Meter is hereby authorized and required to demand of the Vender or Venders, or of the Wharfinger, or other Person with whom the Ship Certificate of any of such Coals shall be left at any Wharf or Place for the Sale of any such Coals, such Ship Certificate, for the Purpose of perusing and inspecting the same, and such Meter shall, and he is hereby required to countersign such Ticket or Tickets, if such Meter shall be satisfied that such Coals are of the Sort they are described to be in such Ticket or Tickets, but shall not countersign the same without being so satisfied, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and such Meter shall, and he is hereby also authorized and required, when the whole Quantity of Coals contained in any Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, shall have been delivered thereout, to write or indorse on the Back of the Certificate of such Coals, the Word "Delivered;" and if any such Vender or Venders, Wharfinger, or other Person shall refuse or neglect to produce and deliver to any such Meter such Ship Certificate on Demand, then, and in every such Case, every such Vender or Venders, Wharfinger, or other Person so offending, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and if any such Meter shall countersign any such Ticket or Tickets, without having first inspected such Coals, and also such Ship Certificate, and without having reasonable Ground to be satisfied that such Coals are of the Sort described in such Vender's Ticket, or if any such Meter shall not immediately after the Whole of the Coals contained in any such Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, shall have been delivered thereout, demand or call for such Certificate of such Coals, or shall not immediately on such Certificate being produced indorse the same in Manner aforesaid, then, and in every such Case, every such Meter so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Regulation
with regard
to Coals sold
by Pool
Measure.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all Coals sold as and for Pool Measure, and to be sent in any Cart, Waggon, or Carriage, from any Wharf or Place within the Limits of this Act, shall be loaded in Sacks, in the Presence of One of the Labouring Land Coal Meters of the District, which Labouring Meter is hereby authorized and required to watch and inspect the filling or loading of the Sacks wherein such Coals shall be loaded, and it shall be lawful for such Meter to measure the Dimensions of all or any of such Sacks used in any such Loading before such Sacks shall

shall be filled or loaded; and such Meter shall, and he is hereby authorized and required when any Room or Rooms of Coals in any Lighter, Barge, or Craft, are or is to be sold and sent from any such Wharf, or other Place as and for Pool Measure by any Land Carriage, to see that the Coals so loaded and sent are in fact taken out of the particular Room or Rooms so sold, and likewise that the whole of the Coals contained in any such particular Room or Rooms so sold are in Fact entirely emptied out of such Room or Rooms, and loaded and sent away to the Purchaser or Purchasers of the Coals contained in such Room or Rooms; and in case such Meter shall find any Sack or Sacks used for the loading of any such Coals is or are of less Dimensions than required by this Act, or in case it shall appear to such Meter, according to the best of such Meter's Judgment, that any Sack or Sacks used in loading any such Coals do not contain when loaded each the Quantity of Three Bushels of Coals, or in case such Meter shall observe that any such Coals sold as the Coals of any particular Room or Rooms, shall not in fact be taken out of such particular Room or Rooms so sold or to be sold, or that the Whole of the Coals contained in such particular Room or Rooms shall not be entirely emptied out of the same, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for such Meter to refuse to countersign the Ticket or Tickets by this Act directed to be delivered by or on the Behalf of all and every Vender and Venders of such Coals to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof; and if any Wharfinger, Coal Porter, or other Person or Persons, shall in any Manner obstruct, hinder, or prevent such Meter in or from the Performance of any such Duty or Duties so required of such Meter by this Act, then, and in every such Case, every such Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Venders or Vender of, or Dealers or Dealer in any Coals sold, sent, or taken away, as and for Pool Measure from any Ship, Vessel, Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, or from any Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place within the Limits of this Act, and to be delivered to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, in any Cart, Waggon or other Carriage, shall, and he, she, and they is and are hereby required to deliver, or cause to be delivered, a Ticket to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants, before any Part of the Coals contained in such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage shall be shot or delivered therefrom; and every such Ticket or Paper shall be in the Words and Form following:

‘ **M**R. A. B. [*Here insert the Name of the Purchaser*] Take Notice, that you are to receive herewith [*Here insert the Number*] Sacks of [*Here insert the Name of the*] Coals [*Here insert the Number*] Sacks of [*Here insert the Name of the*] Coals [*Here insert the Number*] Sacks of [*Here insert the Name of the*] Coals, for inspecting the Loading and Quality of which Coals you are, on the Receipt of this Ticket, in Conformity to an Act of Parliament, made in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, to pay the undersigned E. F. [*Here insert the Name of the Vender*] the Sum of [*Here insert the Amount of the Compensation directed by this Act to be given to such Principal Meter for the Inspection of such Coals, calculating the same as by this Act directed*] being at and after the Rate of One Shilling for every Five Chaldrons

Pool Measure Coals when sent by Waggon.

Form of the Vender's Ticket to be sent therewith.

‘ Chaldrons and One Vat sold to, and to be received by you herewith;
 ‘ and by the same Act this Ticket is directed to be delivered to you before
 ‘ any of the Coals are shot out of the Cart or Waggon, and that a
 ‘ Bushel Measure is in such Cart or Waggon, by which the Carman is
 ‘ directed to measure *gratis*, under the Penalty of Ten Pounds, the Coals
 ‘ contained in any One Sack, which the Purchaser, or his Servant or
 ‘ Servants may require, which Sack is to contain Three Bushels heaped
 ‘ up in the Form of a Cone, the Height of such Cone to be at least Six
 ‘ Inches, and the Outside of the Measure to be the Extremity of the Base
 ‘ of such Cone, and, that in case of your being dissatisfied with the Coals
 ‘ now sent, you are entitled by the same Act to have the same re-meas-
 ‘ sured by the Bushel Measure, provided you immediately, and before
 ‘ any more of the Coals than One Sack shall be shot or delivered from
 ‘ the Cart, Waggon, or Carriage in which the same are brought, send
 ‘ Notice in Writing of your Desire to have the same re-measured to any
 ‘ of the Land Coal Meter’s Offices appointed by, or by virtue of the said
 ‘ Act of the Forty-seventh Year, or the said Act of the Fifty-sixth Year
 ‘ of the Reign of King George the Third, also to the Vender or Venders
 ‘ of such Coals C. D. [*Here insert the Name of the Vender*] E. F. [*Here insert*
 ‘ *the Name of the Meter, and the Office, and Place where the Office is*
 ‘ *situated*] Dated [*Here insert the Day of the Month, and the Month and*
 ‘ *Year when such Ticket was signed*].’

And in case such Vender or Venders of, or Dealer or Dealers in Coals,
 shall not deliver or cause to be delivered such Ticket as aforesaid, and so
 countersigned by a Meter as aforesaid, to the Purchaser or Purchasers of
 such Coals, or to his, her, or their Servant or Servants, before any
 Part of such Coals shall be shot or delivered from such Cart, Waggon,
 or other Carriage laden with any such Coals as aforesaid, then, and in
 every such Case, every such Vender or Venders shall, for every such
 Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and in
 case the Carman, Driver, or other Person attending such Cart, Waggon,
 or other Carriage laden with any such Coals as aforesaid, to whom such
 Ticket shall have been given, by or by the Directions of the Vender or
 Venders, in order to be delivered to the Purchaser, shall (having first
 received the same from the Vender or Venders, or any Person by the
 Order of the Vender or Venders), refuse or neglect to deliver such Ticket
 to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, or to his, her, or their
 Servant or Servants, before any Part of such Coals shall be shot or de-
 livered from such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, every such Carman,
 Driver, or other Person aforesaid so offending, shall, for every such
 Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

What Sum of
 Money to be
 paid to the
 Meter for
 inspecting
 Coals sold by
 Pool Mea-
 sure.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the Vender or Venders of or
 Dealer or Dealers in any Coals, sold as and for Pool Measure, and sent in
 any Cart, Waggon, or other Land Carriage from any Wharf, Ware-
 house, or other Place within the Limits of this Act, or any Coals sold as
 and for Pool Measure, and delivered by Gang Labour from or over any
 Wharf or other Place where any Land Meter shall be stationed, situate
 within such Limits; or the Occupier or Occupiers of any such Wharf,
 Warehouse, or other Place, from or over which any such Coals shall be so
 sent, shall, and such Vender or Venders, Dealer or Dealers, or Occupier
 or Occupiers is and are hereby required and directed to pay to the Principal
 Meter

Meter for the Execution of this Act, at and after the Rate of One Shilling for every Five Chaldrons and One Vat so bought and sent to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, as and for a Compensation for the Trouble of inspecting or superintending the loading and sending away such Coals, and such Money shall be repaid by the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals to the Vender or Venders thereof.

XVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to hinder or prevent any Purchaser or Purchasers of any Coals, sold as and for Pool Measure, from sending such Coals to the Premises of such Purchaser or Purchasers, or to any Landing Place which such Purchaser or Purchasers shall appoint, (provided such Landing Place or Premises be not a Coal-Wharf, or Place where any Meter shall by virtue of this Act be stationed) or from having such Coals unloaded and delivered at such Premises or Landing Place, either by Gang Labour or in any other Manner, except in or by Means of any Cart, Waggon, or other Land Carriage, without the Presence, Intervention, or Inspection of any Land Meter, and without being subject or liable to the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money whatsoever to any Land Meter for or in respect of such Coals; but in case such Landing Place shall be within the Limits of this Act, and such Purchaser or Purchasers shall require the Care or Attendance of a Land Meter, then he, she, or they, shall have and be entitled to such Attendance, upon sending Notice of such his, her, or their Desire to the said Principal or any other Land Meter's Office appointed by virtue of this Act; and in such Case such Purchaser or Purchasers shall pay and be charged for the Attendance of such Meter, at and after the aforesaid Rate of One Shilling for every Five Chaldrons and One Vat of such Coals.

Enabling Purchasers of Coals sold by Pool Measure to have such Coals delivered without the Intervention of a Meter.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Purchaser of any Coals sold and sent to such Purchaser by any Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, from any Place within the Limits of this Act, or of the said recited Act, shall think or suspect that the full and lawful Measure of any such Coals has not been sent, and shall, before the Lighterman or other Person having the Care or Management of such Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, shall have delivered up to the Purchaser, or to his, her, or their Servant, such Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, and quitted the Charge thereof, and before Bulk shall be broken of such Coals, signify his or her Desire to have such Coals re-measured, then and in every such Case the Lighterman or other Person sent with the Lighter, Barge, or Craft in which the said Coals shall be brought, shall either continue at the Landing Place or Premises of the Purchaser of the said Coals, with the said Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, until such Coals are re-measured, or shall leave such Lighter, Barge, or other Craft properly fastened and made secure at such Landing Place or Premises, or as near thereto as can be, and permit the same so to remain there until such Coals are re-measured, under the Penalty of Ten Pounds on the Owner and Proprietor, and Forty Shillings on the Lighterman or other Person sent with such Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, and the said Purchaser shall immediately send or cause to be sent to the Vender of the said Coals, or to his or her Wharf, Notice in Writing that the said Coals are going to be re-measured, and also send Notice in Writing thereof to any One of the Offices of the Land Coal Meters appointed by or by virtue of this Act, or by the said recited Act, and there-

Purchasers of Coals sent by Water may have the same re-measured, in case Fraud be suspected.

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upon a Principal Meter, or one of the Labouring Meters for the Execution of this Act or the said recited Act, as the Case may be (not being the Meter under whose Inspection any such Coals may have been originally loaded) shall, within Two Hours next after such Notice in Writing left at the Office of any such Land Coal Meter appointed by or by virtue of this Act, or the said recited Act, attend from such Office where such Notice shall be so left to re-measure the said Coals, and shall accordingly re-measure the same with the Bushel Measure in the Presence of the Vender and Purchaser of the said Coals, or their Agents or Servants, if any of them shall attend for the Purpose of seeing such Coals re-measured, and in case it shall appear upon the Re-measurement of such Coals by such Principal or Labouring Coal Meter, as shall attend for the Purpose of re-measuring of such Coals, that such Coals do not amount to the Quantity for which they were sold, then and in every such Case, if such Coals have been sold as and for Pool Measure, the Vender of such Coals shall, in case such Deficiency shall exceed Four Bushels and not exceed Ten Bushels in any Five Chaldrons and One Vat of Coals so re-measured, forfeit and pay for every Bushel of Coals so found deficient in every Five Chaldrons and One Vat the Sum of Forty Shillings, and in case such Deficiency shall exceed Ten Bushels in any Five Chaldrons and One Vat so re-measured, then and in such Case such Vender of such Coals shall forfeit and pay for every such Bushel so found deficient the Sum of Five Pounds, and shall moreover forfeit all such Coals to the intended Purchaser or Purchasers thereof; but in case any such Coals so re-measured and found deficient shall have been sold or delivered as and for Wharf Measure, then and in such Case the Vender of such Coals shall forfeit and pay for every Bushel so found deficient the Sum of Five Pounds, and shall moreover forfeit all such Coals to the intended Purchaser or Purchasers thereof.

By whom
the Expences
of Re-meas-
urement are
to be paid.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Principal Land Coal Meter or Labouring Coal Meter appointed by or by virtue of this Act, and of the said recited Act, so re-measuring, shall be paid the Sum of Sixpence for every Chaldron of Coals so re-measured by him, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Quantity than a Chaldron, and if upon any such Re-measurement the whole of the Coals so re-measured shall be found less than the Quantity for which the Whole of such Coals shall be sold, then and in such Case the Vender or Venders of such Coals shall, in case such Deficiency shall amount to or exceed One Bushel, pay the Expences of such Re-measurement; but if such Deficiency shall not amount to One Bushel, then and in such Case such Expences shall be paid and borne by the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals.

Coals sold by
Pool Mea-
sure not to
be measured
by Bushel,
unless at the
Desire of the
Purchaser.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to require any Coals sold as and for Pool Measure to be measured by the Bushel Measure previously to such Coals being loaded and sent away in any Cart, Waggon, or other Land Carriage from the Vender's Wharf or Place of Sale, unless by the Desire of the Purchaser of any such Coals.

Coals sold by
Wharf Mea-
sure to be
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XX. And be it further enacted, That all Coals sold or loaded to be sold as and for Wharf Measure, in Quantities exceeding Eight Bushels, at or from any Place or Places within the Limits of this Act, shall be measured
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in the Presence of One of the said Labouring Coal Meters to be appointed by virtue of this Act, by the Bushel Measure heaped up as by this Act is directed, and the said Labouring Coal Meters, and every of them, shall and may, and they and he are and is hereby authorized and required to fill up any Bushel or Bushels of any such Coals as shall appear to him or them deficient or wanting in Measure, out of the Stock of Coals of the Person or Persons so vending or contracting for the Sale of the said Coals, or so loading any such Coals for Sale.

the Presence
of a Land
Coal Meter.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any such Labouring Coal Meter shall wittingly or willingly suffer any Coals exceeding Eight Bushels, which shall be sold or loaded to be sold as and for Wharf Measure, to be sent from any Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place within the Limits of his Office, without such Coals being measured in the Manner herein directed, and shall not give Information thereof to the Principal Land Coal Meter appointed by or by virtue of this Act, within Two Days next after such Coals shall have been measured, then, and in every such Case, such Labouring Coal Meter shall for ever thenceforth be rendered incapable of acting as a Labouring Coal Meter, and forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Penalty on
Meters suf-
fering Wharf
Measure
Coals to be
sent out
without be-
ing measured,
as by this
Act directed.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the Sum of Sixpence for every Chaldron of Coals which shall be sold and delivered, as and for Wharf Measure, at any Wharf, Warehouse, or Place within the Limits of this Act, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Quantity than a Chaldron, shall be paid by the Occupier or Occupiers of the Wharf, Warehouse, or Place from which such Coals are taken, or by the Seller or Vender of such Coals to the said Principal Land Coal Meter for the Execution of this Act, and thereupon such Principal Land Coal Meter is hereby required to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to every Seller of such Coals, or the Carman who shall cart, lead, drive, or carry away the same; a Paper Writing, or Ticket, signed by the Principal Land Coal Meter, and countersigned by the Labouring Coal Meter attending, and delivering the same, in which shall be contained the Christian and Surname, or Names, of the respective Seller or Sellers, Vender or Venders, and also either the Christian and Surname or Names, or only the Surname or Names of the Purchaser or Purchasers, Consumer or Consumers of the said Coals, and the Quantity of such Coals, and the Day of the Week, Month, and Year of the Delivery, and Admeasurement, and Amount of the Metage Charge, and the Names of the Carman or Persons employed to cart, lead, drive, or carry the same Coals, and also shall contain a Notice to the Purchaser or Purchasers of the said Coals, that if he, she, or they is or are dissatisfied with the Measure thereof, and shall desire to have all such Coals re-measured, such Dissatisfaction must be expressed to the Carman, before more than One Sack of such Coals is shot or unladen from the Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage conveying the same; and that if such Purchaser or Purchasers shall be so dissatisfied, and shall desire to have all or any of the particular Sacks remaining in such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage re-measured, so as to ascertain the Contents of each or any of such particular Sacks, then that such Desire must be expressed to the Carman before any of the Sacks of Coals which such Purchaser or Purchasers shall desire to have re-measured, shall be shot or unladen from the Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage in which the same shall

Coal Meters.
Payment for
Wharf Mea-
sure Coals.

shall be sent; which said Ticket, being thus made complete, and Metage paid, shall be delivered unaltered by the Labouring Coal Meter, countersigning the same without Delay to the Carman or Person employed to cart, carry, drive, or lead the Coals described in such Ticket, to the Purchaser or Consumer therein named, which said Ticket unaltered, the said Carman or Person therein named to be employed to cart, carry, lead, or drive the Coals in such Ticket described, shall, and he is hereby required to deliver to the respective Consumers or Purchasers therein named, or to their Agent or Servant who shall attend to receive the Coals described in such Ticket for the Use of such Purchaser or Consumer, and thereupon he, she, or they is and are hereby required to pay to the Seller named in such Ticket, the Metage therein specified, and if the Labouring Coal Meter countersigning such Ticket shall after Payment or Tender of the Metage charged in pursuance of this Act, refuse to deliver such Ticket as herein-before directed to the Carman or Person employed to cart, lead, drive, or carry the Coals therein described, such Labouring Coal Meter shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, and if such Carman or Person employed to cart, carry, lead, or drive the Coals described in such Ticket, shall, after the same Ticket shall have been so delivered to him by the Labouring Coal Meter countersigning the same, either alter or neglect, or refuse to deliver the same Ticket to the Purchaser or Consumer therein named, or to the Agent or Servant who shall attend to receive the Coals described in such Ticket, such Carman or Person employed to cart, lead, or drive the Coals described in such Ticket, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Penalty on
Wharfingers
giving Bribes
to Meters.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Wharfinger or Dealer in Coals shall directly or indirectly give or offer, or cause to be given or offered to the Principal or any Labouring Land Coal Meter or Meters any Sum or Sums of Money, or other Fee, Reward, or Gratuity whatsoever, over and above Sixpence *per* Chaldron herein allowed to be demanded and taken for the Charges and Metage of Coals measured by the Bushel, or over and above the One Shilling for every Five Chaldrons and One Vat of Coals sold by Pool Measure for the Inspection thereof, or over and above the Sixpence for every Ton of Coals sold by Weight, every such Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

Penalty on
Meters re-
ceiving
Bribes, or
delivering
false Tickets.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Principal or Labouring Land Coal Meter appointed or to be appointed pursuant to this Act, shall deliver or cause to be delivered a false or counterfeited Ticket to any Dealer, Vender, Consumer, Carman, or other Person, with Intent to prejudice or defraud any Person or Persons whomsoever, or shall take or receive from any Dealer in or Vender of Coals any Sum or Sums of Money, Fee, Reward, or Gratuity whatsoever, over and above the Sixpence *per* Chaldron herein allowed to be demanded and taken for the Metage Charge for Coals measured by the Bushel, or over and above the One Shilling for every Five Chaldrons and One Vat of Coals sold by the Pool Measure for the Inspection thereof, or over and above the Sixpence for every Ton of Coals sold by Weight, or if such Principal Land or Labouring Coal Meter shall willingly permit or suffer to be made false Measure of any Coals, or shall deliver a Meter's Ticket for any Quantity

of Coals, the Whole of which he shall have not seen measured, or shall countersign any Vender's Ticket for any Coals, without having inspected such Coals, or without seeing and taking Care that the Whole of the Coals contained, sold in, and to be delivered out of any particular Room or Rooms of any Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, shall have been first completely emptied out of and loaded from such particular Room or Rooms so sold, then, and in every such Case, every such Meter so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, and be rendered incapable of ever serving thereafter in the Office of a Coal Meter.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Quantity whatsoever of Coals exceeding Eight Bushels sold, or to be sold, as and for Wharf Measure, shall be sent or driven in any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, or carried by Gang Labour, from any Wharf, Warehouse, or Place, situate within the Limits of this Act, without having been measured by such Bushel Measure as is directed and described by the said recited Act, or without such Meter's Ticket as aforesaid, so signed and countersigned as aforesaid, having been first obtained, or if such Ticket as aforesaid shall not be delivered to the Purchaser or Purchasers of any such Coals, before any Part of such Coals are shot or delivered upon the Premises of such Purchaser or Purchasers, then, and in every such Case, the Vender or Venders of such Coals shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Penalty on
Vender for
not deliver-
ing a Meter's
Ticket with
Wharf Mea-
sure Coals.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Sack shall be made use of in the Delivery of Coals from any Ship, Vessel, Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, or from any Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place within the said Port of *London*, or within the said respective Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or the respective Liberties thereof, or within such Part or Parts of the said respective Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Kent*, and *Essex*, as is or are situate within the Distance of Twenty-five Miles from the Royal Exchange, except such Sack shall be made of Linen, and shall have been first sealed and marked with White Paint in Oil, at Guildhall, *London*, or at the Exchequer Office, *Westminster*, by the proper Officer there, and shall at the Time of making use of such Sack measure in the Inside thereof at least Four Feet and Two Inches in Length, by Two Feet and One Inch in Breadth; and no Sack shall be sealed or marked which shall not, at the Time of the marking or sealing thereof, measure in the Inside thereof Four Feet and Four Inches in Length, and Two Feet and Two Inches in Breadth; and if any Vender or Venders of, or Dealer or Dealers in, or Carrier or Carriers of Coals, shall use, or cause to be used, any Sack or Sacks for delivering or carrying Coals within the several and respective Cities, Liberties, and Parts aforesaid, not sealed or marked as aforesaid, or of less Length at the Time of using the same than Four Feet and Two Inches at the least, in the Inside thereof, or of less Breadth than Two Feet and One Inch at the least, in the Inside thereof, then and in every such Case, every such Vender of, or Dealer in or Carrier of Coals, shall for every such Sack so unmarked, or deficient in Length or Breadth, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, nor less than Twenty Shillings; and the Justice or Justices before whom such Conviction shall take place, shall cause every such Sack found unmarked or deficient, either in Length or Breadth, to be destroyed: Provided

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always, that the Coals to be delivered by Gang Labour may be conveyed without the Use of such Sacks; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Penalty on
Meter's per-
mitting Sacks
to be used of
too small
Dimensions.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Labouring Coal Meter to be appointed pursuant to this Act, shall use, or knowingly permit or suffer any Sack or Sacks to be made use of for the measuring or carrying of Coals, of less Dimensions than such Sacks as are directed to be used for that Purpose by this Act, at any Place or Places within the Limits of this Act, then, and in every such Case, every such Labouring Coal Meter shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

What Bushel
Measure to be
made use of.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Bushel shall be kept or made use of for or in the Admeasurement of any Coals sold within the said Port of *London*, or within the said respective Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or the respective Liberties thereof, or within such Part or Parts of the said respective Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Kent*, and *Essex*, as is or are situate within the Distance of Twenty-five Miles from the Royal Exchange aforesaid, which shall not be such Bushel as is described in and by an Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for the speedy and effectual preserving of the Navigation of the River of Thames, by stopping the Breach in the Levels of Havering and Dagenham, in the County of Essex, and for ascertaining the Coal Measure*, and which shall not have been first stamped or marked by the proper Officer at the Exchequer Office at *Westminster*, or at the Guildhall *London*, previously to the same being so kept or used, and that every such Bushel previously to being so stamped or marked, shall be fitted for Work and Use with Iron or Copper Hoops, and shall be so stamped or marked with a Steel Instrument on the uppermost Iron or Copper Hoop, and that every such Bushel shall be kept without any Alteration or Diminution; and that in making use of such Bushel all Coals shall be duly heaped up in such Bushel in the Form of a Cone, such Cone to be of the Height of at least Six Inches, and the Outside of the Bushel to be the Extremity of the Base of such Cone, and that each and every Chaldron of Coals shall consist of Thirty-six of such Bushels so heaped, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity; and if any Dealer or Dealers in, or Vender or Venders of Coals within such Limits as aforesaid, shall keep or make use of, or cause to be kept or made use of, any Bushel in the Admeasurement of any Coals other than such Bushel as aforesaid, and so stamped as aforesaid, or shall in anywise decrease or diminish any such Bushel stamped as aforesaid, or shall permit his, her, or their Servant or Servants, or any Person or Persons whomsoever so to do, then and in every such Case such Dealer or Dealers in, or Vender or Venders of Coals so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and if any such Servant or Servants, or other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of any Dealer or Dealers, or Vender or Venders, shall make use of in admeasuring of any Coals any Bushel other than such Bushel as aforesaid stamped as aforesaid, or if any such Servant or Servants, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever shall in any Manner decrease or diminish any such Bushel stamped as aforesaid, then and in every

every such Case, such Servant or Servants, or such other Person or Persons respectively for every such Offence shall be committed to the House of Correction, by any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the City, County, Town, or Place where such Offence shall be committed, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Vender or Venders of or Dealer or Dealers in any Coals sold as and for Wharf Measure shall be dissatisfied with the Measurement which shall have been made of any such Coals at any Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place of Sale within the Limits of this Act, by or under the Inspection of the Labouring Land Coal Meter stationed or attending at such Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place, then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Vender or Venders of or Dealer or Dealers in Coals, before such Coals are sent away from such Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place of Sale, to send, or cause to be sent, to the Office of the Principal Land Coal Meter for the Execution of this Act, Notice in Writing, signifying the Desire of such Vender or Venders, or Dealer or Dealers in Coals, to have such Coals re-measured, and then and in such Case such Principal Meter, or One of the Labouring Meters of or from such Office, (not being the Meter under whose Inspection the said Coals were originally measured) shall within the Space of Two Hours next after such Notice in Writing left at such Office, attend to re-measure the said Coals, and shall accordingly re-measure the same, Sack by Sack, by the Bushel Measure, in the Presence of such Vender or Venders of or Dealer or Dealers in such Coals, or his, her, or their Agent or Servant, or Agents or Servants, and for such Re-measurement such Vender or Venders of or Dealer or Dealers in Coals shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Principal Coal Meter the Sum of Sixpence for every Chaldron of Coals so re-measured; and in case it shall appear, upon such Re-measurement that the Coals so re-measured shall exceed the Quantity for which the same were sold, then and in such Case, if such Excess shall be equal or amount to or exceed Two Bushels in any Chaldron so re-measured, the Meter who first measured such Coals shall for every Bushel so exceeding such Quantity as aforesaid, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings, together with all the Expences of such Re-measurement.

Venders of Coals sold as Wharf Measure, if dissatisfied, may have them re-measured.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Carman or Driver of any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage laden with Coals for Sale, or to be delivered to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof by any Vender or Venders of, or Dealer or Dealers in, or Carrier or Carriers of Coals from any Ship, Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, or from any Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place within the said Port of *London*, or within the said respective Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or the respective Liberties thereof, or within such Part or Parts of the respective Counties of *Middlesex*, *Kent*, *Surrey*, and *Essex*, as is or are situate within the Distance of Twenty-five Miles from the Royal Exchange aforesaid, shall not have placed on some conspicuous Part of his Cart, Waggon, or Carriage, a perfect Bushel Measure of the Form, Size, or Dimensions, and so stamped or marked as hereinbefore directed (which Measure shall be provided by the Vender or Venders, Dealer or Dealers in, or Carrier or Carriers of such Coals), then, and in every such Case, every such Carman or Driver of such Cart, Waggon,

Carman to carry a Bushel Measure in his Cart.

Waggon, or other Carriage, not having such Bushel Measure so placed therein or thereon, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and the Vender or Venders of, or Dealer or Dealers in, or Carrier or Carriers of such Coals, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds: Provided always, that Coals which shall be carried or conveyed in Bulk, or in any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage belonging to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, may be so carried or conveyed without the Carman being obliged to carry a Bushel Measure therewith, or any Person or Persons being subject or liable to any Penalty or Penalties in respect thereof, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Venders to
deliver
Tickets of
Coals sold
by Wharf
Measure.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the Vender or Venders of, or Dealer or Dealers in Coals, sold and sent as and for Wharf Measure, from any Ship, Vessel, Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, or from any Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place within the said Port of *London*, or within the said respective Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or the respective Liberties thereof, or within such Part or Parts of the said respective Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Kent*, or *Essex*, as is or are situate within the Distance of Twenty-five Miles from the Royal Exchange, and to be delivered to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof from any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, shall, and he and they is and are required to deliver or cause to be delivered, a printed Ticket or Paper, and such Carman, Driver, or other Person shall and is required to deliver, or cause to be delivered, the same Ticket so received from such Vender to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, or to his, her, or their Servant or Servants, before any Part of the Coals contained in such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, shall be shot or delivered therefrom, and every such Ticket or Paper shall be in the Words and Form following:

VENDER'S TICKET.

‘MR. A. B. [*Here insert the Name of the Buyer*] Take Notice, that
‘you are to receive herewith [*Here insert the Number*] Sacks of
‘[*Here insert the Name of the*] Coals [*Here insert the Number*] Sacks of
‘[*Here insert the Name of the*] Coals [*Here insert the Number*] Sacks of
‘[*Here insert the Name of the*] Coals; and that by an Act made in the
‘Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, the Carman
‘is directed to deliver this Ticket, before he shoots any of the Coals out
‘of his Cart or Waggon, and that a Bushel Measure is in such Cart or
‘Waggon, by which the Carman is directed to measure, *gratis* (under
‘the Penalty of Twenty Pounds), the Coals contained in any One Sack
‘which the Purchaser or his Servant may require, which Sack is to
‘contain Three Bushels, heaped up in the Form of a Cone, the Out-
‘side of the Measure being the Extremity of the Base thereof. C. D.
‘[*Here insert the Name of the Vender*] E. F. [*Here insert the Name of the*
‘*Labouring Meter, in case of the Coals being sent from within either of*
‘*the Districts of the said respective Offices.*] Dated [*Here insert the Day*
‘*of the Month, and the Month and Year when such Ticket was signed.*’

And in case any such Vender or Venders shall not deliver, or cause to be delivered, such Ticket as aforesaid to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, or to his, her, or their Servant or Servants before any
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Part of such Coals shall be shot or delivered from such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, every such Vender or Venders shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds; and in case the Carman, Driver of, or other Person attending such Cart, Waggon or other Carriage, laden with any such Coals aforesaid, to whom such Ticket shall have been given by or by the Direction of the Vender, in order to be delivered to the Purchaser, shall (having so first received the same from the Vender or any Person by the Vender's Orders) refuse or neglect to deliver such Ticket as aforesaid to the Buyer or Buyers of such Coals, or to his, her, or their Servant or Servants, before any Part of such Coals shall be shot or delivered from such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, every such Carman, Driver, or other Person aforesaid, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

XXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Carman or Driver of any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage laden with Coals for Sale, or to be delivered to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof by the Vender or Venders, or Dealer or Dealers in such Coals, from any Ship, Lighter, Barge or other Craft, or from any Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place within the said Port of *London*, or within the said respective Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or the respective Liberties thereof, or within such Part or Parts of the respective Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Kent*, and *Essex*, as is or are situate within the Distance of Twenty-five Miles from the Royal Exchange aforesaid, shall, and he is hereby directed to measure *gratis*, if he shall be required so to do, the Coals contained in any one of the Sacks contained in such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, which may be chosen by the Purchaser or Purchasers of the said Coals, or his or their Servant or Servants, or other Person or Persons acting on the Behalf of such Purchaser or Purchasers, with such Bushel Measure as aforesaid, in order that such Purchaser or Purchasers may be better enabled to judge of the Necessity of having the Whole of such Coals re-measured in Manner directed by this Act.

Carman required to measure One Sack gratis in each Cart.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Carman or Driver of any Cart, or Waggon, or other Carriage laden with Coals for Sale, or to be delivered to the Purchaser or Purchasers by the Vender or Venders of, or Dealer or Dealers in such Coals, from any Ship, Vessel, Lighter, Barge, or other Craft, or from any Wharf, Warehouse or other Place within the said Port of *London*, or within the said respective Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or the respective Liberties thereof, or within such Part or Parts of the said respective Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Kent*, and *Essex*, as is or are situate within the Distance of Twenty-five Miles from the Royal Exchange aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to measure by the said Bushel Measure, such Sacks of Coals in Manner herein directed, when thereunto required by the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, or by his, her, or their Servant or Servants, or other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of such Purchaser or Purchasers to be measured, or if any such Carman or Driver shall drive away, or permit or suffer the said Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage to be driven away without measuring in Manner herein directed the said Sack of Coals, or shall hinder, obstruct or otherwise prevent the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants, or

Penalty on Carman for driving Coals away without measuring the Sack.

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any other Person or Persons whomsoever from measuring the said Bushel Measure, or all or any Sack or Sacks in such his Cart, Waggon or other Carriage, then, and in every such Case, every such Carman or Driver so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds nor less than Five Pounds; and the Vender or Venders of, or the Dealer or Dealers in such Coals, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Five Pounds.

Coals sent
by Land
Carriage to
be re-measured if desired by the Purchaser.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Purchaser or Purchasers, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants, shall be dissatisfied with the Measure of any Coals sold or to be delivered within the Limits of this Act, or of the said recited Act, and sent to him, her, or them, in any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, shall signify to the Carman, or other Person attending such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, his, her, or their Desire to have the Coals contained in such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, or any Part of such Coals re-measured, then, and in every such Case, the Carman or Driver of such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, in which such Coals shall be brought, shall, and he is hereby required to continue and remain at the House, Lodging, or other Premises of the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, with such Coals, and the Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, until such Coals are re-measured; and if any such Carman or Driver shall drive away, or permit or suffer to be driven away any such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, before the Coals contained therein shall be re-measured, without the Consent of the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants, then, and in every such Case, such Carman or Driver shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Purchasers
to send Notice to Meter's Office, if desirous to have Coals re-measured.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That such Purchaser or Purchasers, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants, so desiring such Coals contained in such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage to be re-measured shall, and he, she, or they is, and are hereby required to send, or cause to be sent, to the Vender or Venders of the said Coals, or to his, her, or their Wharf, Warehouse, or Place of Abode, Notice in Writing that the said Coals are to be re-measured, and such Purchaser or Purchasers, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants, shall, and he, she, or they is and are hereby required forthwith to send Notice in Writing to any One of the Offices of the said Principal Land Coal Meter appointed by or by virtue of this Act, or of the Offices of the Principal Land Coal Meters appointed by virtue of the said recited Act, of his, her, or their Desire to have such Coals re-measured, and thereupon a Principal Meter, or One of the Labouring Meters appointed by or by virtue of this Act, or of the said recited Act, (not being the Meter under whose Inspection the said Coals were originally measured) shall within the Space of Two Hours next after such Notice in Writing, left at the Office of any such Principal Land Coal Meter aforesaid, attend from such Office where such Notice shall be so left at the House, Lodgings, or other Premises, of such Purchaser or Purchasers as shall be expressed in such Notice, for the Purpose of re-measuring the said Coals, and shall accordingly re-measure the same in the Presence of the Vender or Venders, and Purchaser or Purchasers, of the said Coals, or of his, her, or their Agent or Servant, Agents or Servants, if they or any of them shall attend to see the same re-measured, and in case such Vender or Venders, or Purchaser or Purchasers, or his, her,

or their Agent or Servant, Agents or Servants, shall not attend for the Purpose of seeing such Coals so re-measured, then such Meter shall proceed on the measuring of such Coals in his, her, or their Absence, and such Meter shall, and he is hereby required, at the Option of the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, to re-measure such Coals either by the distinct Sacks, so as to ascertain the Contents of each particular Sack of such Coals which shall remain in such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, or else to re-measure such Coals in such Manner, and so as to ascertain the whole Quantity of such Coals contained in all the Sacks taken together, and in case the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals shall not either before or immediately upon the Arrival of such Meter signify or cause to be signified to such Meter his or their Option or Desire as to which of the said Two Ways he or they would wish such Re-measurement to be taken or made in, then and in every such Case such Meter shall proceed to re-measure such Coals in such Manner, and so as to ascertain the whole Quantity of such Coals contained in all the Sacks taken together, and for such Re-measurement such Purchaser or Purchasers shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the Principal Land Coal Meter or Coal Meters, of and from the Office to which Notice shall have been sent as aforesaid, Sixpence for every Chaldron of Coals so re-measured; and in case upon the Re-measurement of any such Coals which shall be so re-measured as to ascertain the Contents of each particular Sack thereof, it shall appear to the Meter so re-measuring the same, that any Sack or Sacks of such Coals shall not contain Three Bushels, then and in every such Case the Vender or Venders of such Coals shall for every Sack of Coals that shall be so found deficient on such Re-measurement forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and in case upon the Re-measurement of any such Coals as aforesaid, which shall be re-measured in such Manner as to ascertain the whole Quantity of such Coals contained in all the Sacks wherein the same shall have been sent taken together, it shall appear to such Meter as aforesaid that the Coals thus re-measured do not amount to the Quantity for which they were sold, then if such last-mentioned Coals shall have been sold as and for Wharf Measure, the Vender or Venders of such Coals shall forfeit and pay for every Bushel of Coals found deficient the Sum of Five Pounds, and also forfeit every Chaldron of Coals so found deficient or wanting in Measure to and for the Use of the Poor of the Parish where such Coals shall be so re-measured, and the Labouring Meter under whose Inspection the Coals were first measured, shall for every Bushel so deficient, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings; and the Coal Porters who shall have first measured such Coals for the Vender or Venders thereof, shall, for every Bushel of Coals so wanting, forfeit and pay the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence; but if any such Coals so re-measured in the Manner last-mentioned, and so found to amount to less than the Quantity for which the same were sold shall have been sold as and for Pool Measure, then the Vender or Venders of such Coals shall, in case such Deficiency shall exceed Four Bushels, and not exceed Ten Bushels in any Five Chaldrons and One Vat so re-measured, forfeit and pay for every Bushel of Coals so found deficient in every such Five Chaldrons and One Vat the Sum of Forty Shillings; and in case such Deficiency shall exceed Ten Bushels in any Five Chaldrons and One Vat so re-measured, then, and in such Case, such Vender or Venders of such Coals shall forfeit and pay for every such Bushel so deficient in every such Five Chaldrons and One Vat, the Sum of Five Pounds: Provided nevertheless, that no such Coals so sold and sent

sent shall be re-measured so as to ascertain the whole Quantity of such Coals taken together, after more than One Sack of such Coals shall have been shot or delivered from such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage into or upon the Premises of such Purchaser or Purchasers, any Thing hereinbefore contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty on
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urement.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if upon such Re-measurement of any Coals sold and sent as and for Pool Measure by any Waggon, Cart, or other Land Carriage, and which Re-measurement shall have been made in such Manner as to ascertain the whole Quantity of such Coals contained in all the Sacks taken together, the Coals so re-measured shall be found to be less or more than at the Rate of Three Bushels for each Sack, according to the Number of Sacks specified in the Vender's Ticket of such Coals, then the Meter who countersigned such Vender's Ticket of such Coals shall, in case such Deficiency or Excess shall exceed Four Bushels in any Five Chaldrons and One Vat of such Coals so re-measured, forfeit and pay for every such Bushel so exceeding or so deficient in every such Five Chaldrons and One Vat, the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

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ment are to
be paid.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if upon any such Re-measurement, which shall be so made so as to ascertain the whole Quantity contained in all the Sacks sent taken together, of any such Coals sold and sent as and for Wharf or Pool Measure, the Whole of such Coals so re-measured shall be found less than the Quantity for which the Whole of such Coals shall be sold, then the Vender or Venders of such Coals, in case such Deficiency shall amount to or exceed One Bushel, repay to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals the Expences of such Re-measurement; but if such Deficiency shall not amount to One Bushel, then such Expences shall be paid and borne by the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals; and if upon any such Re-measurement, which shall be made so as to ascertain the Quantity contained in each and every of the particular Sacks sent, of any Coals sold as and for Wharf or Pool Measure it shall be found that One-fourth Part or more of the Number of the Sacks of such Coals sold and sent to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, do not contain the Quantity of Three Bushels each respectively, then the Vender or Venders of such Coals shall repay to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals the Expences of the Re-measurement thereof; but if the Number of such particular Sacks so found deficient shall not amount to One-fourth Part of the whole Number of the Sacks of such Coals so sold and sent, then, and in such Case, such Expences shall be paid and borne by the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals.

Penalty on
Principal
Meters not
sending a
Labouring
Meter to
measure the
Coals.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That after any such Notice as by this Act directed shall have been given by or on the Behalf of any Purchaser or Purchasers, at any of the said Principal Land Meter's Offices, appointed by or by virtue of this Act, or the said recited Act, requiring the Attendance of any Meter from any of such Offices, for the Purpose of re-measuring any Coals, sold either for Wharf or Pool Measure, then, and in every such Case, the Principal Land Coal Meter for the Time being at any of such respective Office or Offices, where such Notice shall have been given or sent, is and are hereby authorised and required to send a Labouring Meter or Meters, from his or their Office.

Office or respective Offices, for the Purpose of making the Re-measurement, and such respective Labouring Meters, or Labouring Meter shall, and are, and is hereby required and authorised to re-measure any such Coals which they or he shall be so sent to re-measure, whether the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals shall, or not, be desirous of having such Re-measurement proceeded in, any Thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and if any such Principal Land Coal Meter or Meters, appointed by, or by virtue of this Act, or the said recited Act, after having received any such Notice as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse, within the Space of Two Hours after the Receipt of such Notice, to send a Labouring Meter or Meters to the House, Lodging, or other Premises of such Purchaser or Purchasers accordingly; or if any Labouring Land Coal Meter or Meters shall refuse or neglect to re-measure such Coals, then, and in every such Case, any such Principal Land Coal Meter or Meters, and Labouring Land Coal Meter or Meters, so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and if any such Purchaser or Purchasers, or any other Person or Persons, shall prevent, obstruct, or interrupt, or attempt to prevent any such Re-measurement being proceeded in and made by such Labouring Coal Meter or Meters, sent by any such Principal Land Coal Meter or Meters, in consequence of any such Notice, then, and in every such Case, such Purchaser or Purchasers, or other Person or Persons, so offending, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage shall be stopped or detained for the Purpose or under Pretence of re-admeasuring the Coals, or any Part laden thereon, the Owner of every such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, shall be entitled to the Sum of Three Shillings *per* Hour, for every Hour the Cart shall be so detained, and so in Proportion for any Fraction of an Hour over and above the usual Cartage of such Coals, which Three Shillings *per* Hour shall be paid by the Vender of the said Coals, in case the same or any Part thereof shall upon the Re-measurement thereof be found deficient in Measure, or by the Purchaser of such Coals, in case the same shall not be re-measured, or shall upon such Re-measurement be found to amount to the Quantity for which such Coals were sold.

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being kept.

XL. And be it further enacted, That all Coals which shall be sold by Weight, at any Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place within the Limits of this Act, and to be sent in any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, shall be sold or weighed by the Hundred Weight, each Hundred Weight consisting of One hundred and twelve Pounds Avoirdupoise Weight, and Twenty such Hundred Weight shall be and be deemed and taken to be One Ton; and all such Coals so to be sold shall be weighed and loaded at such Wharf or Warehouse, or other Place of Sale, in the Presence of One of the Labouring Land Meters to be appointed pursuant to this Act, and such Labouring Meter is hereby authorised and required to superintend and inspect the weighing and loading of all such Coals so sold by the Weight, in order that such Meter may see and be satisfied that in every such loading the full Weight of Coals is actually given, which shall be expressed in the Vender's

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Ticket, and such Meter may refuse to countersign the Vender's Ticket of any such Coals, in case such Meter shall not see that the full and proper Weight shall be given, according to the Quantity which shall be expressed in such Vender's Ticket, but such Meter shall, and he is hereby required to countersign the same, in case the proper Weight shall be given according to such Quantity of Coals expressed in such Vender's Ticket; and for such Inspection of such Coals so sold by Weight there shall be paid by the Vender or Venders thereof, or by the Occupier or Occupiers of the Wharf, Warehouse, or other Place from whence such Coals shall be sent, to the Principal Land Coal Meter appointed by or by virtue of this Act, Sixpence for every Ton of Coals so weighed under the Meter's Inspection, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Quantity than One Ton, and such Sum of Money shall be repaid to such Vender or Venders by the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals.

Vender's
Ticket to be
sent with
Coals sold by
Weight.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Vender or Venders of or Dealer or Dealers in such Coals so sold by Weight within the Limits of this Act, shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, or to his, her, or their Servant or Servants, immediately on the Arrival of the Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage in which such Coals shall be sent, and before any of such Coals shall be unloaded, a Paper or Ticket in the Form following; that is to say,

' **M**R. A. B. [*Here insert the Name of the Buyer.*] Take Notice, that
' you are to receive herewith [*Here insert the Number*] Tons [*Here*
' *insert the Name of the*] Coals, for inspecting which Coals you are, in
' Conformity to an Act of Parliament made in the Fifty-sixth Year of
' the Reign of King George the Third, to repay me the undersigned [*Here*
' *insert the Name of the Seller*] the Sum of [*Here insert the Amount of the*
' *Inspection Charge*] being at and after the Rate of Sixpence for every Ton
' of Coals sold to and to be received by you herewith.'

(Signed) C. D. [*Here insert the Name of the Seller.*]

(Counterigned) E. F. [*Here insert the Name of the Meter.*]

And in case such Vender or Venders do not deliver, or cause to be delivered, such Ticket as aforesaid, and so countersigned by a Meter as aforesaid, to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, or to his, her, or their Servant or Servants, before any Part of such Coals are unloaded, every such Vender shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds; and in case the Carman, Driver of, or other Person attending any such Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, laden with any such Coals to whom any such Ticket shall have been given by or by the Orders of the Vender, in order to be delivered to the Purchaser, shall (having so first received the same from the Vender or any Person by the Direction of the Vender) refuse or neglect to deliver such Ticket to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Coals, or to his, her, or their Servant or Servants, before any Part of such Coals shall be unloaded, such Carman, Driver, or other Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

Coals to be
sold either
by Weight,
or by the
Chaldron,
or Bushel.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Coals whatsoever sold within the Limits of this Act, save and except only such Coals as shall be sold by Weight in Manner aforesaid, shall be sold either by the Chaldron, such Chaldron to consist of Thirty-six of such Bushels so
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heaped up as aforesaid, or else by such Bushel as aforesaid, or by the Half Bushel, Peck, or Half Peck, provided such smaller Measure shall be some aliquot Part of such Bushel Measure, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

XLIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing contained in the said recited Act of the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or this Act, shall extend or be taken, or construed to extend, so as to hinder or prevent any such Vender or Venders of, or Dealer or Dealers in Coals within the Limits of this Act, from laying or storing up for Sale in any Warehouse or Repository, or other convenient Place, any Quantities whatsoever of Coals of as many Sorts, Names, or Descriptions as he, she, or they shall respectively think fit, provided such different Sorts, Names, or Descriptions of Coals be respectively laid and kept in such Warehouse or other Repository in separate and distinct Parcels, and wholly unmixed; and provided no such Coals be sold by any other than Wharf Measure, or without the true Name or Names of every or any of such Sorts of such Coals as shall be sold and sent from any such Warehouse or other Repository being expressed in the Vender's Ticket to be sent therewith to any Purchaser or Purchasers, and if any such Vender or Venders, or Dealer or Dealers in Coals, shall sell or cause to be sold by any other than by Wharf Measure any Coals out of any such Warehouse or other Repository in which Two or more different Sorts of Coals may be stored or deposited, or shall not insert or cause to be inserted in the Vender's Ticket to be sent with such Coals the true Name or Names of each and every Sort of such Coals as shall be sent from or out of any such Warehouse, Repository, or other Place, to any Purchaser or Purchasers, then, and in every such Case, every such Vender or Dealer so offending, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds.

The storing up of different Sorts of Coals in a Warehouse not to be prevented, provided such Sorts be kept in different Parcels, &c.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing contained in the said recited Act of the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or this Act, shall extend, or be construed to extend, so as to hinder or prevent any Vender or Venders of, or Dealer or Dealers in Coals within the Limits of this Act, who shall keep any Coal Shed, Shop, or Warehouse, where Coals shall be sold in Quantities not greater than Half a Chaldron, and where no Coals shall ever be sold in any Quantities exceeding Half a Chaldron, from mixing or heaping up together, or causing to be mixed or heaped up together in such Shed, Shop, or Warehouse, any Quantity or Quantities whatsoever, of any and as many different Sorts, Names, or Descriptions of Coals, as he, she, or they, shall respectively think fit, or from selling or causing to be sold, such Coals when so mixed: Provided nevertheless, that such Coals, when so mixed, shall be sold as, for, and by the Name of 'Mixed Coals,' and shall not be sold in any Quantities exceeding Half a Chaldron, nor shall be sold at any other Place than at the Shop, Shed, or Warehouse, where the same shall have been so mixed.

Provisions respecting Coal Sheds or Warehouses where Coals are sold in Quantities not exceeding Half a Chaldron.

XLV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing contained in the said recited Act of the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or this Act, shall extend, or be construed to extend, so as to hinder or prevent any Vender or Venders of, or Dealer or Dealers in, Coals

The Act not to prevent the Sale of Coals already mixed.

Coals within the Limits of this Act, from selling or causing to be sold, any Mixed Coals whatsoever, which shall have been mixed at any Time before the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen: Provided nevertheless, that such Coals shall be sold as, and for, and shall be described in the Vender's Ticket to be sent therewith, as, and for, and by the Name of 'Warehouse Coals.'

Fines and Penalties not exceeding Twenty Pounds to be recovered before Justice of the Peace.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures by this Act, or by virtue of the Powers and Authorities thereof imposed (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not otherwise hereby directed), not exceeding Twenty Pounds, shall be sued for within One Calendar Month after the Offence or Offences committed; and all such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures 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 as shall be in such Warrant specified; and if on the Conviction of the Offenders respectively, either on his, her, or their Confession, or on the Evidence of any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses 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 of the Money (if any) raised by such Distress and Sale, after 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 Distress, or in case the Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to commit every such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, or City, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, and all reasonable Charges attending the Recovery thereof, shall be sooner paid, and One Moiety of all such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, when paid, shall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall go to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, or shall be applied in such Manner for carrying this Act into Execution, as the Justice or Justices before whom such Conviction shall take place shall direct.

Appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

XLVII. 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, on giving immediate Notice of such Appeal, and finding sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices for prosecuting the said Appeal with Effect, and abiding the Determination of the Court therein, and such Justices in such General 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
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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 whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere, any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XLVIII. 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 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 in Manner aforesaid, such Person so summoned and not appearing in Compliance therewith, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be levied and recovered in such Manner and by such Ways and Means as is herein-before 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 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 for any Space of Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Summoning
Witnesses.

XLIX. And be it 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, or if any Person or Persons shall take or make any false Oath or Affidavit, with respect to 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.

Penalty on
Persons
guilty of
Perjury.

L. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures, exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds, by this Act imposed for any Offence or Offences committed against this Act, shall and may be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager

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of Law, or anymore than One Imparlance shall be allowed, by the Person or Persons who shall inform and sue for the same within Three Calendar Months after the Offence or Offences shall be committed, and One Moiety of all such Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures shall be to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof (together with Double Costs of Suit) shall be to and for the Use of the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same.

Distress not
unlawful for
want of
Form.

LI. And be it further enacted, That when any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor shall the Party or Parties making the same, be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on Account of any Defect or want of Form in the Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or the Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, *ab initio*, on Account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards committed by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity, shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage sustained in any Action on the Case.

Form of
Conviction.

LII. 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 according to the following Form, *videlicet*,

‘ **BE** it remembered, That on the Day of
‘ in the Year of our Lord,
‘ *A. B.* is convicted before me,
‘ One of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the
‘ [*Here specifying the Offence, and the Time*
‘ *and Place when and where committed, as the Case may be*] contrary to an
‘ Act of Parliament made in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of King
‘ *George* the Third, intituled [*Here insert the Title of this Act.*] Given
‘ under my Hand and Seal, the Day and Year first above written.’

Plaintiff not
to recover
after Tender
of Amends.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action to be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, unless Notice in Writing shall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants Twenty-one Days before such Action, signed by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause of such Action; nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in any such Action, if Tender of sufficient Amends hath been made to him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Attorney, by or on the Behalf of the Defendant or Defendants before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money, as he, she, or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceeding, Order, and Judgment shall be made and given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

LIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and every such Action or Suit shall be brought and tried in the County where the Cause of Action shall arise; and if any such Action or Suit shall be brought before Twenty-one Days Notice shall have been given, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same as aforesaid, or shall be brought in any other County than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants, and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then the Defendant or Defendants shall recover Double Costs, and have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant hath for Costs of Suit, in other Cases by Law.

Limitation of
Actions.

LV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal, alter, or vary any Part or Parts of the said recited Act of the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, but that the said Act, and all the Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Penalties, and Forfeitures therein contained, shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if this Act had not been made.

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LVI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take place from and after the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Commence-
ment of the
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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