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CAP. XCVIII.

An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, made in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the due making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Aſſize thereof, and to puniſh Perſons who ſhall adulterate Meal, Flour, or Bread*, ſo far as the ſame relates to the Aſſize and making of Bread to be ſold in the City of *London*, and the Liberties thereof, and within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*. [4th *July* 1797.]

WHEREAS ſeveral of the Proviſions and Regulations in the Statute made in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the due making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Aſſize thereof, and to puniſh Perſons who ſhall adulterate Meal, Flour, or Bread*, have been found defective; and it is expedient that other Proviſions and Regulations ſhould be made, and further Powers granted, for carrying the Purpoſes of the ſaid Act into Execution, ſo far as the ſame relate to the Aſſize and making of Bread to be ſold in the City of *London*, and the Liberties thereof, and within

Preamble.

Recital of Act 31 *Geo.* II, Cap. 29.

within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*: Be it therefore enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That each and every Corn Meter of the City of *London*, who is or hereafter ſhall be employed in working, or meaſuring and delivering out Wheat, within the ſaid City, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, ſhall and is hereby required Weekly, before the Hour of Twelve of the Clock at Noon of every *Monday*, to enter, or cauſe to be entered, in a Book to be for that Purpoſe provided by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and kept at the Corn Meter's Office of the ſaid City, according to the Form herein-after contained in that Behalf, a true and particular Account, in Writing, of all the Wheat worked and delivered by each and every ſuch Corn Meter, in the Courſe of the preceding Week, from Ships or Veſſels in the River *Thames*, or out of Warehouſes or other Places within the ſaid City, or Liberties thereof, or Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, to the reſpective Buyers of ſuch Wheat, or their reſpective Servants or Agents, ſpecifying from what Veſſels, Warehouſes, or other Places, the Wheat ſhall be worked, the Names and Additions of the reſpective Sellers and Buyers thereof, the reſpective Quantities, the Corn Meter's own Name, and the Names of the reſpective Lightermen or other Perſons to whom the Wheat ſhall be delivered; and that the ſaid Returns or Accounts, ſo to be entered in the ſaid Book as before-mentioned, ſhall be entered, made, and kept in the following Form, or to the like Effect; (that is to ſay);

Corn Meters to enter in a Book at the Corn Meter's Office every *Monday*, Accounts of the Wheat worked and delivered by them reſpectively in the preceding Week.

Corn Meter's Office, *London*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven.

Form of Corn Meter's Entries.

ENTRY of the ſeveral Quantities of WHEAT worked by the Sworn Corn Meters of the City of *London* in Six Days; that is to ſay, from *Monday* to *Saturday* both inclusive.

Day of the Month.	From where worked.	Seller's Name.	Buyer's Name.	Quantities of Wheat.	Meter's Name.	Lighterman, or to whom delivered.
	Whether out of Veſſel, Craft, Granary, Warehouſe, or Wharf, mentioning their reſpective Names, (if any), and the Names of the Maſters, Owners, or Occupiers thereof reſpectively.			Quarter. Buſhel.		

II. And

II. And be it further enacted, That Weekly and every Week, before Three of the Clock in the Afternoon of every *Monday*, a correct Return or Account of Wheat, which ſhall have been ſo entered and made in the ſaid Book as aforeſaid, for the Week next but One preceding ſuch *Monday*, ſhall be prepared in Writing, according to the Form next herein-after following, and certified on Oath, and delivered to the Mayor of the City of *London*, or left at the Cocket Office in the Manſion Houſe in the ſaid City, with the proper Officer there, by the Meal Weighers of the ſaid City of *London*, or by ſuch other Perſons as the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City ſhall from Time to Time direct or appoint, and ſhall alſo, before Three of the Clock in the Afternoon on every *Monday* as aforeſaid, be entered by ſuch Meal Weighers, or other Perſons to be appointed as aforeſaid, in Writing under their Hands, in ſome Book to be for that Purpoſe provided by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and kept at the Town Clerk's Office in the ſaid City; and that every ſuch Return, with the ſaid Additions thereto, ſo to be prepared and delivered, or left as aforeſaid, ſhall be in the following Form, or to the like Effect; (that is to ſay),

Every *Monday*, a Return to be made, by the Meal Weighers, of Wheat entered as aforeſaid for the Week next but one preceding ſuch *Monday*.

A correct RETURN from the Corn Meter's Office, of the Quantity of WHEAT worked by the Sworn Corn Meters of the City of *London*, from *Monday* to *Saturday* following, both inclusive.

Form of the Meal Weigher's Returns of Wheat.

Day of the Month.	Seller's Name.	Buyer's Name.	Quantities of Wheat.	Lighterman's Name, or to whom delivered.

III. And be it alſo enacted, That each and every Corn Factor and other Perſon, who is or hereafter ſhall be a Seller of Wheat within the ſaid City, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, ſhall and is hereby required to deliver, or cauſe to be delivered, upon Demand, Weekly, before Three of the Clock in the Afternoon of every *Friday*, to the ſaid Meal Weighers, or other Perſons to be appointed as aforeſaid, or any of them, a true Account in Writing, ſigned by himſelf, or his known Agent, ſpecifying, according to the beſt of his Knowledge and Belief, the Quantities and Prices of all the Wheat ſold and delivered by or for him from the *Monday* to the *Saturday*, both incluſive, in the Week next preceding ſuch *Friday*, with the Names and Occupations of the reſpective Buyers, and the apparent Purpoſes for which the Wheat ſhall have been ſold.

Corn Factors, &c. to deliver, on Demand, true Accounts in Writing, of the Quantities and Prices, &c. of the Wheat ſold and delivered by them reſpectively.

A Return to be made by the Meal Weighers every *Monday*, of the Quantities and Prices of all such Wheat as shall be mentioned in the said Accounts, for the Week next but one preceding, and the Average Price thereof.

IV. And be it further enacted, That Weekly, before Three of the Clock in the Afternoon of every *Monday*, a general Return or Account of the Quantities and Prices of all such Wheat as shall have been sold and delivered as aforesaid, within the said City and Liberties and Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, in the Course of the preceding Week but One, and mentioned in the said Accounts, together with the Average Price of such Wheat, shall be prepared from and by Means of the same Accounts, and in such Manner and Form as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall from Time to Time direct, by the Meal Weighers of the City of *London*, or by such other Persons as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall from Time to Time appoint; and shall also, before Five of the Clock in the Afternoon of every *Monday* as aforesaid, be entered by such Meal Weighers, or other Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, in Writing under their Hands, in some Book to be for that Purpose provided by the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City of *London*, and kept at the Town Clerk's Office in the said City.

Corn Factors, *&c.* to take the Oath, or make the Affirmation following.

V. And be it further enacted, That every Corn Factor or other Person, from whom any such Account of Wheat, as last before mentioned, is by this Act required and directed to be delivered to the said Meal Weighers, or other Persons, to be appointed as aforesaid, shall, within One Calendar Month next after the passing of this Act, or within One Calendar Month from the Time he shall begin to deal by Commission in the Sale of Wheat, take the following Oath, or (being One of the People called *Quakers*) affirm, as herein-after mentioned; (that is to say),

'I *A. B.* do swear [*or*, affirm], That the Accounts which I shall hereafter deliver or cause to be delivered to the Meal Weighers of the City of *London*, or to such other Persons as the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City shall appoint to receive the same, of and concerning the Quantities and Prices of Wheat which henceforward shall be by or for me sold and delivered, shall, to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, and as far as the Sales and complete Deliveries will allow, contain the whole Quantity, and no more, of the Wheat *bona fide* sold and delivered by or for me, within the Period to which such Accounts shall respectively refer, with the Names and Occupations of the Buyers, and with the Prices thereof respectively, and shall be, to the best of my Judgement, conformable in all other Respects to the Directions and true Intent and Meaning of an Act, passed in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, made in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, intituled, 'An Act for the due making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Assize thereof, and to punish Persons who shall adulterate Meal, Flour, or Bread,' so far as the same relates to the Assize and making of Bread to be sold in the City of* London, *and the Liberties thereof, and within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the* Royal Exchange.'

Which Oath or Affirmation the Lord Mayor of the City of *London* for the Time being is hereby empowered and required to administer, and to grant a Certificate thereof, to be registered in the Town Clerk's Office of

of the ſaid City; and every ſuch Oath or Affirmation ſhall be ſo adminiſtered, certified, and regiſtered, without any Fee or Reward to be demanded or paid for the ſame; and in caſe any Perſon ſhall carry on the Trade and Buſineſs of a Corn Factor without taking the ſaid Oath, or affirming as aforeſaid, conformably to the Directions of this Act, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall, on being convicted of ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Penalty on any Perſon carrying on the Buſineſs of a Corn Factor, without taking ſuch Oath, &c. 50 *l.*

VI. And be it further enacted, That every Baker, and other Perſon making or who ſhall make Bread for Sale, within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, ſhall and is hereby required to prepare and leave, or cauſe to be left, Weekly, before the Hour of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon of every *Monday*, at the Cocket Office in the Manſion Houſe aforeſaid, with the proper Officer there, a true and particular Account in Writing under his Hand, according to the Form herein-after contained in that Behalf, of all ſuch Meal and Flour for the Purpoſe of making Wheaten Bread, as ſhall have been bought by ſuch Baker or other Perſon in the Courſe of the Week next preceding ſuch *Monday*, and that every ſuch Account hereby required to be made by any ſuch Baker, or other Perſon making Bread for Sale, within the ſaid City of *London*, or Liberties thereof, or Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, ſhall ſpecify the Names of the reſpective Sellers of ſuch Meal and Flour made of Wheat, the reſpective Quantities and Sorts thereof, and the ſeveral and reſpective Prices at which the ſame ſhall have been actually and *bona fide* ſold, and ſhall be of the following Form, or to the like Effect; (that is to ſay),

Bakers to leave at the Cocquet Office, every *Monday*, Accounts, in Writing, of all ſuch Meal and Flour made of Wheat, as ſhall have been bought by them reſpectively, in the Week immediately preceding.

An ACCOUNT of all the MEAL and FLOUR (made of WHEAT) bought by *A. B.* of in the Pariſh of from *Monday* to *Saturday* both incluſive, for the Purpoſe of making Wheaten Bread, or fit for the ſame.

Form of Baker's Weekly Accounts.

Day of the Month.	Seller's Name.	Number of Sacks.	Sorts of Meal and Flour.	To what Purpoſe applicable.	Prices *per* Sack.	TOTAL.

VII. And,

At the Sale, or upon Delivery of Meal and Flour, a Bill of Parcels thereof to be delivered therewith.

VII. And, for better enabling the ſaid Bakers or other Perſons to prepare ſuch Accounts of Meal and Flour as before directed, be it alſo enacted, That at the Sale, or upon every Delivery of Meal or Flour made of Wheat to any Baker or other Perſon making, or who ſhall make, Bread for Sale, within the ſaid City, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, there ſhall alſo be delivered therewith a true and perfect Bill of Parcels, ſigned by the Seller or Sellers of ſuch Meal or Flour, or his or their known Agent or Agents, ſetting forth the Names of the Seller or Sellers, and Buyer, of the Meal or Flour ſo delivered, with the real Quantities and Prices thereof, and alſo the Day of the Month on which the ſame ſhall be delivered; and in Default thereof every Perſon, being a Seller of ſuch Meal or Flour, or of any Part thereof, and not delivering, or cauſing to be delivered therewith, ſuch true and perfect Bill of Parcels as aforeſaid, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, upon being convicted thereof, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings; and every Perſon being a Buyer of ſuch Meal or Flour, or of any Part thereof, and receiving or accepting the ſame without ſuch true and perfect Bill of Parcels as aforeſaid, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, upon being convicted thereof, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Seller and Buyer, in Default thereof, to forfeit 40*s.*

The Prices of Meal and Flour to be fixed at the Time of Sale, and before Delivery;

VIII. And whereas it has frequently happened that large Quantities of Meal and Flour have been delivered to Buyers thereof, without any Price having been fixed or agreed on for the ſame at the Time of ſuch Delivery, and ſometimes it has been agreed that the Prices of Meal or Flour ſhould, after Delivery thereof to the Buyer, be fixed according to the Price of Meal or Flour in ſome future Week, and inaſmuch as by ſuch Means this Act might be evaded, or the Execution thereof rendered difficult or imperfect, be it therefore enacted, That the Prices of all the Meal and Flour made of Wheat, which ſhall henceforward be ſold within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, ſhall be agreed on and abſolutely fixed at the Time of Sale, and before the Delivery thereof, and the Price or Prices of any ſuch Meal or Flour as aforeſaid, which ſhall hereafter be delivered to any Buyer or other Perſon, within the ſaid City or Liberties, or Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, ſhall not, on any Account or Pretence whatſoever, be regulated by, or made to depend on the Price which Meal or Flour ſhall ſell for at any Time or Times ſubſequent to ſuch Delivery; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſell or buy, or agree to ſell or buy, within the ſaid City or Liberties, or Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, any Meal or Flour made of Wheat, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the Proviſions and Reſtrictions laſt herein-before contained, he or they ſo offending ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, upon being convicted thereof, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

and any Perſon ſelling or buying in any other Manner to forfeit 20*l.*

Bakers to take the Oath, or make the Affirmation following.

IX. And be it further enacted, That every Baker, or other Perſon making or who ſhall make Bread for Sale, within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, ſhall, within One Calendar Month next after the paſſing of this Act, or within One Calendar Month from the Time when he ſhall begin to make Bread for Sale, within the

Limits aforesaid, take the following Oath, or (being One of the People called *Quakers*) affirm as herein-after mentioned; (that is to say),

'I *A. B.* do swear [*or*, affirm], That the Accounts which I shall hereafter leave or cause to be left at the Cocket Office in the Mansion House, in the City of *London*, of and concerning the Meal or Flour (made of Wheat) which henceforward shall be bought by or for me, shall, to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, contain the whole Quantity, and no more, of the Meal or Flour (made of Wheat) *bona fide* bought by or for me, within the Period to which such Accounts shall respectively refer, with the Names of the Sellers, or Persons of whom the same shall be bought, and with the Prices respectively, and shall be, to the best of my Judgement, conformable in all other Respects to the Directions of an Act, passed in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, made in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, intituled,* 'An Act for the due making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Assize thereof, and to punish Persons who shall adulterate Meal, Flour, or Bread,' so far as the same relates to the Assize and making of Bread to be sold in the City of London, and the Liberties thereof, and within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the Royal Exchange.'

Penalty on any Person making Bread for Sale without taking such Oath, &c. 5*l.*

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

A Return to be made by the Meal Weighers every *Monday*, of the Quantities, Sorts, and Prices, of all such Meal and Flour made of Wheat, as shall be mentioned in the Bakers Accounts for the preceding Week; and the Average Price thereof.

X. And be it further enacted, That Weekly, before Three of the Clock in the Afternoon of every *Monday*, a general Return or Account of the Quantities, Sorts, and Prices, of all such Meal and Flour made of Wheat, as shall have been bought by Bakers and other Persons making Bread for Sale, within the said City and Liberties, and Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, in the Course of the preceding Week, and mentioned in the said Accounts of Meal and Flour for that Week, together with the Average Price of such Meal or Flour, shall be prepared from and by Means of the same Accounts, in such Manner and Form as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall from Time to Time direct, by the Meal Weighers of the City of *London*, or by such other Persons as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall from Time to Time appoint; and shall also, before Five of the Clock in the Afternoon of every *Monday* as aforesaid, be entered by such Meal Weighers, or other Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, in Writing

under their Hands, in ſome Book to be for that Purpoſe provided by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the ſaid City of *London*, and kept at the Town Clerk's Office in the ſaid City.

Every Buyer or Seller of Wheat, or of Meal or Flour made of Wheat, upon Requeſt, by the Meal Weighers, &c. to diſcloſe the true Prices, &c.

XI. And, for the more effectually enabling the ſaid Meal Weighers or other Perſons to prepare and render correct ſuch Returns or Accounts as aforeſaid of Wheat, and of Meal and Flour made of Wheat, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; be it alſo enacted, That every Buyer or Seller of, or Dealer in Wheat, or Meal or Flour made of Wheat, within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, ſhall and is hereby required, on reaſonable Requeſt to him or her made by any One or more of the Meal Weighers of the City of *London*, or of ſuch other Perſons who in purſuance of this Act ſhall be appointed as aforeſaid, to return and certify, as hereby is directed, the Quantities and Prices of Wheat, or of Meal or Flour made of Wheat, to diſcloſe and make known to ſuch Meal Weighers, or One of them, or other Perſons who ſhall be ſo appointed, and who ſhall requeſt the ſame, the true and real Prices which any Quantities and Sorts of Wheat, or of Meal or Flour made of Wheat, which ſhall have been bought or ſold within the ſaid City, or Liberties thereof, or Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, at any Time or Times within the Space of Fourteen Days then laſt paſt, by or for ſuch Buyer or Seller of, or Dealer in Wheat, or Meal or Flour made of Wheat, ſhall have been actually and *bona fide* bought or ſold at, with all the ſeveral Quantities and Sorts thereof, and the ſeveral apparent Purpoſes for which the ſame ſhall have been bought reſpectively, together with the Occupations of the Buyers.

Power to the Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Lord Mayor, to order Bills of Parcels of Meal or Flour to be produced;

XII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or for the Lord Mayor for the Time being, or for any of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace acting for ſuch Diſtrict, from Time to Time to order and direct every or any Baker, or other Perſon making or who ſhall make Bread for Sale, within the ſaid City, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, and to whom, or at whoſe Houſe or Shop any ſuch Bill of Parcels as aforeſaid of Meal or Flour made of Wheat ſhall have been actually delivered purſuant to this Act, at any ſeaſonable Time or Times, within the Space of Fourteen Days next after ſuch Delivery, to produce, or cauſe to be produced, ſuch Bill of Parcels to the ſaid Court, or to the ſaid Lord Mayor, or to the ſaid Juſtices, or to the Meal Weighers of the ſaid City, or any or either of them, or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Court, or the ſaid Lord Mayor, ſhall appoint to inſpect the ſame; and that in every ſuch Caſe, ſuch Baker or other Perſons to or for whom ſuch Order ſhall be given or left, or his Servants or Agents, ſhall produce, or cauſe to be produced, ſuch Bill of Parcels, purſuant to ſuch Order, and the true Meaning of this Act; and in caſe any ſuch Baker or other Perſon ſhall not, within Seven Days after ſuch Order ſhall be ſo given to, or left for him, produce, or cauſe to be produced, ſuch Bill of Parcels accordingly, he or they ſo offending ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, upon being convicted thereof, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds.

and the ſame are to be produced accordingly.

Penalty in caſe of Default, 5*l.*

XIII. And

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Weekly Returns or Accounts of Wheat, and of Meal and Flour made of Wheat, hereby directed to be made and given in as aforeſaid, ſhall be in lieu and ſtead of ſo much only of the Weekly Return or Account, by the ſaid recited Act directed to be given in and certified, of the Prices which the ſeveral Kinds of Grain, Meal, and Flour, ſhall ſell for in the Markets or Places in *London*, where ſuch Grain, Meal, and Flour ſhall be publickly ſold, as relates to Wheat, and Meal and Flour made of Wheat; but nevertheleſs ſuch laſt-mentioned Return or Account of other Grain than Wheat, and of other Meal and Flour, which ſhall be ſold in *London*, ſhall be no longer conſidered as neceſſary to be given in and certified under the ſaid recited Act, unleſs the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City of *London* for the Time being, ſhall at any Time or Times order the ſame to be given in and certified as ſuch Act directs.

The Weekly Returns hereby directed, to be in lieu of ſo much only of the Weekly Returns required by the Act 31 *Geo.* II. as relates to Wheat, and Meal and Flour made of Wheat.

XIV. And, for the more eaſily and effectually carrying of this Act into Execution, be it enacted, That in all Returns to be made purſuant to the Directions of this Act, the Quantities of Corn and Grain ſhall be computed by the Buſhel of Eight Gallons, commonly called or known by the Name of *The Wincheſter Buſhel*, and Flour ſhall be computed by the Sack, which ſhall contain Five Buſhels, or Two hundred and eighty Pounds Weight.

Directions for computing the Quantities.

XV. And be it further enacted, That Weekly, on every *Tueſday*, being the next Day after every Weekly Return or Account of Wheat for the Week next but one preceding, ſhall be delivered or left by the ſaid Meal Weighers, or other Perſons as aforeſaid, and being alſo the next Day after the ſaid Returns of Accounts of Meal and Flour made of Wheat for the Week next preceding, ſhall be delivered or left by the Bakers or other Perſons making Bread for Sale, within the ſaid City, or Liberties thereof, or Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, as before-mentioned, the Aſſize and Weight of all Bread to be made of the Flour or Meal of Wheat, and ſold or expoſed to Sale by any Perſon or Perſons, within the City of *London*, and the Liberties thereof, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, (except as next herein-after is excepted), and the Prices to be paid for the ſame Bread reſpectively, ſhall from Time to Time be ſet by the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, if the ſaid Court ſhall then ſit, and if ſuch Court ſhall not then ſit, then by the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, either from or according to what ſhall, by Means of the ſaid Return or Account of Wheat, appear to be the then Average Price of Wheat fit for the making of Wheaten Bread, or from or according to what ſhall, by Means of the ſaid Returns or Accounts of Flour and Meal, appear to be the then Average Price of Flour and Meal fit for the making of Wheaten Bread, as near as poſſible, according to the Table herein after contained; and that the Aſſizes of Bread which ſhall be ſo reſpectively ſet, ſhall take place upon and from the *Thurſday* next enſuing, and be in Force for the ſaid City of *London*, and the Liberties thereof, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, (the City of *Weſtminſter*, and Liberties thereof, the Borough of *Southwark*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality, in the County of *Surrey*, excepted), until a new or other Aſſize of Bread, in

The Aſſize of Bread to be ſet every *Tueſday* by the Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or if ſuch Court ſhall not ſit, then by the Lord Mayor;

either from the Price of Wheat, or from that of Flour;

and to take place upon the *Thurſday* following, and be in force for the City of *London*, and the Liberties

thereof, and Weekly Bills of Mortality, and within 10 Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, (*Westminster*, and *Southwark*, and the Bills of Mortality in *Surrey* excepted), and to be publiſhed forthwith.

in *London* ſhall be ſet; and that after the fixing or ſetting of every ſuch Aſſize of Bread by the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or by the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, when the ſaid Court ſhall not ſit, the Aſſize ſo from Time to Time ſet ſhall, with all convenient Speed after the ſetting thereof, be made publick in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen ſhall order or direct; but before any Advance or Reduction ſhall in any Week be made in the Price of Bread by the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, the Meal Weighers of the ſaid City for the Time being, or ſuch other Perſons as the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen ſhall from Time to Time appoint to return the Quantities and Prices of Wheat, and of Meal and Flour made of Wheat, ſhall leave in Writing, at the Common Hall of the Company of Bakers, in the ſaid City of *London*, a Copy of the then laſt Returns of the Quantities and Prices of Wheat, and of Meal and Flour made of Wheat, which they ſhall make and enter in ſuch Book or Books to be provided and kept at the Town Clerk's Office as aforeſaid, ſome Time of the ſame Day on which ſuch Meal Weighers or other Perſons ſhall make ſuch Return and Entry as aforeſaid, to the Intent that the ſaid Company of Bakers may, the Morning of the next Day after every ſuch Return and Entry ſhall be made, and before any Aſſize ſhall be ſet, from Time to Time have an Opportunity to offer to the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, if ſuch Court ſhall then ſit, and if ſuch Court ſhall not then ſit, to the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, all ſuch Objections as the ſaid Company of Bakers ſhall have and think fit to offer againſt any Advance or Reduction being that Day made, in *London*, in the Price of Bread.

Before any Advance, or Reduction, can be made, the Meal Weighers are to leave, at Bakers Hall, a Copy of the laſt Returns.

The Aſſize and Price of Bread to be ſet according to the Table hereunto annexed.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That from Time to Time, when and ſo often as the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, ſhall ſet the Aſſize of Bread in Execution of this Act, the Aſſize and Weight of the Bread to which ſuch Aſſize ſhall relate, and the Prices to be paid for the ſame reſpectively, ſhall as near as can be ſet and aſcertained according to the following Table, inſtead of the Table directed to be made uſe of by the ſaid Act of the Thirty-firſt Year of King *George* the Second:

TABLE

TABLE of the Price and Aſſize of BREAD from

THE PRICE TABLE.

When the Average Price of Wheat			OR	When the Average Price of Flour		BREAD.					
Is returned from the Market at		Add Grinding, Baking, &c. 14*s.* per Q. being 1*s.* 9*d.* per Buſhel.		Is returned from the Market at	Add Baking 11*s.* 8*d.* per Sack.	Price of Peck Loaf *To weigh* 17*lb.* 6*oz.*		Price of Half-Peck Loaf *To weigh* 8*lb.* 11*oz.*		Price of Quartern Loaf *To weigh* 4*lb.* 5*oz.* 8*dr.*	
Per Quarter.	Per Buſhel.	Total Price and Baking per Buſhel.		Per Sack.	Total Price and Baking per Sack.	Wheaten.	Houſehold.	Wheaten.	Houſehold.	Wheaten.	Houſehold.
s. *d.*	*s.* *d.*	*s.* *d.*		*s.* *d.*	*s.* *d.*	*s.* *d.*	*s.* *d.*	*s.* *d.*	*s.* *d.*	*s.* *d.*	*s.* *d.*
27 0	3 4½	5 1½		25 0	36 8	1 10	1 4	0 11	0 8	0 5½	0 4
28 8	3 7	5 4		26 8	38 4	1 11	1 5	0 11½	0 8½	0 5¾	0 4
30 4	3 9½	5 6½		28 4	40 0	2 0	1 6	1 0	0 9	0 6	0 4
32 0	4 0	5 9		30 0	41 8	2 1	1 7	1 0½	0 9½	0 6¼	0
34 8	4 4	6 1		31 8	43 4	2 2	1 8	1 1	0 10	0 6½	0
36 4	4 6½	6 3½		33 4	45 0	2 3	1 9	1 1½	0 10½	0 6¾	0 5
38 0	4 9	6 6		35 0	46 8	2 4	1 10	1 2	0 11	0 7	0 5½
39 8	4 11½	6 8½		36 8	48 4	2 5	1 11	1 2½	0 11½	0 7¼	0 5¾
41 4	5 2	6 11		38 4	50 0	2 6	2 0	1 3	1 0	0 7½	0 6
44 0	5 6	7 3		40 0	51 8	2 7	2 1	1 3½	1 0½	0 7¾	0 6¼
45 8	5 8½	7 5½		41 8	53 4	2 8	2 2	1 4	1 1	0 8	0 6½
47 4	5 11	7 8		43 4	55 0	2 9	2 3	1 4½	1 1½	0 8¼	0 6¾
49 0	6 1½	7 10½		45 0	56 8	2 10	2 4	1 5	1 2	0 8½	0 7
50 8	6 4	8 1		46 8	58 4	2 11	2 5	1 5½	1 2½	0 8¾	0 7¼
52 4	6 6½	8 3½		48 4	60 0	3 0	2 6	1 6	1 3	0 9	0 7½
54 0	6 9	8 6		50 0	61 8	3 1	2 7	1 6½	1 3½	0 9¼	0 7¾
55 8	6 11½	8 8½		51 8	63 4	3 2	2 8	1 7	1 4	0 9½	0 8
57 4	7 2	8 11		53 4	65 0	3 3	2 9	1 7½	1 4½	0 9¾	0 8¼
59 0	7 4½	9 1½		55 0	66 8	3 4	2 10	1 8	1 5	0 10	0 8½
60 8	7 7	9 4		56 8	68 4	3 5	2 11	1 8½	1 5½	0 10¼	0 8¾
62 4	7 9½	9 6½		58 4	70 0	3 6	3 0	1 9	1 6	0 10½	0 9
64 0	8 0	9 9		60 0	71 8	3 7	3 1	1 9½	1 6½	0 10¾	0 9¼
65 8	8 2½	9 11½		61 8	73 4	3 8	3 2	1 10	1 7	0 11	0 9½
67 4	8 5	10 2		63 4	75 0	3 9	3 3	1 10½	1 7½	0 11¼	0 9¾
70 0	8 9	10 6		65 0	76 8	3 10	3 4	1 11	1 8	0 11½	0 10
71 8	8 11½	10 8½		66 8	78 4	3 11	3 5	1 11½	1 8½	0 11¾	0 10¼
73 4	9 2	10 11		68 4	80 0	4 0	3 6	2 0	1 9	1 0	0 10½
75 0	9 4½	11 1½		70 0	81 8	4 1	3 7	2 0½	1 9½	1 0¼	0 10¾
76 8	9 7	11 4		71 8	83 4	4 2	3 8	2 1	1 10	1 0½	0 11
78 4	9 9½	11 6½		73 4	85 0	4 3	3 9	2 1½	1 10½	1 0¾	0 11¼
80 0	10 0	11 9		75 0	86 8	4 4	3 10	2 2	1 11	1 1	0 11½
81 8	10 2½	11 11½		76 8	88 4	4 5	3 11	2 2½	1 11½	1 1¼	0 11¾
83 4	10 5	12 2		78 4	90 0	4 6	4 0	2 3	2 0	1 1½	1 0
85 0	10 7½	12 4½		80 0	91 8	4 7	4 1	2 3½	2 0½	1 1¾	1 0¼
86 8	10 10	12 7		81 8	93 4	4 8	4 2	2 4	2 1	1 2	1 0½
88 4	11 0½	12 9½		83 4	95 0	4 9	4 3	2 4½	2 1½	1 2¼	1 0¾
91 0	11 4½	13 1½		85 0	96 8	4 10	4 4	2 5	2 2	1 2½	1 1
92 8	11 7	13 4		86 8	98 4	4 11	4 5	2 5½	2 2½	1 2¾	1 1¼
94 4	11 9½	13 6½		88 4	100 0	5 0	4 6	2 6	2 3	1 3	1 1½
96 0	12 0	13 9		90 0	101 8	5 1	4 7	2 6½	2 3½	1 3¼	1 1¾
97 8	12 2½	13 11½		91 8	103 4	5 2	4 8	2 7	2 4	1 3½	1 2
99 4	12 5	14 2		93 4	105 0	5 3	4 9	2 7½	2 4½	1 3¾	1 2¼
101 0	12 7½	14 4½		95 0	106 8	5 4	4 10	2 8	2 5	1 4	1 2½
102 8	12 10	14 7		96 8	108 4	5 5	4 11	2 8½	2 5½	1 4¼	1 2¾
104 4	13 0½	14 9½		98 4	110 0	5 6	5 0	2 9	2 6	1 4½	1 3

the Price of WHEAT; and from the Price of FLOUR.

THE ASSIZE TABLE.

BREAD.

Articles of Assize and Price.	The Penny Loaf *To weigh*		The Two-penny Loaf *To weigh*		The Three-penny Loaf *To weigh*		The Six-penny Loaf *To weigh*		The Twelve-penny Loaf *To weigh*		The Eighteen-penny Loaf *To weigh*	
	Wheaten.	Houſehold.	Wheaten.	Houſehold.	Wheaten.	Houſehold.	Wheaten.	Houſehold.	Wheaten.	Houſehold.	Wheaten.	Houſehold.
	oz. dr.	oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.
1	12 10	17 6	1 9 4	2 2 12	2 5 14	3 4 2	4 11 13	6 8 4	9 7 10	13 0 8	14 3 7	19 8 12
2	12 1	16 5	1 8 2	2 0 11	2 4 4	3 1 0	4 8 8	6 2 1	9 1 0	12 4 3	13 9 9	18 6 5
3	11 9	15 7	1 7 2	1 14 14	2 2 12	2 14 5	4 5 8	5 12 10	8 11 0	11 9 5	13 0 8	17 6 0
4	11 1	14 10	1 6 3	1 13 4	2 1 5	2 11 14	4 2 11	5 7 12	8 5 7	10 15 9	12 8 2	16 7 5
5	10 11	13 14	1 5 6	1 11 12	2 0 1	2 9 11	4 0 2	5 3 6	8 0 4	10 6 12	12 0 7	15 10 3
6	10 4	13 3	1 4 9	1 10 7	1 14 14	2 7 11	3 13 12	4 15 6	7 11 8	9 14 13	11 9 5	14 14 4
7	9 14	12 10	1 3 13	1 9 4	1 13 12	2 5 14	3 11 9	4 11 13	7 7 2	9 7 10	11 2 11	14 3 7
8	9 9	12 1	1 3 2	1 8 2	1 12 12	2 4 4	3 9 8	4 8 8	7 3 0	9 1 0	10 12 8	13 9 9
9	9 4	11 9	1 2 8	1 7 2	1 11 12	2 2 12	3 7 9	4 5 8	6 15 3	8 11 0	10 6 12	13 0 8
10	8 15	11 1	1 1 14	1 6 3	1 10 14	2 1 5	3 5 12	4 2 11	6 11 9	8 5 7	10 1 6	12 8 2
11	8 11	10 11	1 1 6	1 5 6	1 10 1	2 0 1	3 4 2	4 0 2	6 8 4	8 0 4	9 12 6	12 0 7
12	8 6	10 4	1 0 13	1 4 9	1 9 4	1 14 14	3 2 8	3 13 12	6 5 1	7 11 8	9 7 10	11 9 5
13	8 2	9 14	1 0 5	1 3 13	1 8 8	1 13 12	3 1 0	3 11 9	6 2 1	7 7 2	9 3 2	11 2 11
14	7 15	9 9	0 15 14	1 3 2	1 7 13	1 12 12	2 15 10	3 9 8	5 15 5	7 3 0	8 14 15	10 12 8
15	7 11	9 4	0 15 7	1 2 8	1 7 2	1 11 12	2 14 5	3 7 9	5 12 10	6 15 3	8 11 0	10 6 12
16	7 8	8 15	0 15 0	1 1 14	1 6 8	1 10 14	2 13 1	3 5 12	5 10 2	6 11 9	8 7 3	10 1 6
17	7 5	8 11	0 14 10	1 1 6	1 5 15	1 10 1	2 11 14	3 4 2	5 7 12	6 8 4	8 3 10	9 12 6
18	7 2	8 6	0 14 4	1 0 13	1 5 6	1 9 4	2 10 12	3 2 8	5 5 8	6 5 1	8 0 4	9 7 10
19	6 15	8 2	0 13 14	1 0 5	1 4 13	1 8 8	2 9 11	3 1 0	5 3 6	6 2 1	7 13 1	9 3 2
20	6 12	7 15	0 13 8	0 15 14	1 4 5	1 7 13	2 8 10	2 15 10	5 1 5	5 15 5	7 10 0	8 14 15
21	6 9	7 11	0 13 3	0 15 7	1 3 13	1 7 2	2 7 11	2 14 5	4 15 6	5 12 10	7 7 2	8 11 0
22	6 7	7 8	0 12 14	0 15 0	1 3 6	1 6 8	2 6 12	2 13 1	4 13 9	5 10 2	7 4 5	8 7 3
23	6 5	7 5	0 12 10	0 14 10	1 2 15	1 5 15	2 5 14	2 11 14	4 11 13	5 7 12	7 1 11	8 3 10
24	6 2	7 2	0 12 5	0 14 4	1 2 8	1 5 6	2 5 1	2 10 12	4 10 2	5 5 8	6 15 3	8 0 4
25	6 0	6 15	0 12 1	0 13 14	1 2 2	1 4 13	2 4 4	2 9 11	4 8 8	5 3 6	6 12 12	7 13 1
26	5 14	6 12	0 11 13	0 13 8	1 1 11	1 4 5	2 3 7	2 8 10	4 6 15	5 1 5	6 10 7	7 10 0
27	5 12	6 9	0 11 9	0 13 3	1 1 6	1 3 13	2 2 12	2 7 11	4 5 8	4 15 6	6 8 4	7 7 2
28	5 10	6 7	0 11 5	0 12 14	1 1 0	1 3 6	2 2 0	2 6 12	4 4 1	4 13 9	6 6 1	7 4 5
29	5 8	6 5	0 11 1	0 12 10	1 0 10	1 2 15	2 1 5	2 5 14	4 2 11	4 11 13	6 4 1	7 1 11
30	5 7	6 2	0 10 14	0 12 5	1 0 5	1 2 8	2 0 11	2 5 1	4 1 6	4 10 2	6 2 1	6 15 3
31	5 5	6 0	0 10 11	0 12 1	1 0 0	1 2 2	2 0 1	2 4 4	4 0 2	4 8 8	6 0 3	6 12 12
32	5 3	5 14	0 10 7	0 11 13	0 15 11	1 1 11	1 15 7	2 3 7	3 14 15	4 6 15	5 14 6	6 10 7
33	5 2	5 12	0 10 4	0 11 9	0 15 7	1 1 6	1 14 14	2 2 12	3 13 12	4 5 8	5 12 10	6 8 4
34	5 0	5 10	0 10 1	0 11 5	0 15 2	1 1 0	1 14 5	2 2 0	3 12 10	4 4 1	5 10 15	6 6 1
35	4 15	5 8	0 9 14	0 11 1	0 14 14	1 0 10	1 13 12	2 1 5	3 11 9	4 2 11	5 9 5	6 4 1
36	4 14	5 7	0 9 12	0 10 14	0 14 10	1 0 5	1 13 4	2 0 11	3 10 8	4 1 6	5 7 12	6 2 1
37	4 12	5 5	0 9 9	0 10 11	0 14 6	1 0 0	1 12 12	2 0 1	3 9 8	4 0 2	5 6 4	6 0 3
38	4 11	5 3	0 9 6	0 10 7	0 14 2	0 15 11	1 12 4	1 15 7	3 8 8	3 14 15	5 4 13	5 14 6
39	4 10	5 2	0 9 4	0 10 4	0 13 14	0 15 7	1 11 12	1 14 14	3 7 9	3 13 12	5 3 6	5 12 10
40	4 8	5 0	0 9 1	0 10 1	0 13 10	0 15 2	1 11 5	1 14 5	3 6 11	3 12 10	5 2 0	5 10 15
41	4 7	4 15	0 8 15	0 9 14	0 13 7	0 14 14	1 10 14	1 13 12	3 5 12	3 11 9	5 0 11	5 9 5
42	4 6	4 14	0 8 13	0 9 12	0 13 3	0 14 10	1 10 7	1 13 4	3 4 15	3 10 8	4 15 6	5 7 12
43	4 5	4 12	0 8 11	0 9 9	0 13 0	0 14 6	1 10 1	1 12 12	3 4 2	3 9 8	4 14 3	5 6 4
44	4 4	4 11	0 8 8	0 9 6	0 12 13	0 14 2	1 9 10	1 12 4	3 3 5	3 8 8	4 12 15	5 4 13
45	4 3	4 10	0 8 6	0 9 4	0 12 10	0 13 14	1 9 4	1 11 12	3 2 8	3 7 9	4 11 13	5 3 6

Sixpenny, Twelvepenny, and Eighteenpenny Loaves, not to be ſold at the ſame Time as Pecks, Half-Pecks, and Quarterns.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in any Place or Places within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange* aforeſaid, where any Sixpenny, Twelvepenny, or Eighteen-penny Loaves, ſhall at any Time be ordered or allowed to be made or ſold, no Peck, Half Peck, or Quartern Loaves, ſhall be permitted or allowed at the ſame Time to be there made or ſold, leſt any of thoſe Sorts of Loaves might be ſold deſignedly, or otherwiſe, for ſome other or others of them, to the Injury of unwary People; and every Perſon who ſhall offend herein ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, upon being convicted thereof, forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, nor leſs than Twenty Shillings, as the Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, ſhall from Time to Time think fit.

Any Corn Meter, Corn Factor, Baker, Meal Weigher, *etc.* who ſhall neglect his Duty, *&c.*

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

to forfeit not exceeding 10*l.*

Any Buyer, *&c.* who ſhall refuſe to diſcloſe true Prices,

XIX. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Buyer or Seller of, or Dealer in Wheat, or Meal or Flour made of Wheat, within the ſaid City or Liberties thereof, or Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, on reaſonable Requeſt to him or her made by any One or more of the Meal Weighers of the City of *London*, or by any One or more of ſuch other Perſons who, in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be appointed as aforeſaid to return and certify, as hereby is directed, the Quantities and Prices of Wheat, or Meal and Flour made of Wheat, ſhall refuſe to diſcloſe and make known to ſuch Meal Weighers, or either of them, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be ſo appointed, and who ſhall requeſt the ſame, the true and real Prices which any Quantities and Sorts of Wheat, or Meal or Flour made of Wheat,

which ſhall have been bought or ſold within the ſaid City or Liberties thereof, or Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, at any Time or Times within the Space of Fourteen Days then laſt paſt, by or for ſuch Buyer or Seller of, or Dealer in Wheat, or Meal or Flour made of Wheat, ſhall have been actually and *bona fide* bought or ſold at, with all the ſeveral Quantities and Sorts thereof, and the ſeveral apparent Purpoſes for which the ſame ſhall have been bought reſpectively, or ſhall knowingly give in to any ſuch Meal Weigher or other Perſon, who ſhall be appointed in purſuance of this Act to return and certify, or receive the Quantities and Prices of Wheat, or of Meal or Flour made of Wheat, any falſe or untrue Price or Prices of any Wheat, or of Meal or Flour made of Wheat, bought or ſold, or agreed ſo to be, or knowingly give any untrue Account of the Quantities or Sorts of ſuch Wheat, or Meal or Flour made of Wheat, or of the apparent Purpoſes for which the ſame reſpectively ſhall have been bought, then and in every ſuch Caſe, he, ſhe, or they ſo offending, on being convicted of any ſuch Offence by the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, or ſolemn Affirmation of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, being a Quaker or Quakers, or on the Confeſſion of the Party accuſed, ſhall forfeit any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, as the Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom any ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be convicted, ſhall think fit and order, every Time he, ſhe, or they ſhall ſo offend, and be convicted of any ſuch Offence.

to forfeit not exceeding 10l.

When any falſe Return ſhall be ſuſpected to be made, the Court, &c. may ſummon any Perſon likely to give Information, etc.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, or the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, ſhall, at any Time within the Space of Fourteen Days after any ſuch Return or Account as aforeſaid of Wheat, or of Meal or Flour, ſhall have been made, have Reaſon to believe that the ſame was not truly and *bona fide* made, then and in any ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or the ſaid Lord Mayor for the Time being, or of any of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace acting within the Limits herein-before mentioned, to ſummon before them or him any Perſon or Perſons then reſiding within the Juriſdiction of the ſaid Court, who ſhall have bought or ſold, or there ſhall be Reaſon to believe have bought or ſold, or agreed to buy or ſell any Wheat, or Meal or Flour made of Wheat, within the ſaid City, or Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, or who ſhall be thought likely to give any Information concerning the Premiſes, and to examine ſuch Perſon or Perſons reſpectively upon Oath touching the Rates and Prices which the ſeveral Quantities and Sorts of Wheat, and Meal and Flour made of Wheat, or any of them, were then really and *bona fide* ſold for, or bought at, or agreed ſo to be, by him, her, or them reſpectively, or by any other Perſon or Perſons, at any Time or Times within the Space of Fourteen Days preceding the ſummoning of him, her, or them ſo ſummoned reſpectively; and if any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be ſo ſummoned as aforeſaid, ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear on ſuch Summons (and Proof ſhall be made on Oath of ſuch Summons having been duly ſerved upon him, her, or them for that Purpoſe), or if any Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned ſhall appear, and neglect or refuſe to anſwer on Oath ſuch lawful Queſtions touching the Premiſes as ſhall be propoſed to him, her, or them,

by the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or the ſaid Lord Mayor for the Time being, or by the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices, without ſome juſt or reaſonable Excuſe, to be allowed of by ſuch Court, or Lord Mayor, or Juſtice, he, ſhe, or they ſo offending, on being convicted of any ſuch Offence, either by the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, or his, her, or their own Confeſſion, before the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or before the ſaid Lord Mayor for the Time being, or ſuch Juſtice, ſhall, on every ſuch Conviction, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, as ſuch Court, or Lord Mayor, or Juſtice, ſhall think fit and order; and if any Perſon who ſhall be ſo examined on Oath, or in taking any other Oath directed to be taken by this Act, ſhall wilfully forſwear him or herſelf, every ſuch Perſon ſhall be ſubject and liable to be proſecuted as for Perjury, by Indictment or Information by due Courſe of Law, and if convicted ſhall be liable to the Penalties Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are ſubject and liable to.

Perſons forſwearing themſelves, ſubject to be proſecuted for Perjury.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That no Baker, or other Perſon making or who ſhall make Bread for Sale, within the City of *London*, or the Liberties thereof, or the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, nor any Journeyman or other Servant of any ſuch Baker or other Perſon as laſt-mentioned, ſhall at any Time or Times hereafter, in the making of Bread for Sale, put any Allum, or Preparation or Mixture in which Allum ſhall be an Ingredient, or any other Preparation or Mixture in lieu of Allum, into the Dough of ſuch Bread, or in anywiſe uſe or cauſe to be uſed any Allum in the making of ſuch Bread, on any Account, or under any Colour or Pretence whatſoever, upon Pain that every ſuch Perſon, whether Maſter, or Journeyman, or other Perſon, who ſhall knowingly offend in the Premiſes, and ſhall be convicted of any ſuch Offence, either by his, her, or their own Confeſſion, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, ſhall, on every ſuch Conviction, forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor leſs than Five Pounds, or ſhall, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of the Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, be apprehended and committed to the Houſe of Correction, or ſome Priſon of the County, City, Borough, or Place, where the Offence ſhall have been committed, or the Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, nor leſs than Two Calendar Months, from the Time of ſuch Commitment, as any ſuch Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall think fit and order; and it ſhall be lawful for the Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom any ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, and he and they is and are hereby required to cauſe the Offender's Name, Place of Abode, and Offence, to be publiſhed in ſome Newſpaper which ſhall be printed or publiſhed in or near the City of *London*, or the Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and to defray the Expence of publiſhing the ſame out of the Money to be forfeited as laſt-mentioned, if any ſhall be ſo forfeited, and ſhall be paid or recovered.

Bakers, &c. not to uſe Allum in making of Bread for Sale,

on Pain of forfeiting not exceeding 10*l.* nor leſs than 5*l.* or of Impriſonment not exceeding Six Months, nor leſs than Two.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſeveral Wardmote Inqueſts of the ſaid City of *London*, from Time to Time, and at all ſeaſonable Times in the Day Time, to enter into any Houſe,

Wardmote Inqueſt may enter Bakers Shops, &c. to weigh and try

Bread, and ſeize ſuch as ſhall be found deficient, which ſhall be diſpoſed of by the Magiſtrates.

Houſe, Shop, Stall, Bakehouſe, Warehouſe, Outhouſe, or other Place, of or belonging to any Baker or Seller of Bread, within their reſpective Wards, to view, weigh, and try all or any of the Loaves of Bread which ſhall be there expoſed to or for Sale, and if any of the Loaves of Bread ſo expoſed to or for Sale, or which ſhall be carrying or conveying to or for any Dealer therein, or Conſumer thereof, ſhall be found to be wanting, either in the Goodneſs of the Stuff whereof the ſame ſhall be made, or to be deficient in the due baking or working thereof, or ſhall be wanting in the due Weight, (ſuch Weight to be aſcertained within Twenty-four Hours after ſuch Bread ſhall have been baked), or ſhall not be truly marked according to the Directions of the Act of Parliament, made and paſſed in the Third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, ſuch Wardmote Inqueſt, or any Four or more of the Perſons compoſing the ſame, within their reſpective Wards, ſhall and may ſeize ſuch Bread, and after Seizure thereof ſhall, with all convenient Speed, cauſe the ſame to be carried to any Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates of the ſaid City of *London*, who ſhall and may diſpoſe thereof as he or they in his or their Diſcretion ſhall think fit.

Penalty on obſtructing Search or Seizure of Bread, from 5*l.* to 20*s.*

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully obſtruct or hinder any Search herein-before authorized to be made, or the Seizure of any Bread which ſhall be found upon any ſuch Search, or the taking or carrying away the ſame, he, ſhe, or they, ſo doing or offending ſhall, upon being convicted thereof in Manner as by the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act is directed, forfeit and pay, for every Offence, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor leſs than Twenty Shillings, as the Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates before whom ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be convicted ſhall think fit to order.

The Returns not to be inſpected or made known, except to ſuch Magiſtrates, Officers, *&c.* as ſuch Returns are intended to be inſpected and examined by, on Penalty from 10*l.* to 20*l.*

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Corn Meter, Meal Weigher, or other Perſon who ſhall be employed or concerned in the preparing, making, or keeping, of any ſuch General Returns of Wheat, or of Flour or Meal made of Wheat, as are by this Act required and directed to be made, ſhall, on any Account or Pretence whatſoever cauſe or permit ſuch Returns, or any of them, to be inſpected by, or any of the Particulars thereof reſpectively to be made known to any Perſon or Perſons without the Order of the Lord Mayor for the Time being of the City of *London*, for that Purpoſe firſt obtained, ſave and except only ſuch Magiſtrates, Officers, and other Perſons as ſuch Returns are intended to be inſpected and examined by from Time to Time, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, for the Purpoſe of carrying the ſame into Execution; and every Perſon who ſhall offend herein ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, upon being convicted thereof, forfeit a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor leſs than Ten Pounds, as the Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, ſhall from Time to Time think fit.

Certain Clauſes, Proviſions, and Directions, in the ſaid recited Act, extended to this Act.

XXV. And be it alſo enacted, That the Clauſes, Proviſions, and Directions, contained in the ſaid in Part recited Act of the Thirty-firſt Year of King *George* the Second, for empowering Magiſtrates to hear and determine Offences againſt the ſaid Act in a ſummary Way, and ſummon and examine Evidences, and convict Offenders, and for recovering Penalties and otherwiſe puniſhing Offenders, and for authorizing Perſons thinking themſelves

themſelves aggrieved to appeal to the Juſtices at the General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, and the Clauſes and Directions in the ſame Act contained for protecting and indemnifying Magiſtrates and other Officers under the ſaid Act, ſhall reſpectively extend and relate to this preſent Act, and, ſo far as the ſame are applicable to the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be exerciſed for putting this Act in Execution, and enforcing the Proviſions and Directions thereof, in ſuch and the ſame Manner as if the ſame ſeveral Clauſes were herein contained, and at large re-enacted.

Privileges, Indemnities, *etc.* to Magiſtrates.

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

No *Certiorari*, *etc.* ſhall be granted to remove Proceedings under this Act.

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

Limitation of Proſecutions. Offenders convicted not to be proſecuted for the ſame Offence under any other Law.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it likewiſe enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be convicted of any Offence under this Act, unleſs the Proſecution in order for ſuch Conviction ſhall be commenced within Fourteen Days after the Offence committed; and that no Perſon who ſhall be proſecuted to Conviction for any Offence done or committed againſt this Act, ſhall be liable to be proſecuted for the ſame Offence under any other Law.

Application of Penalties.

XXIX. And be it alſo enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act inflicted ſhall, when recovered or paid, go and be diſpoſed of in Manner following; (that is to ſay), One Moiety thereof, where any Offender or Offenders ſhall be convicted, either by his, her, or their Confeſſion, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, ſhall go and be paid to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall inform againſt and proſecute to Conviction any ſuch Offender or Offenders, and the other Moiety thereof, or in caſe there be no ſuch Perſon informing, then the Whole thereof, ſhall go and be paid or applied to or for the Uſe of the Poor of the Pariſh wherein ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, or the Party convicted, as the Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be convicted, ſhall in his or their Diſcretion think fit.

Preſervation of Rights.

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

Commencement of this Act.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Directions, Regulations, Powers, and Authorities of this Act ſhall commence and take place, and be had, done, executed, and performed, immediately from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, unleſs otherwiſe eſpecially directed by this Act.

FINIS.