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CAP. XLIX.

An Act to amend and render more effectual Two Acts of the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, relating to Weights and Measures.

[13th *August* 1834.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for ascertaining and establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures*: And whereas another Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to prolong the Time of the Commencement of an Act of the last Session of Parliament, for ascertaining and establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures; and to amend the said Act*: And whereas, notwithstanding the Provisions of the said recited Acts, many Sets of Weights and Measures of old accustomed and different Shapes have been made and verified and stamped by the Chamberlains as well as by the Auditor in the Exchequer, as Models of the said new Standards, and have been used as Standard Weights and Measures under the said recited Acts, although different in Shape and Form from the Standards prescribed by the said recited Act of the Fifth Year aforesaid; and it is therefore expedient that such Standard Weights and Measures should be made legal, and that the Auditor or Comptroller General, or some other superintending Officer of the Exchequer, should be empowered to compare

5 G. 4. c. 74.

6 G. 4. c. 12.

compare and verify, and stamp as so compared and verified, Standards of Length, Weight, or Measure, although not exact Models and Copies in Shape and Form of the respective Standards of Length, Weight, and Measure deposited under the Provisions of the said first-recited Acts in the Office of the said Chamberlains and Auditor: And whereas it is expedient that after a limited Period the Use of all Weights and Measures, not in conformity with the Weights and Measures established by the said recited Acts, should be prohibited, and that the Use of the Heaped Measure should be abolished: 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 so much of the said recited Acts as require that all Weights and Measures shall be Models and Copies in Shape or Form of the Standards deposited in the Exchequer, and also so much of the said recited Acts as allow the Use of Weights and Measures not in conformity with the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures established by the said Acts, or allow Goods or Merchandize to be bought or sold by any Weights or Measures established by local Custom or founded on special Agreement, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Provisions in recited Acts as to Models and Copies of Standard Weights and Measures repealed.

Weights and Measures stamped at the Exchequer declared legal, although not similar in Shape to those required by recited Acts.

II. And be it enacted, That all Weights and Measures which have been so verified and stamped at the Exchequer as Copies of the Standard Weights and Measures, corresponding in Weight and Capacity with those established by the said recited Acts, shall be deemed and taken to be legal Weights and Measures, and may be legally used for Comparison as Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures, although not similar in Shape to those required under the Provisions of the said recited Acts.

Superintending Officer of Exchequer may verify and stamp Weights and Measures of other Form than those prescribed by the Act 5 G. 4. c. 74.

III. And be it enacted, That the Auditor or Comptroller General, or some other Superintending Officer of the Exchequer at *Westminster*, may compare and verify, and stamp as so compared and verified, as correct Standard Measures of a Yard, and as correct Standard Weights, and as correct Standard Measures of Capacity, any Weights and Measures which shall correspond in Length, Weight, and Capacity with the Standards, or Parts or Multiples thereof respectively, deposited in the Exchequer under the said Act of the Fifth Year aforesaid, although such Weights and Measures may not be Models or Copies in Shape or Form of the Standards so deposited as aforesaid; any thing in the said recited Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Heaped Measure abolished after 1st Jan. 1835.

IV. And whereas the Heaped Measure is liable to considerable Variation, and the Use of Weights made of soft Materials affords Facilities to Fraud; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five so much of the said recited Acts as relate to the Heaped Measure shall be and are hereby repealed, and that the Use of the Heaped Measure shall be abolished, and that all Bargains, Sales, and Contracts made by the Heaped Measure after the said First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five shall be null and void;

and thereafter no Weight made of Lead or of Pewter shall be stamped or used.

Copies of the Imperial Standards to be provided, by Order of Magistrates in Quarter Sessions for Counties in England and Wales, and by Meetings of Justices in Scotland.

V. And be it enacted, for carrying more fully into effect the Provisions of the said recited Acts regarding the providing of Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures, That at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace next after the passing of this Act the Magistrates of every County or County of a City in *England* and *Wales* in Quarter Sessions assembled, and in *Scotland* the Justices of the Peace at a Meeting to be called for the Purpose by the Sheriff of each County, and the Magistrates of each Royal Burgh, within Three Months after the passing of this Act, shall respectively determine the Number of Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures which they shall deem requisite for the Comparison of all Weights and Measures in use within their Counties, Counties of Cities, and Burghs respectively, and shall direct that such Copies, verified and stamped at the Exchequer, shall be provided for the Use of the same, and shall be deposited at certain central and convenient Places, to be fixed upon by the said Magistrates so assembled, under the Care of an Inspector or Inspectors of Weights and Measures, to be by the said Magistrates appointed and dismissed as Occasion may require.

Copies to be provided by Grand Juries in Ireland.

VI. And be it enacted, That in *Ireland* the Grand Jury of every County, County of a City, or County of a Town shall, at the Spring Assizes next ensuing after the passing of this Act, determine the Number of Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures which they shall deem requisite for the Comparison of all Weights and Measures in use within their Counties, Counties of Cities, or Counties of Towns respectively, and, where Copies shall not have been already provided, shall direct that such Copies, verified and stamped at the Exchequer, shall be procured for the Use of the same, and such Copies shall be deposited at certain central and convenient Places, to be fixed upon by the said Grand Juries so assembled, under the Care of an Inspector or Inspectors of Weights and Measures, to be by the said Grand Juries appointed and dismissed as Occasion may require; and the Expences attending the providing such Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures, and for affording the necessary Remuneration to the Inspectors, shall be provided for and paid by Presentments to be made by the Grand Juries on such Counties, Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns respectively.

Judges may order Copies in Counties in Ireland when it has not been done by Grand Juries.

VII. And be it enacted, That in *Ireland* the senior Judge shall, before the Close of the Spring Assizes aforesaid, inquire whether One complete Set of such Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures has been provided or ordered in each County, County of a City or Town; and in every Case in which it shall not appear to him that One Set at least of such Copies has been provided or ordered, such Judge shall forthwith order the Treasurer of the County, County of a City or Town, to provide One complete Set of such Copies, and every such Order shall have the Effect of a Presentment on the County at large for such Sum as may be necessary to procure a com-

a complete Set of such Copies; and such Treasurer shall, within Three Calendar Months next after he shall receive such Order, fully execute the same, or failing so to do shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling.

Power of providing additional Copies when requisite.

VIII. And be it enacted, That in case the Number of Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures provided as aforesaid for Comparison in any County, County of a City, or Royal Burgh, or County of a Town, in the United Kingdom, shall be found insufficient, or that any of them shall have been lost or injured, it shall be lawful in *England* and *Wales* and in *Scotland* for the Magistrates so assembled as aforesaid, between the First and Twenty-fifth Day of *October* in each Year, and in *Ireland* for the Grand Juries at the Spring Assizes in each Year, to direct that new or additional Copies shall be provided for the Use of their respective Counties, Counties of Cities, Royal Burghs, and Counties of Towns, and to determine the Places in which such Copies shall be kept, and to appoint an additional Inspector or Inspectors for the Care of such Copies as Occasion may require, and that all Expences incurred thereby shall be provided for and paid according to the Modes herein-before set forth.

Return to be made by Clerks of the Peace on 1st of March 1836.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace of every County of the United Kingdom shall, on the First Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, transmit a Return to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which Return shall be forthwith laid before Parliament, specifying the Dates and Terms of all Determinations of Magistrates of Counties, or of Counties of Cities, or of Counties of Towns, or of Magistrates of Royal Burghs, as to the Number of Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures which they shall have deemed requisite for their Counties, Counties of Cities, or Counties of Towns, and Burghs respectively, as also of all such Determinations made by any Grand Jury, or of Orders made by any Judge of Assize, in *Ireland*, and which Return shall specially set forth how far such Determinations and Orders have before the Date of such Returns been complied with by the Weights and Measures so ordered having been provided in the several Instances set forth in such Determinations or Orders; and any Clerk of the Peace who shall neglect to make such Return shall be liable to a Penalty of Fifty Pounds.

Power to Magistrates of Towns, &c. to provide Copies of the Imperial Standards.

X. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in all other Cities or Towns, Liberties or Places, possessing corporate or other legal Jurisdiction, and which have been or shall be hereafter supplied with Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures, it shall be lawful for the Magistrates of such Cities, Towns, Liberties, or Places to appoint an Inspector or Inspectors of Weights and Measures within the Limits of their respective Jurisdictions; and that such Inspectors so appointed shall, within such Limits, have the same Powers and discharge the same Duties as the Inspectors of Weights and Measures appointed under this Act by the County Magistrates or Grand Juries for their respective Counties.

XI. And

XI. And be it enacted, That in every City or Town not being a County of itself, every Individual or Individuals or Body Corporate in *Ireland*, exercising the Privilege of appointing a Weighmaster, shall, on or before the First of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, or within Three Months after the Set of Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures for the County in which such Right shall be exercised shall have been provided, supply such Weighmaster with accurate Beams and Scales, and with a Set of accurate Copies in respect of Weight, Capacity, and Length, of the County Set, under a Penalty of Twenty Pounds; and the Accuracy of such Set of Copies shall be certified under the Hand of some Inspector of Weights and Measures; and such Set of Copies shall, for the Purpose of Comparison and Verification, be considered Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures required by this Act, and shall be used for no other Purpose whatever, under a Penalty of Five Pounds; and once at least in every Five Years, under the like Penalty, the same shall be re-adjusted by some Set of Copies of the Standard Weights and Measures which shall have been verified by the Exchequer Standard; and the Weighmaster shall produce to every Magistrate requiring the same, and to any Person whose Weights or Measures shall have been detained on Comparison with the Copies under the Care of such Weighmaster, the Certificate of the Adjustment or Re-adjustment thereof, under the Hand of the Inspector in Charge of the Set of Copies with which the same shall have been compared and re-adjusted; and such Weighmaster may demand and receive the same Fees as may be demanded by any Inspector under this Act.

Weighmasters in Ireland to be supplied with Beams and Scales and accurate Copies.

XII. And whereas by local Customs in the Markets, Towns, and other Places throughout the United Kingdom, the Denomination of the Stone Weight varies, being in the Country generally deemed to contain Fourteen Pounds Avoirdupois, and in *London* commonly Eight of such Pounds, or otherwise, as may be; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the First of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five the Weight denominated a Stone shall in all Cases consist of Fourteen Standard Pounds Avoirdupois, and that the Weight denominated an Hundred Weight shall consist of Eight such Stones, and that the Weight denominated a Ton shall consist of Twenty such Hundred Weight; and all Contracts made by any other Stone, Hundred Weight, or Ton, from and after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, shall be null and void.

The Stone Weight, Hundred Weight, and Ton.

XIII. And be it enacted, That from and after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five all Articles sold by Weight shall be sold by Avoirdupois Weight, excepting Gold, Silver, Platina, Diamonds, or other precious Stones, and Drugs when sold by Retail; and that such excepted Articles, and none others, may be sold by Troy Weight.

All Articles to be sold by Avoirdupois, except as herein stated.

XIV. And whereas the Bushel Measure commonly called or known by the Name of the *Winchester* Bushel, and also the Lineal Measure commonly called the *Scotch* Ell, and other customary or local Measures,

All Weights and Measures to be stamped by Inspectors;

sures, still continue to be used in divers Places in the United Kingdom, contrary to the Provisions of the said recited Acts; be it therefore enacted, That in *England* and *Wales* the Magistrates at Quarter Sessions assembled, and in *Scotland* the Justices of the Peace at a Meeting called by the Sheriff, and in *Ireland* the Grand Jury of each County and County of a City or Town, shall procure for the Use of the Inspectors good and sufficient Stamps for the stamping or sealing all Weights and Measures used or to be used in such County, which Stamp, so procured, shall be taken to be the Stamp for such County, and none others shall be considered legal Stamps; and that all Weights and Measures whatsoever used for buying and selling, or for the collecting of any Tolls or Duties, or for the making of any Charges on the Conveyance of any Goods or Merchandize, shall be examined and compared with one of the Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures provided under the Authority of this Act for the Purpose of Comparison by such Inspectors appointed as aforesaid, who shall stamp, in such Manner as best to prevent Fraud, such Weights and Measures when so examined and compared as aforesaid, if found to correspond with the said Copy, the Fees for which Examination, Comparison, and Stamping shall be according to the Scale contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed; and all Persons who, after the First of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, in *England* and *Wales* and in *Scotland*, or after the First of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five in *Ireland*, shall make any Weights or Measures other than those authorized by this Act, or shall sell, expose to sale, or use any Weights or Measures which have not been so stamped as aforesaid, or which shall be found light or otherwise unjust, shall on Conviction forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and that any Contract, Bargain, or Sale made by any such Weights or Measures shall be wholly null and void, and that all such light or unjust Weights and Measures so used shall be seized, forfeited, and condemned.

Penalty for making any other Measures or Weights, or using any unstamped, light, or defective Weights and Measures.

Regulation as to Fiar Prices of Commodities in Scotland.

XV. And be it enacted, That in *Scotland*, from and after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the Fiar Prices of all Grain in every County shall be struck by the Imperial Quarter, and all other Returns of the Prices of Grain shall be set forth by the same, without any Reference to any other Measure whatsoever; and that any Sheriff Clerk, Clerk of a Market, or other Person who shall offend against this Provision shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds or less than Twenty Shillings.

Inspectors to enter into Recognizance.

XVI. And be it enacted, That every Person appointed an Inspector of Weights and Measures as aforesaid shall forthwith enter into a legal Security to the King, to be sued for in any Court of Record, in the Sum of One hundred Pounds, for the due and punctual Performance of the Duties of his Office, and for the Safety of the Copies committed to his Charge, and for their due Restoration immediately on his Removal or other Cessation from Office; and every such Inspector shall, on receiving due Notice, attend to examine, compare, and stamp, if so required and found correct, such Weights and Measures as shall be produced to him; and he shall keep a Book, wherein he shall

shall enter Minutes of all such Comparisons, and give a Certificate under his Hand of every such Stamping or Verification, if required so to do.

Power to Magistrates to inspect Weights and Measures.

XVII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Two or more Magistrates of any County, or of any City or Town being a County within itself, or for any Sheriff or Magistrates of any Burgh or Town Corporate in *Scotland*, within their respective Districts, to enter any Shop, Store, Warehouse, Stall, Yard, or Place whatsoever, wherein Goods shall be exposed or kept for Sale, or shall be weighed for Conveyance or Carriage, and there to examine all Weights and Measures, Beams and Scales, or other Weighing Machines, and to compare and try the same with the Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures required or authorized to be provided under this Act, and to cause the same to be taken possession of and detained until they shall have been examined by the nearest Inspector; and if upon such Examination it shall appear that the said Weights or Measures, Beams and Scales, or other Weighing Machines, are light or otherwise unjust, the same shall be forfeited and destroyed, and the Person or Persons in whose Possession the same were found shall be liable in a Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds: Provided always, that any Person who shall neglect or refuse to produce for the Inspection of such Magistrates, when thereto required, all Weights and Measures, Beams, Scales, or other Weighing Machines which shall be in his Possession, or shall otherwise obstruct or hinder such Magistrates, shall be liable to a like Penalty, and also that no such pecuniary Penalty shall be incurred if he, she, or they shall prove to the Satisfaction of such Magistrates that such Weights and Measures, Beams and Scales, or other Weighing Machines produced or found in his Possession, have not been in use since the passing of this Act.

Penalty for counterfeiting Stamps on Weights and Measures.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be made, forged, or counterfeited, or knowingly act or assist in the making, forging, and counterfeiting, any Stamp or Mark now used or which may hereafter from Time to Time be used for the stamping or marking of any Weights or Measures, to denote that any such Weight or Measure has been compared, adjusted, and approved to be of the due Weight or Measure required by Law, shall for every such Offence forfeit a Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds or less than Ten Pounds; and if any Person shall knowingly sell, utter, dispose of, or expose to sale any Weight or Measure with such forged or counterfeit Stamp or Mark thereon, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds or less than Forty Shillings, to be recovered in a summary Way as herein-after provided; and that all Weights and Measures with such forged or counterfeited Marks shall be seized, forfeited, and condemned.

Copies of the Standard Weights and Measures, which shall

XIX. And be it enacted, That all Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures which may have been worn by Time, and mended in consequence of any Wear or Accident, shall forthwith be sent

have been worn and mended, to be sent to the Exchequer to be re-verified.

sent to the Exchequer for the Purpose of being again compared and verified, and shall be stamped as mended Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures; provided such Weights and Measures have been so mended that the Auditor, Comptroller General, or other superintending Officer appointed for such Verification shall deem them fit to be used for the Purposes of Standards; and every new Comparison and Verification shall be indorsed upon the original Indenture of Verification, and such Weights and Measures shall be so stamped upon Payment of Fees of Verification only.

Officer at Exchequer to keep a Register of Copies verified.

XX. And be it enacted, That there shall be kept by the Auditor, Comptroller General, or other Superintending Officer at the Exchequer, an Account or Register of all Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures, or the Parts or Multiples thereof, that shall have been verified at the Exchequer at *Westminster*.

As to Penalties in England and Ireland.

XXI. And be it enacted, That in *England* and *Wales* and in *Ireland* all Penalties and Forfeitures which shall be incurred under any of the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fifth Year aforesaid, or this Act, shall be paid to the Treasurer of such County; and in case such Conviction shall take place on Information, then One Half to the Informer or to the Person who may sue for the same, and the Remainder to the Treasurer of the County or County of a City in which they shall be respectively recovered, and be applied to and make Part of the County Rate, or of such other Funds as shall be liable, under the Provisions of this Act, to the Cost of providing and maintaining Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures; any thing in the said recited Act of the Fifth Year aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding.

Form of Conviction.

XXII. And be it enacted, That in all Counties in *England* and *Wales* and in *Ireland* all Penalties under this Act shall be sued for and recovered before Two or more Justices of the Peace at Petty Sessions, or before the Mayor or other Chief Magistrate of any City, Borough, Town, or Place within whose Jurisdiction the Offence shall have been committed, and that the Conviction may be drawn up according to the following Form, or in Words to the like Effect:

'BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord *A.B.* is convicted before me [*or* us] One [*or* Two] of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the [*here specify the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where committed, as the Case may be*], contrary to an Act passed in the Year of the Reign of King [*as the Case may be*]; and I do adjudge that the said *A.B.* hath forfeited for said Offence the Sum of [*here insert the Penalty*]. Given under my Hand and Seal [*or* our Hands and Seals] the Day and Year first above written.'

Appeal to next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That any Person convicted of any Penalty under this Act in *England* and *Wales* or in *Ireland* may appeal to the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, or City or Town being a County within itself, against such

Conviction, on giving Security in Double the Amount of such Penalty within Forty-eight Hours after the Conviction shall have been made; and the Decision thereupon made shall be final.

As to Penalties in Scotland.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That in *Scotland* all Penalties incurred under the Provisions of this Act, or of any of the before-recited Acts, shall be recoverable, with Expences, either before the Sheriff of the County or the Magistrates of the Burgh or Town Corporate wherein the same may be incurred or where the Offender may reside, or before Two or more Justices of the Peace of such County, at the Instance either of the Procurator Fiscal of Court, or any Person who may prosecute for the same; and in the former Case the whole Penalties, after deducting all Charges, shall be applied in aid of the Funds liable, under the Provisions of this Act, to the Cost of providing and maintaining Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures in the Place where such Penalties shall be awarded; and where the Prosecution shall be at the Instance of a private Party, one Half of such Penalties shall go in aid of the aforesaid Funds, and the other Half to the Party who may prosecute for the same; and it is hereby provided, that it shall be competent for the said Courts respectively to proceed in a summary Way, and to grant Warrant for bringing the Parties complained of before them, and upon Proof on Oath by One or more credible Witnesses, or on the Confession of the Offender, or on other legal Evidence, forthwith to give Judgment on such Complaint, without any written Pleadings or Record of Evidence, and to grant Warrant for the Recovery of such Penalties and Expences discerned for, failing Payment within Fourteen Days after Conviction, by Poinding, or by Imprisonment for a Period, at the Discretion of the Court, not exceeding Sixty Days, it being hereby provided that a Record should be preserved of the Charge and of the Judgment pronounced.

Appeal in Scotland to Commissioners of Justiciary at Circuit Court.

XXV. And be it enacted, That in *Scotland* if any Person or Persons shall feel themselves aggrieved by the Sentence of any Sheriff or Magistrates of Burghs or Towns Corporate, or Justices of the Peace, pronounced in any Case arising under this Act, it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons to appeal to the Commissioners of Justiciary at the next Circuit Court, or, where there is no Circuit Court, to the High Court of Justiciary at *Edinburgh*, in the Manner and under the Rules, Limitations, and Conditions contained in an Act passed in the Twentieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for taking away and abolishing Heritable Jurisdictions in* Scotland, with this Variation only, that such Person or Persons so appealing shall, in place of finding Caution in the Terms prescribed by the said Act, be bound to find Caution to pay the Penalty or Penalties and Expences awarded against him or them by the Sentence or Sentences appealed from, in the event of the Appeal or Appeals being dismissed, together with any additional Expences which shall be awarded by the Court in dismissing the said Appeal; and it shall not be competent to appeal from or to bring the Judgment of any Sheriff or Justices of the Peace acting under this Act under Review by Advocation, Suspension, or Reduction, or in any other Way other than as herein provided.

20 G. 2. c. 43.

4 Anne (I.) and 5 Geo. 4. c. 110. repealed, except so far as relate to Duties, &c. of Weighmasters.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Fourth Year of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for regulating Weights used in this Kingdom, and that Salt and Meal shall be sold by Weight*, and another Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in the Fifth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the Indemnity of Magistrates using unlawful Weights in* Ireland, shall be and they are hereby repealed, except in so far as they relate to the Appointment, Duties, and Remuneration of Weighmasters.

Powers of Ward Inquests, &c. not to be interfered with.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall interfere with the Powers of the Ward Inquests in respect to Weights and Measures within the City of *London* and Liberties thereof and the Borough of *Southwark*, nor prohibit, defeat, injure, or lessen the Right of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or of the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, with respect to the stamping or sealing Weights and Measures, or concerning the Office of Gauger of Wines, Oils, Honey, and other gaugeable Liquors imported and landed within the City of *London* and Liberties thereof.

Rights of Founders Company reserved.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prohibit, defeat, injure, or lessen the Rights granted by Charter to the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Founders of the City of *London*.

In Actions, Magistrates may plead the General Issue.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That in all Actions brought against any Magistrate for any thing he shall do under this Act it shall be lawful for such Magistrate to plead the General Issue, and to give the special Matter in Evidence; and if a Verdict shall be given for the Defendant therein he shall have Double Costs.

Act may be amended, &c. this Session.

XXX. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

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SCHEDULE OF FEES

To be taken by all INSPECTORS of WEIGHTS and MEASURES (except those appointed for the Cities of LONDON and WESTMINSTER, or under the Authority of the Founders Company), and by all WEIGHMASTERS in IRELAND.

For examining, comparing, and stamping all Brass Weights, within their respective Jurisdictions:

	s.	*d.*
For each Half Hundred Weight	1	6
For each Quarter of a Hundred Weight	0	9
For each Stone	0	6
For each Weight under a Stone	0	1½

For examining, comparing, and stamping all Iron Weights, or Weights of other Descriptions not made of Brass, within their respective Jurisdictions:

	s.	*d.*
Each Half Hundred Weight	0	6
Each Quarter of a Hundred Weight	0	3
For each Stone, and all Weights under a Stone	0	2

For examining, comparing, and stamping all Wooden Measures, within their respective Jurisdictions:

	s.	*d.*
Each Bushel	0	6
Each Half Bushel	0	3
Each Peck, and all under	0	2
Each Yard	0	6

For examining, comparing, and stamping all Measures of Capacity of Liquids, made of Copper or other Metal, within their respective Jurisdictions:

	s.	*d.*
Each Five Gallon	1	8
Each Four Gallon	1	4
Each Three Gallon	1	0
Each Two Gallon	0	8
Each Gallon	0	4
Each Half Gallon	0	2
Each Quart	0	1
Each Pint, and under	0	0½

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