

An Ordinance directing the manner of punishing Slaves guilty of Offences against the Ordinances of the City of Baltimore.

I. Be it enacted and Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that from and after the passing of this Ordinance, if any Slave for life or years shall be guilty of any offence against any of the Laws and Ordinances passed or to be passed, by the Corporation of the City of Baltimore, he she or they so offending, shall on Conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction of the same, be whipped with any number of Stripes not exceeding thirty nine, in the discretion of the Justice of the Peace before whom such slave shall be tried, unless the fine annexed to the offence, together with all costs arising thereon, be paid or secured to be paid, for the use of the City, provided that the Justice of the Peace aforesaid, shall not proceed to the trial of such Slave, until due notice of such intended proceeding shall be given by the said Justice, to the Master or Mistress of such Slave.

II. And be it enacted and Ordained, that all Ordinances and Supplements to Ordinances directing the manner of punishing Servants and Slaves guilty of offences against the Laws and Ordinances of the City of Baltimore shall be and they are hereby repealed, provided such repeal shall not extend to any offence heretofore committed.

Approved 26th January 1826

John Montgomery, Mayor.

An Ordinance directing returns to be made by the Inspectors.

Be it enacted and Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that all Inspectors holding their appointments under this Corporation, on the last days of March, June, September and December in each and every year, shall on Oath or Affirmation as the case may be, make a true and regular statement of all the different articles that he or they are by the several Ordinances empowered to inspect to the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, which said statements shall

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shall be published in one or more of the News papers of the City of Baltimore.

Approved, 26th January 1826

John Montgomery, Mayor.

An Ordinance for the Inspection of Flax Seed.

I. Be it enacted and Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that all Flax seed exported from the City of Baltimore, shall be submitted to the view and examination of an Inspector to be annually appointed.

II. And be it enacted and Ordained, that it shall not be lawful for any person whosoever to export, ship or land on board any Ship or Vessel for exportation any Flax seed unless the same be well cleaned, sound and merchantable packed in Casks made of Oak staves, sound and well seasoned, tightened with fourteen hoops, and nailed with four nails in each Chime hoop, and four nails in each upper bilge hoop, sufficient in every respect to hold Flax seed and of the following dimensions to wit, the length of the stave to be thirty two inches, the diameter of the head to be twenty three inches and the canting pieces of one head of each Cask to be seasoned Oak, and to contain seven bushels of Flax seed, or in Casks of thirty inches the length of the stave, and the diameter of each head seventeen inches, tightened with fourteen hoops, sufficiently nailed with four nails in each Chime hoop, and three nails in each upper bilge hoop, and the canting pieces of one head of each Cask to be of seasoned Oak and to contain three and one half Bushels of Flax seed, and inspected and Branded agreeably to this Ordinance, under the penalty of five dollars for each Cask so exported or laden on board any Ship or Vessel for exportation.

III. And be it enacted and Ordained, that all Flax seed put up in the City of Baltimore for exportation shall be by the person or persons who clean and prepare the same, branded on the head with the initials of the Christian name and the surname at full length of such person or persons in letters of at least three fourths of an inch in length, under the penalty of two dollars for each and every offence.

IV. And be it enacted and Ordained, that it shall be the duty of the Inspector of Flax seed to examine and inspect all and every Cask and half Cask of Flax seed intended