

# An Ordinance for the Inspection of Flour.

Sec 1. Be it enacted and Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that there shall be annually appointed three persons of integrity and experienced and well skilled in the quality of bolted flour, to be Inspectors of all flour brought to the City for sale, who shall before they enter upon the duties of their Office respectively enter into a Bond to the Corporation with such security as the Mayor shall approve and in the penal sum of two thousand dollars with Conditions that they will respectively execute the trust reposed in them with fidelity and impartiality.

Sec II. And be it enacted and Ordained that the City <sup>shall</sup> be divided into three districts, as equal as may be, the first District shall comprise all that part of the City from the west side of Cross Street to the West side of Charles Street, the second from the west side of Charles Street to the East side of North Street and South Street to the intersection of Water Street thence with Water Street to Commerce Street and including both sides of Commerce Street to the basin and the third all the remaining part of the City, and the said Inspectors shall attend in weekly rotation in each of the above described districts, and inspect the flour which may be presented to him, and shall at the expiration of each and every year make an equal and fair division of all money received for inspection in and that their respective emoluments shall be the same, and it shall be the duty of the said Inspectors to aid and assist each other whenever required so to do, and in the ~~event~~ <sup>case</sup> of sickness or unavoidable absence of one or more of the Inspectors the Mayor may and he is hereby authorized to appoint a Deputy during said disability, provided the same shall be necessary and the said Deputy shall be governed by the same rules as the inspectors.

Sec III. And be it enacted and Ordained that all bolted wheat flour, and every Cask thereof brought to the City of Baltimore for sale or exportation shall by the Manufacturer thereof be made merchantable and of due fineness; without any false packing or mixture of coarse flour, Oley, stale or other flour or meal, and the Manufacturer or Manufacturer and the person or persons offering the same for sale or inspection shall each forfeit and

pay the sum of five dollars for each and every Barrel falsely packed or mixed with coarse, sour, Oley, stale or other flour or meal.

Sec IV. And be it enacted and Ordained, that all flour brought to the City of Baltimore for sale or exportation shall be submitted to the view and examination of the inspectors as aforesaid, and shall be examined and inspected in the open air; and it shall not be lawful for the said Inspectors to examine and inspect flour in any ware house or shed building whatever, under the penalty of One dollar for each and every barrel so inspected.

Sec V. And be it enacted and Ordained, that all Casks, containing flour brought to the City of Baltimore for sale or exportation, shall be well <sup>made</sup> of good seasoned material, and tightened with ten hoops, <sup>sufficiently</sup> indited with four nails in each China hoop, and three nails in each upper bilge hoop, and of the following dimensions viz the staves of all whole barrells twenty seven inches long, and the diameter of the head seventeen inches, the staves of all half barrells twenty two inches in length and the diameter at the head to be thirteen inches and all casks truly tared on the same head, with the Mill Brand shall be deemed a merchantable cask, and every Miller and bolter of flour shall provide and have a distinguished brand (mark of strong) impresson and such as cannot easily be erased, with which he shall brand each and every Cask of flour before the same shall be removed from the place where the same were manufactured, with the name of the mill at full length, or the initials of the propriety or Centen Christian name with the surname at full length, and every Miller or bolter shall also brand every Cask of flour according to the respective dimensions above specified; and the said inspectors are hereby directed not to brand any Cask of flour which is not prepared agreeably to the directions of this Ordinance and the inspectors shall cause all casks which are unmerchantable, but are susceptible of being so repaired as to be made merchantable, to be repaired at the expense of the Owner or owners, and shall not condemn the same if put in proper order.

Sec VI. And be it enacted and Ordained that the said Miller or bolter shall put into all barrels such quantity of flour as upon inspection shall amount to the full weight of One hundred and ninety six pounds of flour, and into all half barrels the full weight of