

Pleas, within and for the County of Hampshire, and the most likely to give general satisfaction to the inhabitants thereof.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Senate, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the Supreme Judicial Court, shall hereafter be holden in the town of Northampton, in the said County of Hampshire, on the last Tuesday of April, and the fourth Tuesday of September, annually; and that the said town of Northampton shall be the shire town of said County of Hampshire.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Court of General Sessions of the peace, and Court of Common pleas, within and for the County of Hampshire, shall hereafter be holden at Northampton, on the third Tuesday of May, the first Tuesday of September, the second Tuesday of November, and the second Tuesday of January, annually; any law heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding. Approved February 26, 1794.

1793. — Chapter 65.

[January Session, ch. 39.]

AN ACT FOR ASCERTAINING THE QUALITY OF STONE LIME, AND THE SIZE OF LIME CASKS, AND FOR REPEALING ALL LAWS HERETOFORE MADE RELATIVE THERETO.

Whereas considerable quantities of Stone Lime are and may be manufactured within this Commonwealth, which, if subjected to proper regulations may become an article of Export —

Be it Enacted by the Senate, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same; That from, and after the first day of July next no stone lime manufactured within this Commonwealth, shall be sold, or exposed to sale, or shipped on board any vessel in casks, but such only as shall be well burnt and pure, and contained in hogsheads of one hundred gallons each, or half hogsheads of fifty gallons each made of well seasoned oak, or ash staves with ten hoops on each cask well driven, and sufficiently secured with nails or pins. — And every manufacturer, or owner of lime at the time it is manufactured, and put into casks shall with a burning Iron impress, or mark on one of the heads of each cask of lime his own name, and the name

Method of
making and
casking Stone
Lime.

of the town, or place, where said lime is manufactured both at length, and the contents in figures.

And be it further enacted, that if the manufacturer or owner of any stone lime as aforesaid, or any other person employed by him, shall presume to sell or expose to sale, or ship, or receive on board any vessel in casks any lime other than such as shall be contained in a cask, or casks made as aforesaid, and having the aforesaid marks or brands, the offender or offenders shall incur the penalty of ten shillings for each cask so sold, or offered for sale, or shipped, or received on board any vessel, to be sued for, and recovered before any justice of the peace, or Court of common pleas, as the case may require by action of debt, and all such lime, and cask, or casks shall be forfeited, and may be recovered by libel as the law directs. And it shall be lawfull for any justice of the peace upon information given of any such cask or casks of lime sold, or exposed to sale, or put, or received on board any vessel as aforesaid not made and duly marked, or branded as aforesaid, to issue his warrant directed to the Sherrif, his deputy or constable requiring them respectively to make seizure of any such lime sold, or exposed to sale, or shipped, or received on board any Vessel and not made, and marked as aforesaid, and to secure the same in order for tryal, and such officers are respectively directed and impowered to execute the same.

Forfeiture, in case of offence.

Officer to seize and secure for trial.

And be it further enacted; That if after any cask, or casks, containing lime shall have been stamped with the manufacturer's, or owners marks as aforesaid, any cooper, or other person shall presume to shift the contents of said cask, or casks, and put therein any other lime with a design to sell, or ship the same on board any vessel, such cooper, or other person so offending shall forfeit, and pay the sum of ten shillings for every cask of lime, so shifted to be recovered in manner as aforesaid.

Forfeiture, in case of fraud.

And be it further Enacted; that if any manufacturer, or manufacturers, owner, or owners of lime as aforesaid, or other person shall be guilty of any fraud in marking with their respective brands, any cask or casks of lime, that shall not be merchantable according to [to] the true intent, and meaning of this Act, he or they shall forfeit, and pay the sum of twenty shillings for every such offence, or for every cask so falsly marked to be recovered as aforesaid.

Manufacturers subject to forfeiture, in case of fraud.

And be it further Enacted; that if any manufacturer, or owner of lime, or any other person employed by him shall presume to brand any cask, or casks of lime with the name of any other person, or persons, than of the real manufacturer, or manufacturers, or the right owner, or owners thereof he or they shall incur the penalty of twenty shillings for every cask, so marked, or branded, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Division of penalties.

And be it further Enacted, that all penalties, and forfeitures arising by virtue of this Act shall be one moiety thereof to the use of the County, in which the offences shall be committed, and the other moiety to him, or them who shall inform and sue for the same.

And be it further Enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that all Laws heretofore made for regulating the sale of lime be, and they hereby are repealed — *Provided nevertheless* that nothing in the foregoing act shall be construed to restrain any manufacturers of lime, or other person from retailing lime by the bushel, or other quantities not in casks.

Laws repealed.

Approved February 26, 1794.

1793. — Chapter 66.

[January Session, ch. 40.]

AN ACT FOR CONTINUING AN ACT, MADE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY NINE, INTITLED "AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FISH CALLED SHAD AND ALEWIVES IN MISTICK RIVER, SO CALLED, WITHIN THE TOWNS OF CAMBRIDGE, CHARLESTOWN AND MEDFORD, & FOR REPEALING ALL LAWS HERETOFORE MADE FOR THAT PURPOSE;" AND ALSO FOR EXTENDING THE SAID ACT TO THE TOWNS OF WOBURN AND MALDEN.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the said Act, in every article and clause, matter and thing, shall continue and be in force after the first day of March next, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Act continued.

Act extended to Woburn and Malden.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said act shall extend to the towns of Woburn & Malden, in the same manner as it would have extended, in case the said towns had been expressly named in the said Act.

Approved February 27, 1794.