

wards voted by the said Parish, unless their connection with the same shall be renewed.

First meeting.

SEC. 8TH. *And be it further Enacted*, that the first meeting of the said Parish may be convened by Virtue of the warrant of any Justice of the Peace in the said County, directed to any principal member of the said Corporation and appointing a suitable time, when such meeting shall be holden at the said Church. And the same shall be notified by posting a copy of the warrant at the door of the said Church and at one other public place in the said Town, fifteen days at the least previous to the said meeting.

Approved June 22, 1799.

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[May Session, ch. 30.]

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE WEIGHING OF BEEF AND PORK.

Whereas great inconveniences have arisen from the uncertain mode of weighing provisions by steel yards:

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 October next, no beef, or Pork shall be weighed by the owners or keepers of any slaughter houses, Stores or warehouses, or by any persons under their direction or controul in said houses, in any greater quantity than fifty pounds, except in Scales and with weights duly sealed, according to the Act passed in the fourth year of William and Mary, entitled, "An Act for due regulation of weights and measures," and every owner or keeper of any slaughter house, store or ware house, or any person or persons by their direction, or under their controul in said houses, who shall weigh any Beef or Pork in any greater quantity than fifty pounds, by steel yards, or in any other way than by scales and weights, duly sealed as aforesaid, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of ten Dollars, to be recovered by action of the case, before any Court competent to try the same, by any person who shall first sue for the same, one half to the use of the person who shall sue as aforesaid, and the other half to the use of the poor of the town, in which such offence shall be committed.

Above fifty pounds not to be weighed with steelyards.

Penalty.

Approved June 22, 1799.