

CHAP. XLVI.

An Act to provide for the Inspection of Salt manufactured in this Commonwealth.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there shall be three Inspectors General of Salt manufactured in this Commonwealth, who shall be well skilled in the manufacture, and have a competent knowledge of the quality thereof; one for the county of Barnstable and Dukes County; one for the county of Bristol; and one for the remaining counties of this Commonwealth; to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, and to be by them removable at pleasure; and who, before they shall enter upon the discharge of their duties, shall give bond with sufficient sureties to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, for the faithful discharge of their duties, and shall also be sworn faithfully to perform the same. And such Inspectors General shall have power, when so qualified, to appoint, and shall appoint, within their respective limits and removable at their pleasure, a number of deputies sufficient in their judgment to execute the provisions of this act, for whom they shall be respectively answerable, and shall take bonds from them with sufficient surety or sureties, and they shall also be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. And the Inspector shall receive of the manufacturer of salt, for his services, each and every time application may be made to him to inspect a quantity of salt, twenty cents upon each and every ten thousand superficial feet of salt works with covers, and half that sum when the works have no covers, in which he may so inspect,

Inspectors General, how appointed.

Inspectors General shall appoint deputies.

Inspector's Fees.

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and at the same rate for a greater or smaller number of feet. *Provided, however,* that when the salt works in which said salt is to be inspected are of the brush-work construction, the Inspector shall be entitled to receive of the manufacturer of salt for his services, each and every time application may be made to him to inspect a quantity of salt, twenty cents for each and every one thousand superficial feet of salt vats in which he may inspect said salt, and at the same rate for a greater or smaller number of feet. And the Inspectors General shall be entitled to receive of their respective deputies twelve per centum of all sums which they may receive under the provisions of this act, and no more.

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Provided however, that the several Inspectors General shall appoint one or more deputy inspectors in each and every town in this Commonwealth where any salt works are located, and in case no person is found willing in any town to accept the office, then the said Inspector General shall make his appointment for such destitute town, in one of the nearest adjoining towns.

Duty of Manufacturer and Inspector.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That when any manufacturer shall be prepared to remove any salt from his vat or vats, he shall, before removing the same, apply to the inspector within whose limits the salt works may be situate, to inspect the same, and said inspector shall proceed, before such salt shall be removed from the vat or vats, to inspect it; and if in his judgment it be necessary in order to ascertain its quality, he shall cause the impure brine which may be in the vat or vats with the salt to be inspected, to be drawn off, and after having caused the salt in said vat or vats to be broken up, he shall cause said vat or vats to be supplied with a sufficient quantity of new brine, to purify said salt and enable him to ascertain the quality thereof; and said new brine shall remain in said vat or vats, not less than twenty-four hours, and if, after this process the inspector shall approve the quality of the salt so inspected, he shall forthwith give to the

manufacturer a permit to remove the said salt, which permit shall be written or printed. And if any person or persons shall take, or cause to be taken, any salt from any salt works within this Commonwealth, which shall not have been inspected in the manner prescribed by this act, or shall, if the weather be suitable for that purpose, neglect for the space of forty-eight hours after it shall have been so inspected, to remove the same, he or they shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, nor less than fifteen dollars: *Provided*, that no inspector shall inspect any salt of which he is the sole or part owner.

Penalty for removing salt before inspection, or neglecting to remove after inspection.

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SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That if any Inspector as aforesaid, shall upon application made for the inspection of any salt within his prescribed limits, unreasonably refuse, neglect, or delay to proceed to such inspection for the space of three hours after application made to him, the inspector so refusing, neglecting, or delaying to make such inspection, shall for each offence forfeit ten dollars.

Penalty of Inspector for neglect.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the penalties provided in this act, may be recovered by action of debt, in any Court proper to try the same, for the use of the complainant.

Penalties, how recovered.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall not have force or effect until from and after the twentieth day of February, eighteen hundred and thirty.

[Approved by the Governor, February 16, 1830.]