

puty, shall acknowledge the delivery of such receipts and certificates, and in case any person shall forge any receipt or certificate, or by any device or fraud attempt to evade the real payment of the specific articles pretended to have been paid, such person, besides suffering the punishment incurred by law in the ordinary course of prosecution, shall be liable to be distrained, by special order of the commissioners of the tax of his county, after hearing or default, on notice, for treble the sum so deceitfully or fraudulently attempted to be evaded; and in case the person offering any live beef cattle, and the commissary, or his deputy, cannot agree as to the quality or weight, any commissioner of the tax, or justice of the peace, may appoint two or three reputable, disinterested persons, who are good judges of the quality and weight of live beef cattle, to determine the same.

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XLVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each deputy-commissary shall, at least once a month, and oftener if required by his principal, transmit to him an account of all meat, provisions dead and alive, and wheat and flour, received and delivered by him, and what remains on hand, and the places where; and the said commissary and his deputies are empowered and required to procure salt, and good well seasoned tight barrels, or small tight casks, and to hire hands, for the salting, packing and curing; all pork; and the said commissary, or any of his deputies, may place out, for keeping and feeding, all or any live beef cattle delivered to him, and may also, where it conveniently may be done, use the bran and shorts of the public wheat for that purpose, and where the bran and shorts cannot be conveniently fed away, the said commissary shall sell the same for the benefit of the public.

Deputies to transmit accounts, &c.

XLVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all wheat delivered at the mills shall be there well ground, bolted and packed, and the commissary, or his deputy, shall find good well seasoned barrels; and all wheat received at other places shall be sent to mills of reputation, and there well ground, bolted and packed; and the whole flour produced from the wheat, separating only therefrom the bran and shorts, shall be packed together, unless otherwise directed by the governor and the council, or the commissary of provisions; and each county commissary is hereby required to visit frequently the mills in his county in the public service, to see that the public work is well executed, and not unnecessarily delayed; and every county commissary shall, from time to time, shew his books, and the state of his transactions, to his principal.

Wheat to be ground, &c.

XLIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the owner of every mill where wheat shall be lodged or sent as aforesaid, or the person by him employed in the charge of such mill, shall keep and preserve the wheat so lodged or sent to such mill, and shall grind, bolt and pack the same as aforesaid, in a reasonable time; and keep and preserve the flour in such mill, if required, for any time not exceeding two months, for the reward of one twelfth part of every bushel of wheat ground, bolted and packed; and in case any such wheat, or any flour made thereof, shall be wasted, destroyed or damaged by the owner of the mill, or any of his servants employed therein, or any such wheat or flour shall be in any manner converted to the use of any such owner or servant, on complaint to the commissioners of the tax, they may issue their summons for the party accused, and after hearing and evidence of the fact, (or on his default to appear after notice,) they may, by their warrant, directed to the sheriff, cause double the value of such wheat or flour to be levied of the goods and chattels of such owner or servant, or by their warrant commit either or any of them to close prison, till the said double value shall be paid; provided, that where the master shall be answerable for the conduct of the servant, only the value of the wheat or flour shall be levied on the master.

Owners of mills to preserve wheat, &c.

L. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all barrels containing public flour shall be marked with a marking iron, or branded, with the name of the person who paid, or the mill which manufactured the same, and the net weight of the flour contained therein, and that all casks and barrels containing meat shall be marked as aforesaid, or branded with the name of the person paying the same, or the name of the county where cured, if cured by a commissary, and the weight of the cured meat packed therein; and the commissary, or any of his deputies, curing or purchasing meat for the public, shall mark as aforesaid, or brand his name on the cask containing the same; and if any mill shall not have room to store with convenience the public flour which may be at such mill, the county commissary shall remove so much as may be necessary without delay, and may, if occasion requires, rent proper houses in which to store the same.

Flour barrels to be marked, &c.

LI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said collectors and their deputies shall, immediately after the said first day of June next, collect the half part of the assessment imposed by this act, by distress and sale of any goods or chattels within his county, the property of any person charged therewith, of which sale five days notice, excluding the day of notice and sale, shall be given, and by distress and

Time for collecting the assessment, &c.