

CHAPTER CXVIII.

An ACT to provide for the Inspection of Ground Black-Oak Bark intended for Exportation.

Section 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the first day of June next, no ground black oak bark shall be exported from the port of Philadelphia, until the same shall be inspected by a person to be appointed by the governor of this commonwealth, and who, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall take an oath or affirmation before the mayor or one of the aldermen of the city of Philadelphia, faithfully and impartially to do and perform the duties assigned to him by this act; and that he shall not directly or indirectly be concerned in buying, selling or shipping ground bark.

Ground black oak bark not to be exported from the port of Philadelphia, until inspected by a person to be appointed by the Governor, who shall take an oath of office.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no ground black oak bark, the produce of the United States, shall be shipped from the port of Philadelphia, except such as in the opinion of the inspector shall be shaved clean from the rofs or outside bark, ground sufficiently fine, and be free from damage by wet, mould or otherwise, well packed, in good and sufficient casks, having at least twelve hoops thereon, together with lining hoops on each end well secured.

Description of bark fit for exportation.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the bark intended for exportation, shall be put up and packed in casks, marked in plain and legible characters,

How it is to be put up and packed.

first and second quality, as its quality and manufacture may merit, together with the word *Philadelphia*, and the name of the inspector; and no casks shall be so marked except the same shall be found free from all mixture with other bark, tan or extraneous matter, from damage by wet, mould or otherwise.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if there shall be found in any cask containing ground black oak bark, any mixture of different barks, or of tan or other extraneous substance, or if it shall not be clean shaved from the outside bark or rofs, and free from damage, the inspector shall condemn the same as unfit for exportation; and as a mark of such condemnation shall mark on each head, distinctly, with a marking iron, the letter C; and any person altering or defacing such mark, with a view of evading this act, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of twenty dollars, one half to the person who shall prosecute for the same, the other half to the use of the poor of said city.

Description of bark that is to be condemned as unfit for exportation.

Mark of such condemnation, and penalty for altering or defacing it.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That every manufacturer of black oak bark for exportation, shall brand, in a legible manner, upon the head of each cask, his name at length, under the penalty of one dollar for each cask which shall not be so branded; and all ground bark intended for exportation, shall be taken at the expence of the owner, to such convenient place within the city or liberties of Philadelphia, as the inspector shall direct, there to be inspected by starting, unpacking or otherwise, as in the opinion of the inspector may be necessary; and it shall be the duty of the inspector

The manufacturer of bark for exportation to brand his name on the head of each cask.

Duty of the

inspector

pector to grant to the person depositing such bark, or to the owner thereof, a receipt or acknowledgment of the bark so deposited with him, in such form or manner as shall be a sufficient evidence of such deposit; but no such bark shall be delivered by the inspector to any person or persons until it shall have been inspected and approved of or condemned.

inspector on receiving bark for inspection.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inspector shall be entitled to receive, for every ton weight of bark which he shall inspect, three dollars; one half of which sum to be paid by the feller, the other half by the buyer; and such reasonable expence as may accrue for cooperage, on account of any deficiency in the casks, shall be paid over and above by the feller, and it shall be the duty of the inspector to weigh each cask, and to furnish the owner with an invoice, specifying the gross weight and the tare of each cask; which invoice shall be signed by him; and for every cask not exceeding ten hundred weight there shall be allowed eight pounds for draft; and the said inspector shall be further entitled to receive from the owner or owners of bark deposited with him for inspection, at and after the rate of six cents for each cask per week, for storage, to be computed from the time when the inspection shall have been completed.

Allowance to the inspector for every ton weight of bark inspected, &c.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inspector shall have power, by virtue of this act, to enter on board any ship or vessel laying within the port of Philadelphia, to search for any ground black oak bark put on board for exportation, without being previously inspected and marked as aforesaid;

The inspector empowered to enter on board any vessel to search for ground bark.

Penalty for re-
sisting or ob-
structing him
in so doing.

said; and if any person or persons shall resist or obstruct the said inspector, in making such search or examination, every person so obstructing or molesting the said officer, on conviction thereof before any competent tribunal, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, and the person or persons who shall have shipped such bark, shall forfeit the same, together with twenty dollars for each cask so shipped, the one half to the use of the officer or person who shall prosecute therefor; the other half to the use of the poor of the said city: *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent any person from selling bark which may be condemned for home consumption, or from shipping any oak bark unground.

Proceedings, in
case the owner
is dissatisfied
with the judg-
ment of the
inspector, as to
the quality of
his bark.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if any owner of ground black oak bark, or other person concerned therein, shall be dissatisfied with the judgment given by the inspector in respect to the quality of such bark, such person shall be at liberty to choose one reputable citizen, and the inspector another, to judge and determine therein, and their determination shall be final; but if the persons so chosen shall disagree in opinion, the mayor of the city of Philadelphia may appoint an umpire, whose opinion shall be conclusive; but nothing in this act shall be considered as extending to liquid extracts from bark, or to any preparation thereof, for which a patent shall have or hereafter may be obtained from the United States.

Limitation of
the act.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That this act shall be and continue in force for three years, and until the end

end of the session of the legislature then next ensuing and no longer.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—the third day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER CXIX.

An ACT erecting certain Election Districts, and making alterations in other districts, in certain counties within this Commonwealth.

Section 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That until another public school-house shall be erected in Mifflin-town, the electors of Fermanagh and Milford townships, in the county of Mifflin, shall hold their elections in the school-house now occupied by David Steele, in Mifflin-town afore said.

Place of elections in Fermanagh and Milford townships, Mifflin county.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority afore said,* That the electors residing within the district of Cumberland-valley township, In Cumberland valley township, county of Bedford.