

William Vance, and James Foutz, containing fifty-two acres and one hundred and fifty-one perches, strict measure, be the same more or less, with the appurtenances, be and the same is hereby released to Rebecca Reed, widow of the said Timothy Reed, her heirs and assigns: *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall in anywise prejudice the rights of individuals or impair any other title to the said premises, than that which the commonwealth has or might have by reason of the said escheat.

Proviso.

JOHN ST. CLAIR, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXVIII.

An ACT providing for the inspection of spirituous liquors.

SECT. I. *BE 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 May next, all distilled spirituous liquors of domestic manufacture, shall prior to exportation from the port of Philadelphia, be gauged, inspected and marked as is hereinafter directed.

Spirituous liquors to be inspected, &c.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no cask containing distilled spirituous liquors of domestic manufacture, shall be exported unless the same be made of well seasoned white oak free from sap, and made tight and secured with twelve good hoops on all barrels, and with sixteen good hoops on all double barrels and hogsheads.

Description of casks.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the following shall be received and taken as a standard regulation for the inspectors of domestic manufactured liquors: *that is to say,*

Standard regulations.

When liquor shall be ten degrees below hydrometer proof it shall be marked as liquor of first proof.

How to be marked.

When liquor shall be five degrees below hydrometer proof, it shall be marked as liquor of second proof.

When liquor shall be hydrometer proof, or one hundred parts spirit and one hundred parts water, it shall be marked as liquor of third proof.

When liquor shall be five degrees above hydrometer proof, it shall be marked as liquor of the fourth proof.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the governor of this commonwealth be and he is hereby di-

rected, on or before the first day of May next to appoint and commission two persons to be gaugers and inspectors of domestic distilled spirits.

Governor to appoint inspectors, &c.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That each of the persons who shall be appointed in compliance with the requisition of the foregoing section, shall prior to the performance of any of the duties prescribed by this act, shall execute bonds to the governor, on behalf of the commonwealth, in the sum of two thousand dollars, with two or more sufficient sureties, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties imposed on them or any of them, by this act; and if any of the said inspectors shall make use of a false hydrometer, or gauging instruments, knowing them to be such, or in any other manner misbehave or abuse the powers hereby granted to them, the governor shall cause said bonds to be put in suit; and shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before some judge, alderman or justice of the peace of the city or county of Philadelphia, in the words following, to wit: "I, A B do swear or affirm (as the case may be) that I will honestly and faithfully gauge, inspect, and mark spirituous liquors of domestic manufacture, to the best of my skill in the manner directed by the act, entitled "An act providing for the inspection of spirituous liquors." And each of the said inspectors, before they enter on the duties of their office, shall cause a certified copy of such oath or affirmation to be filed in the office of the prothonotary of the court of common pleas of the county of Philadelphia.

To give bonds, and take an oath.

Penalty for misconduct.

Form of oath.

Copy to be filed in prothonotary's office.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That each of the said inspectors, before he shall proceed to execute the duties prescribed by this act, procure a correct set of gauging instruments: *that is to say,* Scale, calipers and rod, and also, Decas's Liverpool patent hydrometer; and he is hereby required to keep the same constantly in good order.

Inspectors to procure instruments of a certain description.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said inspectors shall gauge, inspect and mark all casks, barrels or hogsheads containing domestic distilled spirituous liquors intended for exportation as aforesaid; and when the said cask, barrel or hogshead shall be found to be made as hereinbefore directed, such cask, barrel or hogshead shall be marked with the letter P, with a marking iron, on the bilge near the bung; *provided,* that the seller or owner of such barrels or casks shall be entitled to demand and receive from the purchaser, or purchasers the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents for each barrel, one dollar and seventy-five cents for each double barrel, and two dollars and twenty-five cents for each hogshead.

How casks are to be marked.

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SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as soon as an inspector shall have ascertained the quantity, strength and quality of the domestic distilled spirits contained in

Further directions for marking casks.

any cask, barrel or hogshead, and also ascertained the ullage, he shall mark the same in legible characters on the head of the cask, barrel or hogshead with lampblack, as casks are now marked by the officers of the customs of the United States, and he shall in order to distinguish the proof, write thereon 1 P, 2 P, 3 P, or 4 P, and the number of degrees above each intermediate proof, as the case may be; and whenever any liquor shall not be first proof, he shall mark the number of degrees below that proof, 1 D, 2 D, 3 D, or 4 D, as the case may be.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the purchaser of each cask, barrel or hogshead of domestic distilled spirits, shall pay twelve and an half cents to the inspector, who shall have gauged, inspected and marked the same; *provided,* the said spirits shall have come up to proof; and in case the said spirits shall not have come up to proof, then the said fee shall be paid by the person or persons offering the same for sale.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if either the seller or purchaser of any spirituous liquor of domestic manufacture, or any other person on his behalf, shall be dissatisfied with any mark made, or about to be made by an inspector, upon any barrel, double barrel, or hogshead, the mayor of the city of Philadelphia shall, on application to him made for the purpose by the person so dissatisfied, appoint three reputable citizens to examine the same and decide thereon, and the decision of any two of the three persons so selected shall be final.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if there shall be found to be a gallon less than the quantity marked in any barrel gauged and marked as aforesaid; if there shall be found to be two gallons less than the quantity marked in any cask containing two barrels, or if there shall be found to be more than three gallons less than the quantity marked in any hogshead, the inspector who shall have gauged and marked the same, shall pay to the person or persons who shall have been deceived and injured by such marking, double the value of each and every gallon which shall have been deficient, to be recovered before any alderman or justice of the peace as sums of the like amount are by law recoverable.

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if there shall be found to be a gallon more than the quantity marked in any barrel gauged and marked as aforesaid, if there shall be found to be two gallons more than the quantity marked in any cask containing two barrels, and if there shall be found to be more than three gallons above the quantity marked in any hogshead, the inspector who shall have gauged and marked the same, shall pay to the person or persons who shall have owned and sold the same, double the value of each and every gallon which any barrel, double barrel or hogshead shall have been found to contain more than the quantity marked.

Price of inspection.

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Mayor to appoint three persons to decide in cases of dissatisfaction.

Penalty on inspectors for misconduct.

How recovered.

Penalty on inspector for false gauging.

SECT. XIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

That if any person or persons shall export as aforesaid, any barrel, double barrel or hogshead of spirituous liquor of \* domestic manufacture, before the same shall have been inspected and marked, as directed by this act, by the proper inspector, he or they shall forfeit and pay ten dollars for every barrel, and twenty dollars for every double barrel or hogshead which shall not have been so inspected and marked, or shall in any other manner export as aforesaid, any spirituous liquors of domestic manufacture, before the same shall have been inspected and marked as aforesaid, shall for every cask or other vessel containing such liquor, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars to be recovered by any inspector as sums of the like amount are or may be by law recoverable, and shall be appropriated to the use of the poor of the city and county of Philadelphia.

Penalty for exportation of liquor not inspected.

Mode of recovery.

SECT. XIV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

That each of the inspectors who shall be appointed in pursuance of the directions of this act, be and he is hereby required to keep a book or books, and to enter therein from time to time, in a plain and intelligible manner, and at large, an accurate statement of the number of casks, barrels and hogsheads of domestic distilled spirituous liquors gauged, inspected and marked as aforesaid; specifying the number of gallons contained in each with the ullage, the proof marked on each and the names of the persons for whom the same shall have been inspected, which book or books shall be open at all seasonable hours for the examination of all persons who may have occasion to examine the same. And if any inspector shall refuse or neglect to record his proceedings as aforesaid, or shall refuse or neglect to give a certificate of such part thereof as any person or persons may require, the said person or persons having first offered as compensation in each case, the sum of twenty-five cents, he shall for every such neglect or refusal, pay to the party aggrieved any sum not more than twenty, nor less than five dollars, to be recovered before any alderman or justice of the peace, as sums of the like amount are by law recoverable.

Inspectors to keep books of entries.

To be open at all seasonable hours for inspection of persons concerned.

Penalty on inspectors for neglect or refusal to give certificates, &c.

How to be recovered.

SECT. XV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

That whenever one of the inspectors directed by this act to be appointed, shall not be able to execute his duties as expeditiously as may be necessary, owing to the quantity which may be required to inspect, it shall be the duty of the other inspector to aid him when required to do so; but such inspector so assisting shall receive the full compensation, as if he had been engaged by the seller or purchaser to gauge and inspect the casks, barrels or hogsheads.

Inspectors to assist each other in the inspection in certain cases.

Compensation.

SECT. XVI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

That whenever any cask, barrel or hogshead of domestic distilled spirits shall have been re-inspected, the person offering to

Fee for re-inspection.

\* The original reads "or domestic manufacture."

sell the same shall pay the fee to the inspector, if the proof shall not equal that marked on the cask, barrel or hogshead, and that the person purchasing shall pay the fee to the inspector if the proof shall equal that marked on the cask, barrel or hogshead.

SECT. XVII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person or persons shall alter or deface any mark or number made or marked upon any cask, barrel or hogshead by either of the inspectors, directed by this act to be appointed, thereby to deceive and defraud the purchaser or purchasers of the domestic distilled spirits contained therein; or if any person or persons shall mark or put any false number or mark on any cask, barrel or hogshead; or if any person or persons shall mark or number any cask, barrel or hogshead of distilled domestic spirits intending to counterfeit the marks or numbers of the inspector, each and every such person shall forfeit and pay for each offence, not more than one hundred, nor less than fifty dollars; one half thereof to the use of the informer, the other half to the use of the poor of the city of Philadelphia, to be recovered in manner aforesaid.

SECT. XVIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and it is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person who shall have been appointed an inspector by virtue of this act, directly or indirectly to sell or exchange any spirituous liquor of domestic manufacture; and if any such person shall have violated this provision, the governor shall and he is hereby required, upon proof thereof having been made to his satisfaction, to remove such inspector from office.

JOHN ST. CLAIR, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.  
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## CHAPTER LXIX.

*A SUPPLEMENT to an act entitled, "An act to authorize the governor to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Susquehanna, at the Great Bend, where the ferry is now kept, opposite the houses of Abraham Dubois and Sylvanus Hatch, in the district of Willingborough and county district of Susquehanna."*

SECT. I. *BE 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 the company incorporated by the act to which this is a supplement, shall be entitled to receive and collect the following rates of tolls: viz. for every coach, chariot, phaeton or other pleasur-

Penalty on defacing any marks

Or counterfeit-ing.

How fines are to be appropriat.d.

Persons disqualified to hold the office.

Rate of toll for passing the bridge over Susquehanna at the Great Bend.