

CHAPTER MCDLI.

AN ACT FOR THE INSPECTION OF SHINGLES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the inspection laws of this state have been found beneficial to commerce and productive of fair dealing between individuals but the same are not sufficiently extensive:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That no shingles shall be exported from this state unless the same shall be of one of the kinds hereinafter mentioned and described, viz:

Shingles of the first kind shall be two feet nine inches at least in length, five and an half inches at least in width and of [such] thickness that when dressed they may remain at least half an inch thick at every place between the butt end and a distance of ten inches from the same.

Shingles of the second kind shall be twenty-four inches at least and not more than twenty-six inches in length, five inches at least in width and of such thickness that when dressed they may remain at least half an inch thick at every part between the butt end and a distance of seven inches therefrom.

Shingles of the third kind shall be at least eighteen inches and not more than twenty inches long, nor less than four inches wide and of thickness sufficient to remain when dressed three eighth parts of an inch [thick] at every place between the butt end and a distance of six inches from the same.

And every of the same kinds of shingles shall be made of sound wood, free from splits and in other respects of merchantable quality, and every exporter of shingles shall previously to lading the same on board any vessels submit them to the inspection of an officer for such purpose legally appointed.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the officer who now is or hereafter may be appointed to inspect staves and heading shall be the officer for inspecting shingles in conformity to the directions of this act and shall be authorized to appoint deputies, and the said officer and his deputies shall respectively have all the powers and authorities respecting the culling and inspecting shingles, which the officer or his deputies for [the] culling and inspecting staves and heading now by law have with respect to staves and heading. And if the determination of any such officer shall be disputed a like review shall be allowed and on the like terms as by the laws in force are directed with respect to staves and heading and like penalties shall be adjudged, inflicted and recovered for offenses against this act as would legally be adjudged, inflicted and recovered for similar offenses against the laws for the inspection of staves and heading and all fines shall be applied and appropriated in like manner.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority [aforesaid,] That the said officer or his deputies when thereunto required shall inspect, count and cull conformably to the directions of this act all shingles intended to be exported and shall keep a like record thereof as is required by law with respect to staves and heading to which recourse may in like manner be had for similar fees and allowances, and the following fees shall be allowed for inspecting, culling and counting of shingles, viz: for the first and second kinds eighteen pence per thousand, for the third kind one shilling per thousand, which fees shall be paid by the exporter or purchaser provided the shingles shall be adjudged merchantable and by the seller provided the same shall be deemed unmerchantable, and whenever shingles are offered for inspection in bundles which require to be opened by the officer, the expense of putting up the same again (if so wanted) shall be borne by the seller.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That before the said officer or any deputy shall proceed to the execution of this act he shall take

an oath or affirmation "faithfully and impartially to perform his duty or trust according to the directions of this act to the best of his judgment," which oath shall be administered to him and a record thereof kept as is by law directed respecting the inspectors of staves and heading, the expense whereof shall be paid by such officer.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and immediately after the first day of March next.

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See the Acts of Assembly passed April 5, 1790, Charter 1514.

CHAPTER MCDLII.

AN ACT RELATING TO SHERIFFS AND CORONERS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas doubts have arisen whether the powers and authority of sheriffs do not expire at the end of one year from and after their respective elections, although another person should not be commissioned as sheriff at the end of such term and inconveniences have ensued and are likely to ensue from the want of a suitable provision in this behalf:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That the present and all future sheriffs of the city and county of Philadelphia and of every county within this commonwealth shall continue in office and execute the same and all things thereunto belonging until another sheriff shall be duly commissioned and notice thereof given to the first sheriff, notwithstanding the term for which he and they shall have been chosen and commissioned shall have expired and notwithstanding he and they shall have held and exercised the office of sheriff for the term of three