

## CHAPTER MMDXVIII.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSPECTION OF GROUND BLACK OAK  
BARK INTENDED FOR EXPORTATION.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) 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 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.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) 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 ross 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.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) 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, 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.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) 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 ross, 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 offense 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.

Section V. (Section V, P. L.) 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 expense 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 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.

Section VI. (Section VI, P. L.) 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 seller, the other half by the buyer; and such reasonable expense as may accrue for cooperage, on account of any deficiency in the casks, shall be paid over and above by the

seller, 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.

Section VII. (Section VII, P. L.) 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 lying 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; 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.

Section VIII. (Section VIII, P. L.) 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 been or hereafter may be, obtained from the United States.

Section IX. (Section IX, P. L.) 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 of the session of the legislature then next ensuing and no longer.

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## CHAPTER MMDXIX.

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AN ACT ERECTING CERTAIN ELECTION DISTRICTS, AND MAKING ALTERATIONS IN OTHER DISTRICTS, IN CERTAIN COUNTIES WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) 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 until another public school-house shall be erected in Mifflintown, 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 Mifflintown aforesaid.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the electors residing within the district of Cumberland valley township, in the county of Bedford, shall from and after the passing of this act, hold their elections at the house now occupied by John M'Coy, in the township of Cumberland valley aforesaid, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all that part of West Caln township, in the county of Chester, that lies north of what is called Culbertson's road, to where it intersects the old Lancaster road, be and the same is hereby annexed to the