

## Beef and Pork.

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Rev. 514, 1835-6.

### An act to regulate the repacking of beef and pork for exportation.

P. L. p. 234.

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R. S. 1030.

Inspectors appointed.

1. That the governor, or person administering the government of this state, for the time being, on the application and recommendation of the common council of any city or town corporate, or the committee of any township within this state, shall appoint and commission one or more inspectors and repackers of beef and pork, (who shall not be dealers in the said articles) in such parts of the state as may be deemed necessary and expedient.

To take oath.

2. That each and every inspector and repacker of beef and pork, appointed and commissioned as aforesaid, shall, before he enters upon the execution of the said office, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation before one of the justices of the supreme court of this state, or before one of the judges of the court of common pleas in and for the county in which the duties of such office are to be exercised, viz: I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully, truly and impartially, according to the best of my judgment, skill and understanding, execute the office and duty of an inspector and repacker of beef and pork, according to the true intent and meaning of the laws of this state relative to the same, and that I will not directly or indirectly brand or suffer to be branded, any casks of beef or pork, but what shall be sound and merchantable agreeably to the said laws; a copy of which said oath or affirmation, subscribed by the person appointed as aforesaid, and signed by the officer by whom it was administered, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the county where the said inspector and repacker usually resides.

Form.

Filed.

Stores provided.

3. That the inspectors and repackers who may be appointed by virtue of this act, shall provide themselves with good and sufficient stores, capable of receiving and storing such beef and pork as may be brought to them for inspection and repacking.

Barrels, how to be made.

4. That all barrels or half barrels in which any beef or pork shall be repacked, shall be made of good well seasoned white-oak staves and heading, and that every merchantable barrel of salted beef which shall be inspected and repacked by any of the inspectors and repackers appointed or to be appointed by virtue of this act, shall be of the gauge to hold not less than twenty-eight gallons, nor more than thirty gallons, wine measure; and every barrel of merchantable pork shall be of the gauge to hold not less than twenty-nine gallons, nor more than thirty-one gallons of the measure aforesaid, and both shall contain two hundred pounds of cured meat; and every merchantable half barrel of salted beef and pork shall be of the gauge to hold fifteen gallons of the measure aforesaid, and shall contain one hundred pounds of cured meat; each barrel and half barrel shall have thereon at least twelve good and substantial hoops, the bilge hoops shall be secured by wooden pins or pegs, and the hoops at each end by iron nails; the heads of each barrel and half barrel shall be flagged, and so completely coopered, that in the opinion of the inspector and repacker, it shall be sufficiently tight to prevent the pickle from leaking out; the barrels shall be as nearly straight as possible.

5. That there shall be three denominations or qualities of beef; the first to be denominated "mess beef," to consist of choice pieces, without hocks, shanks or necks; the second, to be denominated "prime beef," shall not contain more than half a neck and two shanks, with the hocks cut off; the third, to be denominated "cargo beef," shall not have in a barrel more than half a neck and three shanks, all to be good sound beef of cattle well fattened; there shall not be any shanks or bony pieces put into any of the barrels as merchantable, from which the meat has been cut for smoking; no beef shall be repacked until it has been in salt a sufficient length of time, and each barrel shall be repacked with at least three half pecks of salt, not inferior to Lisbon salt, and half barrels half the same quantity of salt; the first denomination shall be branded "New Jersey mess beef," and the initial of the inspector's christian name, and his surname at full length, together with the name of the place where repacked; the second denomination shall be branded "New Jersey prime beef," and the third "New Jersey cargo beef," with the name of the inspector and place where inspected and repacked as aforesaid, on both the last mentioned denominations; and half barrels shall contain half the quantity of each description, and shall be branded as the whole barrels.

Beef, how as-sorted.

Brands.

6. That the said inspectors and repackers shall carefully examine all pork to be by them repacked, and such only as is well fattened shall be branded by them as merchantable; "mess pork" shall consist of the sides only of good fat hogs, and the barrels containing it shall be branded on one of the heads "New Jersey mess pork," and the initial of the repacker's christian name, and his surname at full length, with the name of the place where repacked; the second quality shall be denominated "prime pork," and shall consist of good sound fat pork, of which there shall not be in a barrel more than three shoulders with the legs cut off at the knees, and not more than two sizeable heads, with the ears and snouts cut off, and which barrel shall be branded on one of the heads "New Jersey prime pork," with the repacker's name and place where repacked as aforesaid; the third quality shall be denominated "cargo pork," and shall not contain more than four shoulders with the legs cut off at the knees, and not more than two heads not exceeding in weight thirty pounds, and which barrel shall be branded on one of the heads "New Jersey cargo pork," with the name of the inspector and place where repacked, as before directed; half barrels of pork shall contain one-half the quantity of, and be in every respect as to quality as the whole barrels; and the respective denominations shall be branded as is directed with respect to whole barrels; each barrel shall have at least one-half bushel of salt, not inferior to Lisbon salt, and each half barrel not less than one peck of the like quality.

Pork, how as-sorted.

Brands.

7. That every barrel or half barrel of salted beef or pork, which shall be exposed to sale within this state, to be exported from it to any market beyond the sea, or that shall be so exported by the owner thereof, shall, before the sale or exportation thereof, be carefully inspected and examined by one of the inspectors and repackers of beef and pork for the time being, who shall pass as merchantable, and brand as is before directed, each and every barrel and half barrel, being of the materials and dimensions herein before directed and described, and which shall respectively contain the quantity and quality of salted beef or pork herein before mentioned and required, packed and secured in the manner aforesaid; and the said inspectors and repackers are hereby required and directed to examine and repack, and brand as aforesaid, all such beef or pork brought to them for inspection or repacking, although the same may not be intended to be exported as aforesaid to any foreign market.

Inspection and branding.

8. That no beef or pork shall be repacked until the same has been in salt a sufficient time before such repacking, and every inspector and repacker of beef and pork shall carefully secure his branding irons, so as to put it out of the power of his servants and others to obtain and make use of the same contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act.

Precautions re-quired.

9. That all beef and pork repacked between the first day of April and the first day of November, in every year, shall, at the time of repacking the same, be pickled with a good strong pickle, made of salt not finer than

When to be pickled.

- Lisbon salt, and each barrel and half barrel shall be well trimmed and secured, as before directed.
- Fees of inspector and repacker.** 10. That it shall be lawful for every inspector and repacker of beef and pork, to demand and receive from the owners thereof, for inspecting and repacking every barrel of beef or pork, twenty cents, and for every half barrel of beef or pork, twelve cents, if repacked in the store provided by them, and for inspecting and repacking every barrel of beef or pork, if inspected and repacked in any store, yard, or vessel, other than their own, twenty-five cents, and for every half barrel, fifteen cents; for each hoop wanting and put on by the repacker, six cents; for flagging, nailing, pegging, and pickling each barrel, ten cents; and for flagging, nailing, pegging, and pickling each half barrel, six cents, the owner finding or paying for the salt.
- Casks not used twice.** 11. That no person shall use casks which have been emptied, after being branded as aforesaid, a second time, unless they shall first erase, scratch out, and effectually deface the repacker's brand off and from every such cask, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every such cask so used.
- Penalty for neglect.** 12. That if any inspector and repacker of beef and pork shall neglect or delay to repack any beef or pork, when thereunto required by the owner or possessor thereof, for the space of forty-eight hours, every such inspector and repacker shall, for each neglect, pay to such owner the sum of five dollars per barrel.
- For offences.** 13. That for every offence which the said repackers shall commit against the true intent and meaning of this law, and be thereof convicted, he or they so offending shall forfeit fifty dollars, and be rendered incapable of serving again in the said office.
- For shifting or mixing.** 14. That if any person or persons shall, at any time, intermix, take out, or shift, any beef or pork, that has been repacked and branded as aforesaid, every person so taking out, intermixing, and fraudulently shifting such beef or pork, and being thereof convicted, shall forfeit and pay twenty dollars for every barrel so disturbed by intermixing or shifting.
- For branding without authority.** 15. That if any person or persons, other than the said inspectors and repackers, shall brand any casks of beef or pork whatever in the manner directed by this act, every person so offending shall forfeit the sum of twenty dollars for every cask so branded.
- Penalties collected and applied.** 16. That all the forfeitures and penalties aforesaid shall and may be recovered, with costs of suit, in any court having cognizance thereof, by any person or persons who will sue and prosecute for the same to effect; one half of which said forfeitures and penalties, when recovered, shall be paid to the overseers of the poor of the town or place where the offence shall be committed, for the use of the poor thereof, and the other half to such person or persons who will sue for the same as aforesaid.
- Extra mess beef.** 17. That it shall be lawful for any person or persons to put up or pack beef for ship stores or exportation, under the denomination of extra mess beef, if the same shall be of the quality and assorted in manner herein-after specified, to wit; the best pieces; without hocks, shanks, or necks of oxen or steers, well fattened, and weighing at least six hundred pounds, exclusive of the hide and tallow, and shall be repacked in the same manner as is directed in this act, and shall be branded "New Jersey extra mess beef" and the initials of the inspector's christian name, and his surname at full length, together with the name of the place where repacked.
- Brand.**
- Penalties.** 18. That any person or persons repacking, as aforesaid, shall be liable to all the forfeitures and penalties, and entitled to all the fees which are herein before prescribed and directed.

**An act to facilitate commerce.**

P. L. 1866, p. 704.

Approved March 27, 1866.

19. SEC. 1. The governor shall have power to license, upon such terms as he may deem expedient, (and may revoke such licenses) suitable persons as inspectors of beef, pork, flour, grain, tobacco, spirits, oils, and all kinds of merchandise, on the wharves, docks and piers, stores and warehouses of this state, and in order to give a marketable character to the articles so inspected, the inspectors so appointed may use and affix the same marks

of inspection as are used in the state of New Jersey or in the city of New York.

20. SEC. 2. The inspectors may charge the same fees as are now charged in New York; the said merchandise while the same is in bulk on the wharves, docks, piers, stores and warehouses for exportation or importation shall be exempted from the attachment laws of the state of New Jersey.

Fees of inspectors.  
Merchandise while in bulk on wharves, &c., exempt from attachment.

## Benevolent Associations.

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### An act to incorporate benevolent and charitable associations.

P. L. 1853, p. 355.  
" 1866, p. 770.  
" 1872, p. 81.

Revision—Approved April 9, 1875.

1. That every association of persons not exceeding one thousand in number associated for benevolent and charitable purposes, be and they are hereby authorized, at any regular meeting of such association, by a majority of votes, to elect by ballot, or otherwise, according to the constitution or by-laws of such association, to appoint one or as many officers of such association as shall be deemed necessary, which said association and such other persons as may be associated with them, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate in law, by whatever name they shall assume, and by such name shall have succession and continuance, and be capable in law of suing and being sued, defending and being defended, in all courts and places whatever, and may have and use a common seal, and alter and renew the same at pleasure, and by their name as aforesaid, and under their common seal, may make and enter into, execute and enforce any contracts or agreements relating to, touching or concerning the objects of said corporation.

Formation of benevolent and charitable associations.  
P. L. 1853, p. 355.

General powers.

2. The said officer or officers of such association, elected as aforesaid, shall immediately certify such corporate name, under his or their hands, and file such certificate in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas of the county in which such association shall have holden the said meeting, whose duty it shall be to record the same, and for which he shall be entitled to receive twenty-five cents.

Certificate of corporate name to be filed and recorded.

3. The estate and property, of what kind soever the same may be, of such association, shall be vested in them as a corporation, and by their corporate name such association shall be able to purchase, receive, take hold and convey, for the use and benefit of such corporation, and for the purpose of effecting the objects of its incorporation, any lands tenements and hereditaments, and any sum or sums of money, rights, securities, goods and chattels, by gift, alienation, devise, bequest or otherwise, of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate.

Power to hold lands.

4. Incorporations under this act shall be authorized to make, adopt, and use, and from time to time to alter, amend, or change such general form of a constitution, and such by-laws for their government, as to them shall seem right and proper; *provided*, that nothing in said constitution or by-laws be repugnant to the constitution or laws of the United States or of this state.

May make a constitution and by-laws.

5. The sole and exclusive object of incorporations under this act, shall be the relief or support of such of the members thereof as shall by sickness, casualty, or other cause, be rendered incapable of attending to

Objects.  
P. L. 1866, p. 770.