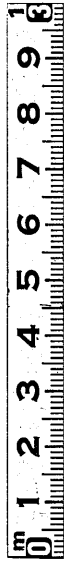
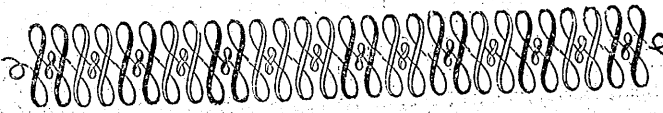


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Prohibit, for a Time to be limited, any Person or Persons from selling any Bread, which shall not have been baked Twenty-four Hours.

Note.—The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.

WHEREAS it is expedient to reduce, as much as possible, at the present Moment, the Consumption of Wheat Flour:

And whereas it appears that a considerable Saving would arise, if Bread was prohibited from being sold until it had been baked a certain Time:

We it therefore Enacted by the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall not be lawful for any Baker, or other Person or Persons, to sell or offer, expose to Sale or send out for Sale, any Bread, until the same shall have been baked Twenty-four Hours at the least; and every Baker, or other Person or Persons, who shall act contrary hereto, or offend herein, shall for every Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding 2 nor less than for

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for every Loaf, Half Loaf, or any smaller or larger Part or Portion of a Loaf, or for every Cake or Roll, made of the Flour of Wheat, Barley, Oats, Rye, or Rice, so sold, offered, exposed to or sent out for Sale; which Penalty shall and may be recovered before any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place, where the Offence shall be committed, upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, who shall prove, to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices, that the said Bread had not been baked Twenty-four Hours (which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to administer) One Moiety whereof shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish or Place where the Offence shall be committed; and if the said Penalty shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, to cause the said Penalty to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party offending, rendering the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the said Penalty, and the Costs and Charges of taking and making such Distress and Sale.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That the Twenty-four Hours previous to the Expiration of which it shall not be lawful for any Baker, or other Person or Persons, to sell Bread, or offer or expose it to or send it out for Sale, shall be computed from the Time at which such Bread was taken out of the Oven or other Place used for the Purpose of baking or heating it: Provided also, that it shall not be lawful for any Baker, or other Person or Persons employed by any such Baker, to use any Art or Artifice whatever for preserving the Heat or Moisture in Bread longer than such Heat or Moisture would be preserved by the fair Mode of keeping Bread in the ordinary Way of his Business; and every Baker or other Person or Persons who shall act contrary to or offend herein, shall for every such Offence be liable to the same Penalty, to be recovered in the same Mode, as is hereinbefore enacted in the Case of the Sale of new Bread.

Provided nevertheless, and be it further Enacted, That all and every Person or Persons who shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved, by the Judgment or Determination of any such Justice or Justices as aforesaid, in respect of any pecuniary Penalty, may appeal to the Justices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, or Place, where such Judgment shall be given,

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given, at their then next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, unless such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall happen to be holden within Days next after any such Conviction, and in such Case, such Person or Persons may appeal to the next subsequent General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, which shall be holden for any such County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, or Place; but no such Appeal shall be received, heard, or determined, unless the Appellant or Appellants shall first enter into a Recognizance with Two sufficient Sureties, before such Justice or Justices so convicting as aforesaid, in the Sum of each to appear and prosecute every such Appeal with Effect; and the Justices of the Peace at such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace are hereby authorized and required, on every such Appeal being made, and on reasonable Notice thereof given to the other Party, finally to hear and determine the Matter of every such Appeal, and to make such Order and to award such Costs therein as they in their Discretion shall see meet, and which said Order and Determination shall be final and conclusive to all Parties, and no *Certiorari* shall be allowed to remove any such Proceedings or Determination.

And be it further Enacted, That this Act shall continue in Force until

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