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PASSED AT A SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT, BEGUN DEC. 1793.

AN ACT to prevent damages being done on Salt-Approved Marshes in Hampton, Hampton-falls, Seabrook, and South-Hampton, Jan. 15, 1794

WHEREAS many owners of Salt-Marshes within this State have suffered great damage from trespasses committed thereon, by persons clandestinely taking and carrying off from thence, by night, a certain weed (called Flattsweed) for the purpose of manure, which is the natural produce of the Marsh, and necessary to preserve and fertilize its native soil, whereby the said Marshes are greatly damnified.

Preamble.

Therefore,

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General-Court convened, That if any person or persons shall hereafter be found guilty of raking, collecting, or carrying off from any of the said marshes, or flatts in Hampton, Hampton-falls, Seabrook, or South-Hampton, any such weed without leave first obtained from the owner or owners thereof, or shall aid and assist therein, every such offender, for every

Enacting clause.

quorum unus, be empowered to administer the oaths aforesaid to all general and civil officers ; and that any two justices of any court in this State be empowered to administer the oaths aforesaid to their respective clerk or clerks, and that they respectively make return of the same into the office of the secretary of this State, within six months next after administering the same.

This Act was approved February 12, 1794,

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Feb 18, 1794

AN ACT to prevent the keeping of large quantities of gun-powder in private houses in Portsmouth, and for appointing a keeper of the magazine belonging to said town.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the keeping of large quantities of gun-powder in private houses in Portsmouth aforesaid, or in merchant ships, or vessels lying at the wharves in said town, would greatly endanger the lives and properties of the inhabitants thereof in case of fire ; which danger might be prevented, by obliging the owners of such powder, to deposit the same in the magazine provided by said town for that purpose :

Therefore,

Gun powder
not to be
kept in
dwelling-
houses, &c.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General-Court convened, That if any person or persons, shall keep in any dwelling-house, store or other building on land, within the limits of said Portsmouth, except the magazine aforesaid, more than ten pounds of gun-powder at any one time, which ten pounds shall be kept in a tin cannister, properly secured for that purpose, such person or persons shall forfeit the powder so kept, to the firewards of said Portsmouth, to be laid out by them in purchasing such utensils as they may judge proper for the extinguishing of fire ; and the said firewards are hereby directed and empowered to seize, and cause the same to be condemned in any court of record proper to hear and try the

the same, to be disposed of for the purchase aforesaid. And the offender shall also forfeit and pay a fine for the use of the poor of said Portsmouth, equal to the value of the powder so kept in any store, dwelling-house, or building ; which fine, shall be sued for and recovered by the overseers of the poor of said Portsmouth, for the use of said poor, in any court of law proper to try the same. Fine.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every master of any merchant ship or vessel, bringing gun-powder into said Portsmouth, shall, within the space of forty-eight hours after his arrival, deposit in said magazine, all the gun-powder by him so brought as aforesaid ; and if he shall neglect so to do, he shall pay a fine of thirty pounds, for the use of the poor of said Portsmouth, to be recovered by said overseers, in manner aforesaid. Deposited in magazine.

And be it further enacted, That there shall be chosen annually, or oftener if necessity require, by the inhabitants of said Portsmouth, being legal voters, a keeper of said magazine, whose duty it shall be, to receive into and deliver out of said magazine, all the powder so deposited, and to account therefor, who shall have a right to demand and receive for his time and trouble in attending on said business, at the rate of one shilling per hundred weight, for all quantities of powder above ten pounds, that he shall so receive into, and deliver out of said magazine ; and for all quantities under ten pounds, at the rate of a half penny per pound. Keeper of magazine to be chosen.

And be it further enacted, That no person shall transport or carry through the compact part of the town of Portsmouth, more than ten pounds of gun-powder at any time without the same is in a close carriage, or is sufficiently covered, on penalty of forfeiting the sum of one dollar for each offence, to be recovered and applied in the same manner as is herein before directed.

And be it further enacted, That the act to prevent the keeping large quantities of gun-powder in private houses in Portsmouth, passed the twenty-eighth day of

February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, be and hereby is repealed.

This Act was approved February 18, 1794.

Approved
February
20, 1794.

AN ACT to establish the method of computation of money in accounts and other transactions.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is of importance to society, and will facilitate commerce, that the money of account be rendered as simple as its nature will admit; and whereas the method of notation used by the United States, is easy of comprehension, and will readily apply to the monies current in the commercial world, and as in case of its adoption, the actual monies, and the money of account will be of the same denomination, its establishment cannot be attended, on its introduction, with injury or inconvenience to the citizens of the State :

Legal money of account to be in dollars, &c.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General-Court convened, That the legal money of account of the State of New-Hampshire, from and after the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, shall be in dollars and decimals of a dollar : That is to say, dollars, dimes and cents, or dollars and cents—the dollar to be of the value of the federal dollar, so called, or dollar of the United States, and equal to six shillings of the present lawful money—the dime, of the value of one tenth part of a dollar, and the cent of the value of one hundredth part of a dollar.

And be it further enacted, That from and after the said first day of January, the judgments of all State courts, accounts in all public State offices, and assessments in all State taxes, shall be in dollars and cents, or dollars, dimes and cents, reckoned and valued as aforesaid.

This Act was approved February 20, 1794.