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An Act for amending ſeveral Acts for regulating the Price and Aſſize of Bread. [9th *July* 1800.]

Preamble.

31 *Geo.* II. Cap. 29, and ſubſequent Acts for regulating the Price and Aſſize of Bread, recited.

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty, and by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts, for regulating the Price and Aſſize of Bread, it is enacted, That the Aſſize and Weight of the ſeveral Sorts of Bread ſhall be ſet according to the Tables in the ſaid Acts contained: And whereas Fourteen Shillings and Sixpence is the higheſt Sum mentioned in the ſaid Tables as the Price of a Buſhel of Wheat, together with the Baker's Allowance for baking the ſame; and Doubts may ariſe whether the Courts, or Perſon or Perſons now authorized by the ſaid Acts to ſet and aſcertain, within their ſeveral Juriſdictions, the Aſſize and Weight of all Sorts of Bread made for Sale or expoſed to Sale, may continue to do the ſame when the Price of the Buſhel of Wheat, together with the Baker's Allowance for baking, ſhall exceed the ſaid Sum of Fourteen Shillings and Sixpence: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 and may be lawful for all Courts, and Perſon or Perſons duly authorized, to continue to ſet and aſcertain, within their ſeveral Juriſdictions, the Aſſize and Weight of all Sorts of Bread made for Sale or expoſed to Sale, whatever the Price of the Buſhel of Wheat may be: Provided always, That in ſetting and aſcertaining the ſame, ſuch Courts, or Perſon or Perſons reſpectively,

The Aſſize and Weight of Bread may be ſet whatever the Price of Wheat may be, the Proportions of the Tables in the recited

Acts being observed according to the Intent of the annexed Schedule.

ſpectively, duly obſerve the Proportions of the ſeveral Tables contained in the ſaid Acts, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Schedule to this Act annexed.

37 *Geo* III, Cap. 98, recited.

II. And whereas by an Act made in the Thirty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, relative to the Aſſize and Making of Bread to be ſold in the City of *London* and the Liberties thereof, and within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, Fourteen Shillings and Nine-pence Halfpenny is the higheſt Price mentioned in the Table contained in the ſaid Act as the Price of a Buſhel of Wheat, and One hundred and ten Shillings as the higheſt Price of the Sack of Flour, together with the Baker's Allowance for baking the ſame reſpectively: Be it therefore further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, on every *Tueſday* if the ſaid Court ſhall then ſit, and if ſuch Court ſhall not then ſit, for the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, to continue to ſet and aſcertain the Aſſize and Weight of all Sorts of Bread made for Sale, or expoſed to Sale, within the Limits of their Juriſdiction under the ſaid Act, whatever the Price of the Buſhel of Wheat or Sack of Flour may be: Provided always, That in ſetting and aſcertaining the ſame, ſuch Court or Lord Mayor duly obſerve the Proportions contained in the Tables in the ſaid Act as near as can be.

The Court of Mayor and Aldermen of *London* may ſet the Aſſize and Weight of Bread, whatever the Price of Wheat or Flour may be.

The Penalties for ſelling Bread deficient in Weight, or higher than the Aſſize Price, to extend to Perſons acting contrary to this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That all and ſingular the Penalties and Forfeitures enacted and preſcribed by the ſaid ſeveral Acts, againſt ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſell any Bread deficient in Weight, or at higher Prices than according to the Aſſize that ſhall be ſet thereon, ſhall be in full Force and Effect againſt all Perſons who ſhall act contrary to the Proviſions of this Act, or of the Schedule hereunto annexed.

Magiſtrates, &c. may weigh Bread made for Sale at any Time within 48 Hours after it has been baked, for aſcertaining whether it be deficient in Weight, &c.

IV. And whereas it is expedient that all Magiſtrates, Juſtices of the Peace, Wardmote Inqueſts of the City of *London*, and Maſter and Wardens of the Bakers Company, or the major Part of them, and other Perſons authorized by any Act or Acts now in Force relating to Bread, to ſearch for, try, and weigh any Bread, ſhould be authorized to ſearch for, try, and weigh, any Bread made for Sale, at any Time after the ſame ſhall have been baked, and whether the ſame ſhall have been expoſed to Sale or not: And whereas it is expedient that the Period of Twenty-four Hours now by Law eſtabliſhed, within which any Magiſtrate, Juſtice, Wardmote Inqueſt of the City of *London*, the Maſter and Wardens of the Bakers Company, and other Perſons authorized as aforeſaid, may weigh any Bread within the ſaid City of *London*, or any other City, Town Corporate, Borough, Liberty, or Franchiſe, or the Juriſdiction thereof, for the Purpoſe of aſcertaining whether the ſame is wanting in the due Weight, ſhould be extended to Forty-eight Hours; be it therefore enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for any Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, or for any Wardmote Inqueſt of the City of *London*, or the Maſter or Wardens of the Bakers Company, or the major Part of them, or other Perſon authorized as aforeſaid, within their reſpective Juriſdictions, to weigh any Bread made for Sale (although the ſame ſhall not have been expoſed to Sale), for the Purpoſe of aſcertaining whether the ſame is wanting in the due Weight thereof, at any Time after the

ſame ſhall have been baked, and within Forty-eight Hours after the Baking thereof, any Act or Acts to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding; and all Powers, Authorities, and Proviſions relating to the entering into any Houſe, Shop, Stall, Bakehouſe, Warehouſe, Outhouſe, or other Place of or belonging to any Baker or Maker of Bread, or Seller of Bread, or to the trying or weighing any Loaves of Bread; and all Penalties or Forfeitures now in Force, relating to Deficiency of Weight in Bread, ſhall be and are hereby declared to be in full Force in relation to this Act, as far as the ſame are reſpectively applicable in the ſeveral and reſpective Juriſdictions mentioned, in any Act or Acts relating to the Aſſize of Bread, in like Manner in every Reſpect as if ſuch Powers, Authorities, Proviſions, Penalties, and Forfeitures had been ſeverally and ſeparately re-enacted in this Act: Provided always, That every Magiſtrate, Juſtice of the Peace, Wardmote Inqueſt of the ſaid City of *London*, the Maſter and Wardens of the Bakers Company, and Perſons authorized as aforeſaid, ſhall, in weighing any ſuch Bread for the Purpoſe of aſcertaining whether the ſame is wanting in the due Weight thereof, have Regard to the Time when ſuch Bread was baked, and the Period that has elapſed between the baking and weighing thereof, and ſhall, on due Proof made by the Baker or Maker of Bread to whom any ſuch Bread ſhall belong, of the Time of baking thereof, make ſuch Allowance for Loſs in Weight, not exceeding the Proportion of Allowances in the ſaid laſt recited Act mentioned, as ſhall be juſt and reaſonable, ſo as to beſt aſcertain that ſuch Bread was originally made and baked of the due Weight required by Law.

SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

The Courts, Perſon or Perſons, authorized to ſet the Aſſize of Bread, are to obſerve, that the reſpective Weights of the ſeveral aſſized Loaves will decreaſe in the ſame Proportion as the Price of the Buſhel of Wheat, together with the Allowance for baking the ſame, increaſes; and that ſuch Weights may be deduced from the preſent Tables, as in the following Examples:

Example I. Required the Weight of the Twelve-penny Wheaten Loaf, when the Price of the Buſhel of Wheat and Baking is Sixteen Shillings.

	lb.	*oz.*	*dwts.*
The Price in the Table of Stat. 31 *Geo.* II. C. 29. oppoſite to 8 *s.* is	5	11	8
But the Price of the Buſhel and Baking being now Twice as much, the Weight of the Loaf can be only Half what it then was, and therefore will be	2	13	12

Example

Example II. Required the Weight of the Twelve-penny Wheaten Loaf, when the Price of a Buſhel of Wheat and Baking is Sixteen Shillings and Three-pence.

When the given Sum has an odd Three-pence, its preciſe Half cannot be found in the Tables; in which Caſe proceed thus—Find, as in the preceding Example:

	lb.	*oz.*	*dwts.*
The Weight, when the Price of the Buſhel and Baking is Sixteen Shillings	2	13	12
And alſo the Weight, when the Price of the Buſhel and Baking is Sixteen Shillings and Sixpence	2	11	14
	5	9	10
One Half the Weight, at 16*s.* 3*d.* is	2	12	13

For the Prices of the Peck Loaf and its Subdiviſions, obſerve that the Price increaſes in the ſame Proportion as the Price of the Buſhel of Wheat, together with the Allowance for Baking.

Example III. Required the Price of the Peck Loaf, Wheaten Bread, when the Price of the Buſhel and Baking is Sixteen Shillings:

	£.	*s.*	*d.*
The Price of ſuch Loaf by the Table, when the Buſhel and Baking is Eight Shillings	0	3	0½
Therefore at Sixteen Shillings it muſt be double, or	0	6	1

Example IV. Required the Price of the Peck Loaf, when the Buſhel and Baking is Sixteen Shillings and Three-pence:

	£.	*s.*	*d.*
The Price of the Peck Loaf, when the Buſhel and Baking is Sixteen Shillings	0	6	1
Do. - - - - Do. - - - is 16*s.* 6*d.*	0	6	4
	0	12	5
One Half, or Price, at 16*s.* 3*d.*	0	6	2½

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