Certain Courts and Judges to have Authority under this Act.

VI. Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Common Law at *Westminster* and in *Dublin* respectively, the Court of Session in *Scotland*, and any Supreme Court in any of Her Majesty's Colonies or Possessions abroad, and any Judge of any such Court, and every Judge in any such Colony or Possession who by any Order of Her Majesty in Council may be appointed for this Purpose, shall respectively be Courts and Judges having Authority under this Act: Provided, that the Lord Chancellor, with the Assistance of Two of the Judges of the Courts of Common Law at *Westminster*, shall frame such Rules and Orders as shall be necessary or proper for giving Effect to the Provisions of this Act, and regulating the Procedure under the same.

Lord Chancellor, &c. to frame Rules, &c.

CAP. CXIV.

An Act to prevent false Packing and other Frauds in the Hay and Straw Trade. [29th *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS many Frauds and Abuses are committed in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and other Places in the Vicinity thereof, in binding and false Packing 'Hay and Straw, and the Laws are insufficient for preventing the same:' Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:

No Sand, &c. to be put in any Truss of Hay or Straw to increase its Weight.

I. No Person shall mix or put, or cause to be mixed or put, any Water, Sand, Earth, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever in any Bundle or Truss of Hay or Straw intended for Sale, within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or within Thirty Miles thereof, with Intent fraudulently to increase the Weight thereof, nor sell, offer, or expose for Sale, or cause to be sold, offered, or exposed for Sale, any Hay or Straw into or with which any Water, Sand, Earth, or other Matter has been put or mixed, with such Intent as aforesaid.

Salesmen to declare the Names of the Owners of such Hay or Straw.

II. Every Salesman or other Person who shall sell, in any Market or Place within the Cities and Limits aforesaid, any Hay or Straw for the Owner thereof, shall at the Time of such Sale or at the Delivery thereof deliver or cause to be delivered therewith to the Buyer thereof a Ticket or Note containing the Number of Trusses so sold, and the Christian Name, Surname, and Address of such Owner.

Clerk of the Market, upon Complaint, to weigh and examine the Hay or Straw, and if found deficient, &c. to summon Offenders before Justices.

III. Where any Hay or Straw is offered or exposed for Sale in any public Hay Market within the Cities and Limits aforesaid, if any Complaint be made to the Clerk or Toll Collector of any such Market that the same is deficient in Weight or Quantity, or has been mixed or packed contrary to the Provisions of this Act or of the Act of the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, Chapter Eighty-eight, it shall be lawful for him and he is hereby required to weigh and examine the same; and if upon such Weighing or Examination any such Hay or Straw shall be found deficient in Weight or Quantity, or mixed with any foreign Matter, contrary to the Provisions of this Act or of the said recited Act, every such Clerk or Collector is hereby authorized and empowered to summon the Offender or Offenders before any Justice of the Peace having Jurisdiction in the District where such Market is situated, and every such Justice shall upon Proof thereof convict the Offender or Offenders in the respective Penalties by this Act or the said recited Act imposed.

Penalties.

IV. For every Offence against or Disobedience of the Provisions of this Act the Offender shall, at the Discretion of the Justice before whom the Conviction shall take place, be liable to any Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds as shall be adjudged by such Justice.

36 G. 3. c. 88. and this Act to be construed together.

V. This Act shall be construed and taken together with the Act passed in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, Chapter Eighty-eight, so far as the Provisions of the same are consistent herewith: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed or taken to apply to any Action or Proceeding now pending or which may be commenced previous to this Act coming into operation.