

HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1791.

NORTHAMPTON, (MASSACHUSETTS) Published by WILLIAM BUTLER.

W HEN a nymph at her toilet has spent the whole day... DELIA.

ON PERJURY.

M EN are not yet so far hardened, as openly to vindicate Perjury: it is yet called a crime, and by the laws of the land punished as such...

If Perjury be considered in its consequences to a community, all men will agree, that a perjurer is the pest of human society.

For; Is not Perjury now become a trade, and our courts of justice made its market place?

WAR DEPARTMENT.

INFORMATION is hereby given to all the militia in the United States, that the arms to which they are entitled for five months of their annual pension from the 1st day of March 1791, and which will become due on the 1st day of September ensuing...

Every application for payment must be accompanied by the following vouchers: 1. The certificate given by the State, specifying that the person possessing the same is in fact an invalid...

2d, An affidavit, agreeably to the following form: A. B. come before me one of the Justices of the County of ...

In case an invalid should apply for payment by an attorney, the said attorney, besides the certificate and oath before recited, must produce a special letter of attorney agreeably to the following forms:

1. A. B. of the County of ... do hereby constitute and appoint C. D. of ... my lawful attorney, to receive in my behalf of my pension for the month of ...

Applications of executors and administrators must be accompanied with legal evidence of their respective offices, and also of the time the invalid died, whose person they may claim.

Ebenezer Hunt,

HAS just received from London, a quantity of PAINTERS COLOURS, which he will sell on the most reasonable terms.

DRUGS & MEDICINES, as usual.—He has likewise for sale best JAMAICA SPIRITS; MADEIRA, LISBON and MALAGA WINES, &c. &c.

Eleazer & William Porter, INFORM their friends and the Public in general, that they have this day received, and have now for sale at their store in Hadley, a large & elegant supply of DRY GOODS,

DRUGS & MEDICINES, which they determine to sell on terms the most reasonable, and to content themselves with the smallest profits.

ADVERTISEMENT. THE following lots of Land for Sale, in that part of the town of Grayby, called the Crank, &c. &c. an unequal triangular piece given, by applying to LEVI SHEPHERD, of Northampton, viz.

Notice to Manufacturers of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

BY a Law, passed at the last Session of the Legislature, in this Commonwealth, it is required, that after the first day of October, 1790, that all casks containing Pot and Pearl Ashes, be of the following dimensions, &c. &c.

Spring Goods! ROBERT BRECK & SON,

HEREBY inform their customers and others, that they have just received an elegant assortment of SPRING & SUMMER GOODS, which they are determined to sell exceedingly low for CASH.

THE Subscriber hereby informs his customers, that No 225 concludes 6 months, since he succeeded Mr. Pinks in riding with News-Papers, and he hopes those who are indebted to him for the Papers, will be ready to settle with him for the same, by the last week in the present month without fail.

Seth Wright, HAS just received a quantity of Boston distilled RUM, and SUGARS, which he would wish to sell by the Barrel, at a small advance from the Boston price, also a quantity of 10 Nails, 8 by 6 glass, &c.

BROKE into the inclosure of the subscriber, on the 14th inst. a bay MARE, about three years old, black mane and tail, white feet & white face.

BROKE into the inclosure of the subscriber the 9th inst. a pair of dark brown Steers, 2 year old, one of which is Lind Back, the other a white face, with no artificial mark.

LOST, ON the 22d inst. on the road between Landford Bailey's and the Meeting-house in Chesterfield, a gray colour'd furred lined with green baize.—Whoever has found said (stout, and will return it to the subscriber, shall be generously rewarded.

TAKEN by the subscriber, on the first inst. a dirt sorrel MARE, seven or eight years old, trot and pace, a star in her forehead, carries her head lofty, and pretty high life, no artificial mark, tho' before; the owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take her away.

WANTED, A QUANTITY of WHITE and RED OAK BARK, for which CASH will be paid, if delivered soon, and of a good quality.

A LARGE NEW, and GOOD CARPET, for sale.—Enquire of the Printer.

Book Binding. THE Public are hereby informed, that the business of BOOK BINDING is now carried on at the Printing Office in Northampton, where binding in general is performed with neatness, and on the most notice.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year of our LORD, one thousand seven hundred and Ninety-one.

An ACT to ascertain the quality of POT and PEARL ASHES: and for the more effectual inspection of the same.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall ship any pot or Pearl Ashes for exportation, before he shall first have submitted the same to the view and examination of the Inspector or his deputy, who shall be appointed as herein after mentioned, who shall first the same out of the casks and carefully examine, try and inspect the same, and for the same in three different sorts, if necessary; that the said Inspector shall put each sort by itself in tight new casks, well hooped and coopered, which he shall distinguish by the words first sort, second sort, or third sort, with the words: pot or pearl ashes, as the same may be branded in plain legible letters, together with the letters of his name, and the place where such pot or pearl ashes shall be inspected; as also the word Massachusetts at full length, on each cask; for which services, and also the additional service for re-packing the said pot and pearl ashes, and putting the casks in good condition for shipping, and for inspecting & weighing the same, and delivering to the owner an invoice or weight note under his hand, of the weight of each cask, he shall have and receive four pence half penny, for every hundred weight inspected, to be paid by the purchaser of the same.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the first day of March next, every cask in which pot and pearl ashes shall be packed for exportation, shall be made of found and well seasoned oak or white ash staves and heading; full bound, twenty nine inches in length, nineteen inches diameter in the head, & of such weight in proportion to its contents, as will amount as near as may be, to fifteen per centum tare thereon.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Inspector or his deputy, at the time of starting pot or pearl ashes for inspection, shall weigh the cask or casks & mark the weight with a marking iron on each head thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every such Inspector shall have full power and authority by virtue of this act, & without further or other warrant, to enter on board any ship or vessel whatsoever, lying and being in the harbor where such Inspector is authorized to inspect pot or pearl ashes, shipped or shipping on board any such vessel for exportation from this State; and if said Inspector shall on search discover any cask or casks of pot or pearl ashes, not so labelled as before directed, the person or persons shipping, or having shipped the same, shall forfeit and every such cask or casks of pot or pearl ashes so shipped or shipping, and not so branded in the manner herein before directed;—And such Inspector or his deputy, shall and may seize and carry away and secure the same for trial, and require necessary aid for that purpose, which it shall be the duty of every person so required to give, on

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

pain of forfeiting the sum of forty shillings for his refusal or neglect; And the master or commander of any such vessel who shall receive on board any such cask or casks of pot or pearl ashes not so branded as aforesaid, shall forfeit the sum of five pounds for each cask so received.—And if any master of any ship or vessel or any of his servants or seamen, shall obstruct or hinder the said Inspector in making such search, as aforesaid, every person so offending shall forfeit for each offence the sum of ten pounds.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any Inspector of pot or pearl ashes, (according to the duties of this act) shall, on application made for the examination of any pot or pearl ashes aforesaid, unreasonably refuse, neglect or delay to proceed to such examination and inspection, for the space of three hours after such application so made to him, the Inspector so refusing, neglecting, or delaying to make such examination or inspection, shall for such offence forfeit the sum of twenty shillings.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person shall brand any cask of pot or pearl ashes manufactured by himself, with the name of any other person than his own, or shall brand any such cask manufactured by another person with his own name, or shall counterfeit any brand belonging to, or proper to be used by the said Inspector, or any of his deputies, or shall impress or brand any cask of pot or pearl ashes with any brand, or brands of such Inspectors, or with any counterfeited as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence the sum of fifty pounds.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person shall empty any cask or casks of pot or pearl ashes, inspected and branded as by this act is required, and put in any other pot or pearl ashes for sale or exportation, whether and cutting out the said brand marks, the person or persons so offending shall for each cask forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all fines and forfeitures, mentioned in this act, above the sum of four pounds, and under twenty pounds, shall and may be levied for and recovered with costs, by any person to his own use;—but if the sum shall amount to twenty pounds or more, then one half to his own use, and the other half to the use of this Commonwealth, and in both cases, by action of debt at the Court of Common Pleas in the county where the offence shall be committed, with liberty of appeal as in other civil actions.—But if the forfeiture shall be for five pounds or under, then it may be sued for by the officer for the life of the procurator, by such action, for the life of the procurator, before a Justice of the peace, with like liberty of appeal. And all casks of pot or pearl ashes, forfeited and seized as aforesaid, may be prosecuted to condemnation by the officer seizing the same, by libel before the court of Common Pleas in the county where the seizure shall be made, if above the value of four pounds; or before a Justice of the Peace if under that sum, with liberty of appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court, or Court of Common Pleas respectively, as the case may require; and after condemnation, the same shall be sold at public vendue by such officer, and after payment of all charges, one

half of the remainder shall be by him paid into the treasury, for the use of the Commonwealth; and the other half before the use of such officer.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every manufacturer of pot and pearl ashes within this Commonwealth, shall brand each cask containing the same, with the initial letter of his christian name, and his first-name at full length, with the name of the town where the same shall be manufactured, before the same shall be removed from the manufactory, under the penalty of five shillings, for each cask so removed, without being previously branded as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall be an Inspector of pot and pearl ashes for the Commonwealth, who shall be well skilled in the knowledge and properties of the same, to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, and to be by them removable at pleasure, and who, before he shall enter upon the duties of his office, shall give bond with sufficient sureties to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, in the penal sum of one thousand pounds, for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall also be sworn faithfully to perform the same.

And such Inspector shall have power, when so qualified, to appoint, and shall appoint deputy Inspectors in every sea port town, where pot and pearl ashes are exported, and also in Water town and Medford, and such other places as he shall judge necessary, for whom he shall be answerable, and shall take bonds from them with sufficient surety or sureties, and they shall also be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty; And the said Inspector shall not be entitled to receive from any deputy he may appoint, more than one penny for each hundred weight of pot or pearl ashes such deputy may inspect agreeably to this act.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all former laws respecting the inspection and assay of pot and pearl ashes, so far as they relate to the same, be, and hereby are repealed.

Provided nevertheless, That they shall be considered as in full force, with regard to all actions and prosecutions which may be now depending for any penalty or forfeiture incurred for breach of the same.

In the House of Representatives, June 17, 1791. This Bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

DAVID COBB, Speaker. In Senate June 17, 1791. This Bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted. SAMUEL PHILLIPS, President. Approved: JOHN HANCOCK. True Copy—Attest: JOHN AVERY, jun. Secretary.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the House of Representatives, June 8, 1791. RESOLVED, That no petition for writs drawn by forged Orders shall be granted, unless the petitioner shall have given public notice for three weeks successively, six months before such application, in ADAMS'S Independent Chronicle; in