

Extracts from 19th century local newspapers relating to barrels and coopers

THE HERRING TRADE – We have lately heard much respecting disagreements between the officers of excise and the speculators in herrings with regard to the size and extent of their measures, some of which we believe have been refused to be branded by these officers. We have no means of ascertaining which of the parties are in the right; but to enable the purchaser to judge for himself we subjoin what an act of parliament requires should be the size of the measures. A barrel must hold 32 gallons, a half barrel 16 gallons - liquid measure. The length of the barrel must be about 30 inches and the circumference at the bilge about 60 inches: the length of the half barrel must be about 22½ inches and the circumference at the bilge about 48 inches.

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1st December 1838

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