

MARKET GARDENERS AND POTATO DEALERS.

GENTLEMEN,—For many years much contention has arisen between the market gardeners and the potato-dealers about the weight of the baskets of potatoes offered for sale by the former. The market gardeners contend that if they sell potatoes by the basket they are not liable for the weight of the same. The dealers contend that 60lbs and nothing short of that is the legal weight. These disputes have resulted in many of the market gardeners bringing potatoes to market that will scale three score, exclusive of the weight of the basket, and they have their reward, for they invariably sell out before the light weights can sell a potato. Still, much angry feeling often prevails, and the peace of the market is in danger of being broken through potatoes being often five and sometimes ten pounds short on a basket. To remedy this evil I beg to propose that a sack engine be placed in a central part of the market. They have a proper scale in the carcass market, and if one were provided convenient for potato-dealers much vexation would be prevented, and a remedy against loss of temper and recrimination provided for.

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