

“ for the County wherein the Offence shall be committed, within one  
 “ Month after it shall come to my Knowledge.”

*So help me G O D.*

And if any Person, appointed by the Vestry of any Parish, to view, examine, and number Tobacco-plants, and to cut up and destroy Tobacco stalks, Slips and Suckers, in Pursuance of this Act, shall refuse to accept the said Office, and take the Oath beforementioned, (or Affirmation if a Quaker) every Person so refusing, shall forfeit and pay One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, or Five Pounds current Money: And upon such Refusal, or the Disability of any such Person or Persons, the Vestry of the said Parish shall meet and appoint one other fit Person in the room of him refusing and disabled; and so from time to time, as often as such Person shall refuse, or become incapable, nominate and appoint one other in his stead; and every Person so nominated ~~and appointed~~, that shall refuse to accept the said Office, and take the Oath (or Affirmation as aforesaid) shall forfeit and pay the like Quantity of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, or Five Pounds current Money.

And in case the Vestry-men of any Parish shall fail to meet, on the Fifteenth Day of May, or the next Day after, if the Fifteenth Day of May, aforesaid, happen on a *Sunday*, or shall refuse to do his Duty at such Vestry, so that there shall not be a sufficient Number to hold a Vestry, every such Vestry-man, so failing to meet, or refusing to act in such Vestry, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds current Money. And such Vestry are hereby required to meet for the Purpose aforesaid, within Seven Days after such Failure: And every Vestry-man who shall then fail to meet, or shall refuse to do his Duty at such Vestry, so that no Vestry is, or can be held, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Thirty Pounds current Money. And to the End the Duty of numbering and examining Tobacco Plants, and the other Services herein beforementioned, may not be neglected thro' the Want of due Notice to the Persons appointed to perform the same.

*Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Clerk of the Vestry of each Parish, shall immediately after the Nomination of the Persons appointed for examining and numbering the Plants of Tobacco, deliver to each and every of them, a Copy of the Order for their Appointment, and shall then demand, Whether they will accept of the said Office? And if any of the Persons so appointed shall refuse, the Clerk of the Vestry shall give immediate Notice thereof, to one of the Church-wardens of the said Parish, who is hereby directed and required, forthwith to call a Vestry to meet on the next *Monday* following such Notice; which Vestry so called, are hereby directed to nominate and appoint other fit Persons in the room of such as shall refuse the Office of examining and counting the Tobacco-plants as aforesaid: And if any of the Persons nominated as aforesaid, shall afterwards become Disabled, before he hath performed the Duty hereby required of him, the Person joined with him for that Precinct, shall give Notice of such Disability, to one of the Church-wardens of the Parish, within Two Days after the same shall come to his Knowledge: And every Neglect therein, shall be deemed and taken, and be liable to the like Penalty as a Refusal to accept the Office of numbering and examining Tobacco-plants: And, if upon the Refusal or Disability of any of the Persons appointed in any Parish, to examine and number Tobacco-plants as aforesaid, the Vestry of such Parish shall fail to meet and appoint others in the room of those so refusing or disabled, according to the Directions herein beforementioned, every Vestry man who shall then fail to meet, or refuse to do his Duty at such Meeting, so as no Vestry can be held, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Thirty Pounds Current Money. And every Church-warden, or Clerk of the Vestry, neglecting or refusing to do what they