

## Act of Assembly passed in October, 1753.

*reflections of the said Act, without Fear, Favour, Affection, Malice, or Partiality.* So help you God.

Which Oath, or Affirmation, shall and may be taken before any one Justice of the Peace, for the County where such Inspector shall officiate, and by such Justice certified to the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the Parish, and an Entry thereof made in the Book which the said Vestry are obliged to keep, by this Act. And if any Person shall presume to execute the Office of an Inspector, before he has given such Bond, and taken such Oath, or Affirmation, as aforesaid, as also the Oaths, or Affirmations, prescribed by Law to be taken to the Government, and subscribe the Oath of Abjuration and Test, he shall forfeit and pay Five Hundred Pounds Current Money.

Times of the  
Inspectors At-  
tendance.

XI. *AND be it further Enacted*, That all Inspectors to be appointed by Virtue of this Act, shall attend their Duty at the Warehouse, or Warehouses, under their Charge, from the First Day of *November* to the First Day of *April*, as often as required; and constantly from the said First Day of *April* to the Twentieth Day of *August*, yearly, (except Sundays and the Holidays observed at *Christmas*, *Easter*, and *Whitsuntide*, or when hindered by Sickness, or in such Cases wherein this Act shall otherwise provide): And afterwards, they or one of them, shall constantly attend at the same (except on Sundays) to deliver out Tobacco for Exportation, 'til all the Tobacco remaining there, the said Twentieth Day of *August*, shall be so delivered: And every Inspector neglecting to attend, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay to the Party grieved, Seven Shillings and Six Pence Current Money, for every Neglect, or shall be liable to the Action upon the Case of the said Party grieved, to recover all Damages which he or she shall have sustained, by Occasion of any such Neglect, together with his or her full Costs, at the Election of such Party. And all Inspectors shall uncase and break every Hogshead, Cask, and Case of Tobacco, brought to them to be Inspected, as aforesaid; and if the Inspectors or Inspector (where one only is appointed by this Act), shall be of Opinion, that the same is sound, well-conditioned, merchantable, and clear of Trash, then such Tobacco shall be weighed in Scales with Weights of the lawful Standard, and the Hogshead, Cask, or Case, shall also be weighed by the said Inspector or Inspectors, and stamped and marked with a hot Iron, on the Head and Bulge, in the Presence of the said Inspector or Inspectors, as the Case shall be, with the Name of the Warehouse at which the Tobacco therein contained, shall be viewed and inspected, as aforesaid, and also with the Tare of the Hogshead, Cask, or Case, and Quantity of Nett Tobacco therein contained. But if at any House, for which by this Act two Inspectors are appointed, the said Inspectors shall at any Time disagree concerning the Quality of any Tobacco, brought for their Inspection to any Warehouse under their Charge, they shall, without Delay, or as soon as conveniently may be, call from the next adjacent Warehouse or Inspection, another Inspector, who shall determine the Difference, and pass, or reject, such Tobacco. And when any Inspector shall bring his own Tobacco to the Warehouse whereof he is Inspector, the same shall not be passed or stamped, unless it be first viewed, examined, and found good, and qualified as aforesaid, by the other Inspector there attending, or by one or both the Inspectors, as the Case shall require, from the next adjacent Warehouse; and in Case that any Inspector shall bring his own Tobacco, to the Warehouse whereof he is the only Inspector, the same shall be first viewed, and examined as aforesaid, by the Inspectors, or Inspector, of the next adjacent Warehouse.

Penalty for  
Neglect.

The Duty of  
Inspectors.

What is to be  
done when  
Inspectors dis-  
agree.

Inspector's  
own Tobacco.

In Case of the  
Inspector's  
Sickness, &c.

XII. *AND be it further Enacted*, It shall and may be lawful in Case of the Sickness, or other Disability of one Inspector, that the other may by himself, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to do and execute all the Powers and Authorities, which, by this Act, the two Inspectors together

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