

# Act of Assembly passed in October, 1753.

might do, as fully to all Intents and Purposes, as if they were both present. *Provided*, That if any Inspector should not be really sick, but under Presence thereof absent himself from the Warehouse he ought to attend, and from the doing his Duty there, he shall forfeit and pay for every Day he absents himself, the Sum of Forty Shillings Current Money, to be recovered before one Magistrate, as in Case of small Debts; one half thereof to the Use of the Informer, and the other to the several and respective Counties, to defray the Expence that hath, or may accrue, in the due Execution of this Act. *And also provided*, That the Inspector so acting alone, shall be answerable for all and every the Hogsheads or Parcels of Tobacco, so by him inspected and passed, and that his Bond shall and may, if Occasion be, be sued for any Breach of the Condition thereof by such Inspector committed, during the Absence of such sick or disabled Inspector.

Feigning  
Sickness, the  
Penalty.

Inspector act-  
ing alone.

XIII. *AND be it further Enacted*, That if it shall hereafter happen that both the Inspectors at any House, shall at the same Time be sick or disabled, and thereby prevented from attending their Duty, that then and in such Case only, it shall and may be lawful for each of the said Inspectors, and they and each of them, are hereby required to nominate and appoint one other Person, being a sufficient Planter, and well skilled in Tobacco, which two Persons so as aforesaid to be appointed, are to view, inspect, pass, and stamp, or refuse, the Tobacco brought to the said House, during the Sickness or Disability of such sick or disabled Inspectors; each of the said two Persons so appointed, first taking the Oath of Office, and other Oaths, (or Affirmation, if a Quaker), directed by this Act to be taken by Inspectors; and the said sick or disabled Inspectors, and their Sureties, shall still be answerable for the said Tobacco, so by the Persons by them severally appointed, inspected and passed, in the same Manner, as if they and each of them had personally officiated.

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swerable.

XIV. *AND be it further Enacted*, That if it shall hereafter happen, that the Inspector at any House, where but one is by this Act appointed, shall be sick or disabled, and thereby prevented from attending his Duty, that then and in such Case only, it shall and may be lawful for such Inspector, and he is hereby required to nominate and appoint one other Person, being a sufficient Planter, and well skilled in Tobacco, which Person so as aforesaid to be appointed, is to view, inspect, pass, and stamp, or refuse, the Tobacco brought to the said House, during the Sickness or Disability of such sick or disabled Inspector, (the said Person so appointed first taking the Oath of Office, and other Oaths, or Affirmation if a Quaker), directed by this Act to be taken by Inspectors; and the said sick or disabled Inspector, and his Sureties, shall still be answerable for the said Tobacco, so by the Person by him appointed, inspected and passed, in the same Manner, as if he had personally officiated.

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is but one In-  
spector, and  
he sick, he  
must appoint;

But himself to  
be answerable.

XV. *AND be it further Enacted*, That if any Tobacco shall be brought to any of the said Warehouses, the said Inspectors, or one of them, in Case of Sickness or other Disability, where two are appointed to attend such House, or the Inspector if one only is appointed to attend, after he or they, hath or have, viewed, examined, and weighed, the said Tobacco, according to the Directions of this Act, shall be obliged to deliver the Person bringing the same, as many promissary Notes under the Hands of the said Inspectors, or Inspector, as shall be required, for the full Quantity received by them or him, in which shall be expressed whether the Tobacco so received, be Stemmed, Leaf, or Coloured; which Notes shall, and are hereby declared to be Current in all Tobacco Payments whatsoever, in the County where the Tobacco shall be Inspected, according to the Species expressed in the Note, and shall be transferable from one to another in all such Payments (except as herein is excepted), and shall be paid and satisfied by the Inspector or Inspectors,

Notes to be  
given by In-  
spector for  
Tobacco  
brought to the  
Warehouses  
for Payment  
of Debts;

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transferable.