

Acts of Assembly passed in *March, 1762.**An Act for erecting a Public Warehouse at Vienna Town, in Dorchester County.*

Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly, by the Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of *Dorchester County*, that the Inhabitants thereof, on or near the River of *Nanticoke*, are greatly distant from any Public Warehouse, and that erecting a Warehouse at *Vienna Town*, on the Land of *Mr. Joshua Edmondson*, on the said River, will conduce much to the Ease, Convenience and Benefit of a great Number of Inhabitants of the same County :

A new Warehouse to be erected at *Vienna Town*.

II. *BE it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of Dorchester County Court shall, with all possible Speed, direct their Clerk to issue a Note in Writing to the Sheriff of that County, who is hereby required to serve the same, thereby signifying to the said Joshua Edmondson, that a Warehouse is directed by Act of Assembly to be built on the Land of the said Edmondson, at Vienna Town aforesaid, and thereby also requiring the said Edmondson, if he thinks proper, to be and appear before them, or any three or two of them, to be by the said Court appointed for that Purpose, on a certain Day therein to be mentioned, which shall not, in Point of Time, exceed Ten Days, in Order to agree with the said Joshua Edmondson for the Value of a Half Acre of Land, and the said three Justices, or any two of them, shall then lay off and ascertain a Half Acre of the Land of the said Joshua Edmondson, at Vienna Town, for the Purpose aforesaid; and then and there the Justices aforesaid, in Case the said Joshua Edmondson shall appear, shall demand, if he will build a Warehouse and Wharf, and erect Prizes and Cranes at such Place, and in Case the said Joshua Edmondson will undertake such Building, for the Rents, and on the Terms, that are mentioned in the Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for Limitation of Officers Fees, and an Agreement shall be made with him for that Purpose by such Justices, then the said Joshua Edmondson shall have the Preference to any other Person: But in Case the said Joshua Edmondson shall not appear at the Day so appointed and notified as aforesaid, or upon appearing, will not agree to build as aforesaid, that then the Justices aforesaid, may agree with any other Person, who will undertake to build a Warehouse, Wharf and other Conveniencies, as aforesaid, on such Half Acre; and in Case the said Justices do enter into any Agreement, either with the said Edmondson, or any other Person or Persons, they shall take the like Bond, which shall be Recorded, and have the same Uses, Powers and Effects, as by the said recited Act is directed, obliging such Undertaker to have the same Building done so as to receive Tobacco by the First Day of December next.*

Land to be valued, in case, &amp;c.

III. *AND be it further Enacted, That in Case the said Joshua Edmondson will not build on the said Half Acre as aforesaid, that then and in such Case, the Justices aforesaid shall proceed to set a Value in Current Money on the Half Acre of Land as aforesaid; and whatever Value the said Justices shall so set on the same, shall be paid to the said Joshua Edmondson by such other Undertaker or Undertakers, and from and after such Payment, such Undertaker or Undertakers, upon Building as aforesaid, shall be invested in the same Estate, to all Intents and Purposes, as the said Joshua Edmondson now hath in the said Half Acre of Land.*

Scales, &amp;c. to be provided.

IV. *AND be it further Enacted, That the Justices of the same County, at the Expence of the same County, shall, and they are hereby required to provide sufficient Beams, Weights, Scales, Blocks, Tackle, and all other Necessaries, and try and examine the same, in the same Manner that is directed for other Warehouses by the said Act.*

To be let to the Inspector.

V. *AND be it further Enacted, That the Person or Persons who shall undertake the Building as aforesaid, and keeping the same in Repair, shall, and they are hereby obliged to let the same to the Inspector of such Warehouse, under the same Penalty, and at the like Rates, and to be recovered and paid, in the same Manner as in the same recited Act is mentioned.*

Inspector by whom chosen.

VI. *AND be it further Enacted, That the Vestry of Great-Choptank Parish, in the said County, or the major Part of them, shall, at the Times and in the Manner in the said Act mentioned for choosing Inspectors, under the Penalties therein mentioned, choose and recommend two such Persons as by the said Act is directed, and cause a List of the same to be returned to the Governor or Commander in Chief, who shall choose and commissionate one of them.*

In case of Death, &amp;c.

VII. *AND be it further Enacted, That in Case of the Death, Refusal, or Removal of any Inspector, or Inspectors, which shall be chosen as aforesaid, the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, shall and may nominate and appoint any other Person or Persons, mentioned in the last Recommendation to be sent him from the Vestry and Churchwardens, when, and as often as any such Vacancy shall or may happen.*

Inspector's Duty and Privileges.

VIII. *AND be it further Enacted, That the Inspector for the Time being, at the said Warehouse, shall be under the same Duties, Obligations, Restrictions, and Penalties, and enjoy the same Privileges that other Inspectors do, and are under, by the said recited Act; and that all Tobacco carried to the same Warehouse, and the Notes for the same, shall be good and negotiable, and upon the same Terms, and under the Securities, that all Tobacco and Notes are mentioned to be by the said recited Act: And that the same Warehouse, and the Undertaker or Undertakers for the same, shall be under the like Incumbrances, and receive the like Benefits and Advantages, that other such Warehouses and Owners are under and do receive by the said recited Act.*

Salary.

IX. *AND be it further Enacted, That there shall be annually allowed to the Inspector of the said Warehouse, the Sum of Thirty Pounds, in the same Manner that the Salaries are allowed to other Inspectors by the said recited Act.*

In case of Overplus.

X. *AND be it further Enacted, That the Overplus of all the Money arising by the Profits of the said Warehouse, more than will defray the necessary Charges and Disbursements thereof, shall be applied by the Justice*