

cells, for the Payment of his or her Levies, Debts, or other Duties; nor to prohibit any Person to put or take on board any Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, any Hogheads, Casks or Cases of Tobacco, to be Water-born to any Warehouse or Warehouses appointed by this Act, so as the same be not carried out of the Naval Officer's District wherein the said Tobacco shall be made; nor to prohibit the Owner of any Tobacco to transport his Crops, or any Part thereof, in Hogheads, Casks or Cases, from one Place to another, for the better handling and managing thereof; nor any Purchaser of Tobacco from bringing the same by Water to be re-packed, sorted, stemmed, or prized, before the same be carried to the said Warehouses, so as such last-mentioned Tobacco be packed in Hogheads, Casks or Cases.

CHAP. I.

VI. And be it further Enacted, That if the Skipper of any Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, or other Person or Persons to whom the Care and Management thereof shall be entrusted, shall Land or put on Shore any Hoghead, Cask or Case of Tobacco, put on board the same to be carried to any public Warehouse, at any other Place or Places than the Warehouse or Warehouses by this Act appointed for the Reception and Inspection of Tobacco, or at some or one of them, or the Wharfs or other Landing to such Warehouse or Warehouses belonging; or shall put the same on board any other Vessel, or suffer the same to be done, so as the same be not delivered at some of the said public Warehouses, without Fraud or Imbezzlement, or shall open any Hoghead, Cask or Case of Tobacco, so as aforesaid water-born and Landed, and take thereout any Tobacco before the same be viewed by some Inspector or Inspectors, according to the Directions of this Act; or, after the same has been viewed, shall fraudulently open any Hoghead, Cask or Case, and take thereout any Tobacco, every such Offence shall be adjudged Felony; and the Offender or Offenders shall suffer by Whipping and Pillorying, and paying Fourfold, as in Case of Felony.

No Tobacco to be reloaded but at Inspection Houses; nor to be taken out of Cask by any Skipper, &c. before inspected: Nor taken out fraudulently after Inspection.

VII. Provided always, That nothing herein before contained shall be construed to prohibit the Landing or putting on Shore, any Hoghead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, out of any Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, so as such Landing be really and *bonâ fide* for the Preservation of the Tobacco laden in such Vessel, and that the same be with all convenient Speed, carried thereafter to the Warehouse or Ship (as the Case shall be) to which it was designed, without Imbezzlement.

Proviso, in Case of Distress of Weather.

VIII. Provided also, That if by any Accident, or Negligence of the Master or Skipper of any Vessel, any Tobacco which hath been viewed and stamped, shall, in it's Carriage to the Ship, in which it is intended to be exported, receive so much Damage as the Master of such Ship will not receive it on board, every Hoghead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, so damnified, shall, with all convenient Speed, be carried to some Warehouse, appointed by this Act, and there lodged, until the Owner of such Tobacco, or Master of the Vessel in which it was damaged, shall have separated the same, and then the remaining good Tobacco shall be stamped by the Inspector or Inspectors, attending such Warehouse, without Fee or Reward.

Tobacco damaged in it's Carriage to the Ship, may be reloaded, separated, and repacked.

IX. Provided always, That every Person appointed, or to be appointed, an Inspector, by Virtue of this Act, shall yearly, before he enters upon the Execution of the said Office, enter into Bond, with good Surety, before two Magistrates of the County wherein the Inspecting-House, at which such Inspector shall serve, is situate, in the Penalty of Forty Eight Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, payable to the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs, and Successors, with Condition for the true and faithful Performance of his Duty, according to the Directions of this Act, and shall also take the following Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, *that is to say;*

Inspectors to give Bond with Sureties, for the due Execution of their Office.

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