

at the next court to execution, and the office bond of such sheriff shall also be liable, if need be, and may be put in suit for recovery of such money so by him received.

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An A C T for the special appointment of inspectors.

WHEREAS inspectors cannot be chosen in the several counties of this state, agreeable to the directions of the act of assembly for that purpose, for want of vestries,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of the several and respective counties within this state, or any three or more of them, shall, on or before the first day of June next, meet at their respective court-houses, and then and there nominate and choose, in each of the parishes in the said counties respectively, where any inspection-house hath heretofore been established, two or four reputable persons in each parish, as the case may require, well skilled in the quality of tobacco, without having regard to the residence of the person, for inspectors as aforesaid, the first of which so nominated, to be inspector or inspectors of tobacco at the inspection-house to which he or they were chosen, for the present year; who shall, before he or they proceed to act as inspector or inspectors, be first duly qualified before some justice of the county, by taking, repeating and subscribing the oath of fidelity to this state, and the oath of office or affirmation, and also give bond with security, payable to this state, in the sum of forty-eight thousand pounds of tobacco, which qualification and bond shall be recorded in the county records where such bond may be taken; and in case of death or refusal, the second person, or the third and fourth persons, as the case may be, in the appointment, may serve the remainder of the year aforesaid, he or they being first duly qualified, and giving bond as aforesaid; and every inspector so qualified shall give due attendance at the respective inspection-houses, to receive, inspect, and deliver out tobaccos that may be brought to such houses to which he may be appointed, from the first day of June next, and on the days in every week required, until the thirty-first day of May then next, and also make out and give promissory notes for all tobaccos so inspected, and in every other respect shall perform the duty of an inspector as by the act, entitled, An act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, and for preventing frauds in his majesty's customs, heretofore directed; which inspector or inspectors shall be paid as hereafter directed, as well for the rent of the inspection-house as for his or their trouble, which rent shall be paid as usual, by the inspector or inspectors, to the owner of such inspection-house.

Justices to nominate inspectors, &c.

III. *And,* Whereas the weights and scales may want repairing before they can be used by the inspectors.

IV. *Be it enacted,* That some one of the justices of the county shall, when thereto required by any inspector, attend at the inspection-house where such inspector may be appointed, on some day in June next, and there see that the weights are all made good and just weights, agreeable to the standard of the county, who shall give a certificate

Justices to see weights made just, &c.