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VI.

Justices to meet on or before Sept. 1, to appoint inspectors, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of such counties within this state as did not appoint their inspectors agreeable to the terms of the act aforesaid, or any three or more of them, shall, on or before the first day of September next, meet at their respective court-houses, and then and there nominate and choose, in each of the parishes of the said counties where any inspection hath heretofore been established, two or four respectable persons in each parish, as the case may require; well skilled in the quality of tobacco, for inspectors, of whom the first one or two persons, as the case may require, so nominated, shall be inspector or inspectors; at the inspection-house to which he or they were appointed for the present year, who shall, before he or they proceed to act as such, be first duly qualified, by taking the oath or affirmation of fidelity to this state; and the oath or affirmation of office, and shall also give bond, with security, payable to the state aforesaid, 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 in the appointment, as the case may be, may serve the remainder of the year aforesaid, he or they being first duly qualified, and giving bond as aforesaid, and in all other respects conducting themselves agreeable to the act aforesaid.

Inspectors appointed since the time limited deemed legal, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That if the justices of any county in the state shall have appointed inspectors after the time limited by the said law, and shall have complied with all other the requisites of the said law, then and in such case the several persons, so as aforesaid appointed, shall be, and they are hereby deemed and adjudged legal inspectors; and all acts done by them, in consequence of such appointment, shall be and are hereby confirmed and made valid.

Some one justice to see the weights made good, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That some one of the justices, together with the standard-keeper of the county, wherein there has been a failure of complying with the law aforesaid, shall, when thereto required by any inspector or inspectors, attend at the inspection-house where such inspector hath been or may be appointed, and there see that the weights are all made good agreeable to the standard of the county; and such justice shall give a certificate thereof to the inspector or inspectors for his or their justification.

Expence of lead, &c. to be settled by the justices, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That the expence of providing lead, or other metal, to make good the deficiencies in weights, and the salaries of the standard-keeper, shall be adjusted and settled by the justices of the counties, at the time of laying their county rates, and in such manner as has been heretofore usually done and practised, taking care to raise the salaries of the said inspector or inspectors fifty per cent. agreeable to the act aforesaid; and the said justices,* who have attended at such inspection-houses, shall be allowed, in the said county rates, the same *per diem* salary as they have lately had allowed them for sitting in orphans and other courts.

Part of a former act repealed.

VI. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the regulation of tobacco, and for preventing frauds in his majesty's customs, made at a session of assembly begun the sixteenth