

Lib. J. R. the Prescript of the Law, The Officer without the Inspection
& U. S. Act would have his fees outstanding & dispersed all over the Province, for the Collection of them he would be obliged to appoint Several Receivers in Each County, for whose Care and Fidelity he would find it difficult to obtain a sufficient Security; should his Debtor refuse to Pay him he would be delayed by a tedious Law Suit. no one by the Laws of this Province can be sued without a demand first made, nor in any other Court but that in the County where he resides, unless the Claim is Cognizable in the Provincial Court. where the Demand must be made, there the Tobacco might be paid. The prejudice of County Court Jurys against officers, the charges and Trouble of Sending a Clerk or Deputy to the Remote parts of the Province to Prove the Service, the dishonesty of Receivers in taking Trash Tobacco, the Low Price of the worst part of an uninspected, & unregulated Commodity the excessive Quantity of that Commodity (for every one would make it when it might be paid at home and without Inspection or pay it when he might be furnished with it from Virginia) the Expence of large Commissions and of Carriage to convenient Places for Shipping, are Circumstances of great inconvenience.

An Inspection Act obtained in Virginia for Several Years before any such Regulation was enacted here, which not only drew the County Purchasers from us thither, But also some of our best Tobacco which after an Inspection there, was Stamped and Shipped to Europe as Virginia Tobacco, and occasioned this further Mischief that much of the Virginia Trash Tobacco which could not Stand the Test of an Inspection was brought into this Province and Sent to Europe as the Product of Maryland; thus our good Tobacco improved the Credit of the Virginia Staple, and the Refuse of the Virginia Tobacco depreciated ours, and we make no doubt but that the same Pernicious Practice would be Revived should your Lordship dissent to the present Inspection Act.

By the Inspection Act a festinum Remedium is given to the Officer: If the Debtor Refuses or omits to pay in a convenient Time after delivery by the Sheriff of an Account of the Claim, his Effects are liable to be Seised and Sold to make Satisfaction, and his Person to imprisonment in the same manner as upon an actual judgment at Law. the officer has all possible security of being paid in Merchantable Tobacco and at a place convenient for Shipping; By the Inspection Act there is a great defalcation of the Proclamation fees, But the Officer upon the whole is indubitably a Gainer

We might have represented to your Lordship how much