

Session Laws Time of their being sworn, take the same Oath, and obtain a Certificate thereof; and every such Officer failing so to do, shall forfeit five Pounds Current Money to the Informer, to be recovered with Costs, by Action of Debt, or Information, in any Court of Record, within this Province. And every Inspector and Constable shall take the same Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, at the first Court held for the County where he resides; or at the same Court, if sworn at the County Court, after he shall be sworn into his Office; under the like Penalty.

Duty of Justices in such Case

And any Justice of the Peace of any County, near the Place where any Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, shall ride, upon Application to him made by any Person suspecting any Tobacco, in Bulk or Parcels, to be on board such Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, shall, and is hereby impowered and required to issue his Warrant, directed to the Sheriff, or any Constable of his County: And the Sheriff and Constable shall have full Power and Authority, and is hereby required to enter and go on board such Ship, Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, to search for and seize such Tobacco; and the same being seized, shall be brought on shore, and carried before the same, or any other Justice, who shall cause the same to be immediately weighed; and if trashy or bad, immediately burnt; if good, carried to the Inspecting House, there to be inspected and sold for the Use of the County. And if any Master, or commanding Officer, of any Ship or Vessel, or the Skipper of any Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, or any other Person whatsoever, shall resist the Officer in the Execution of any such Warrant, every such Master or commanding Officer shall forfeit and pay fifty Pounds; and every such Skipper, Sailor, or other Person, so resisting, shall forfeit and pay ten Pounds. And if any Action shall be brought against any Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, or Constable, or other Officer appointed by this Act for doing any thing in execution of this Act, the Defendant may plead the General Issue, and give this Act in Evidence: And if the Plaintiff shall be Nonsuit, or a Judgment pass against him upon a Verdict, or Demurrer, the Defendant shall recover double Costs.

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No Inspector to be capable of being a Member of the House of Delegates, or Collector of Quit Rents, or County Levies; nor to buy, or barter for Tobacco

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person taking upon him the Office of an Inspector, shall, during his Continuance in that Office, or within two Years after he shall be out of his said Office, be capable of being elected a Member of the House of Delegates, or shall presume to intermeddle, or concern himself with any Election of a Delegate, or Delegates, otherwise than by giving his Vote, or shall endeavour to influence any Person or Persons to give his or their Vote, under the Penalty of fifty Pounds, for every Offence. Neither shall any Inspector, during the Time aforesaid, be, or undertake to be, Collector of his Lordship's Quit-Rents, or of any Public, County, or Parish Levies, or of any Officers Fees; nor shall, directly or indirectly, for himself,