

them taken on board, and giving Notice to the Inspector or Inspectors of the Warehouse from whence the same was brought: Or if there be no Ship to receive the said Tobacco, then it shall and may be lawful for the Master of the first mentioned Ship or Vessel, to put the said Tobacco in the nearest Warehouse to the Place where such Ship shall ride, giving immediate Notice thereof to the Inspector or Inspectors who stamped the same. And the Inspector or Inspectors of that Warehouse where such Tobacco shall be delivered, shall give a Receipt for the same, and shall cause the said Tobacco to be safely lodged, and delivered to the Order of the Owner thereof, whenever he or she shall think fit to ship it off; and that without Fee or Reward.

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XVIII.

XXXIV. And be it likewise Enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Skipper of any Flat, Sloop, or other Vessel, after the last Day of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three, to take any Tobacco from any Warehouse within this Province, in order to carry the same on board any Ship, or other Vessel, for Exportation, before such Skipper shall make Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, before the Inspector or Inspectors of such House or Houses, (who are hereby authorized and required to administer the same), under the Penalty of Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Neglect, *“ That all such Tobacco which he shall, from Time to Time, take on board such Flat, Sloop, or other Vessel, he the said Skipper will, with all Opportunity of Wind and Weather, convey or cause to be conveyed on board such Ship, or Vessel, to which it shall be directed by the Owner or Owners thereof, to be loaded for Exportation; and that he the said Skipper will not take, nor suffer to be taken by any Person whatever, any Tobacco out of such Hogshead or Hogsheads, and that he will not wilfully Damage, or suffer to be Damaged, such Tobacco, whilst the same shall remain under his Care and Management.”* And if any Skipper as aforesaid, shall refuse or delay taking the Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, aforesaid, in Manner and Form aforesaid, such Skipper, for every Hogshead of Tobacco taken on board contrary to the Intention of this Act, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, One Half thereof to the Informer, or him, her, or them, that shall sue for the same; and the other Half to be applied to the Use of the several and respective Counties, to defray the Expences that may accrue in the due Execution of this Act: To be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Skippers of Flats, &c. carrying Tobacco, to be sworn, before taking the same from the Warehouse.

The Oath.

Penalty of 3200 lb of Tobacco, for every Hogshead taken on board before Swearing.

XXXV. And be it further Enacted, That every Master of a Ship, or Vessel, wherein Tobacco shall be laden, shall, at the Time of Clearing, deliver to the Naval Officer, Three fair Manifests of all the Tobacco on board his Ship, or Vessel, expressing the Marks and Numbers of every Hogshead, and the Tare and Nett Weight stamped thereon, the Person by whom Shipped, and from what Warehouse, and shall make Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, thereto, and *“ That the same is a just and true Account of the Marks, Numbers, Tare, and Nett Weight of each respective Hogshead, as the same was taken down by the Person or Persons appointed by him to take the same, before the said Tobacco was stowed away.”* And no Ship or Vessel shall be Cleared by the Naval Officer before he shall have received such Lists and Manifests; one of which said Manifests shall, by the said Naval Officer, be annexed to such Master's Certificate or Clearance, to the End the same may be delivered to the Chief Officer of the Customs in such Port or Place where the said Ship shall unlade; and One of the other Two of the said Manifests shall, by the said Naval Officer, be transmitted to the said Chief Officer of the Customs by the next convenient Opportunity, and the Third kept in his Office.

Masters of Ships to lodge 3 fair Manifests, sworn to, with the Naval Officers, before Clearance.

How such Manifests shall be disposed of.

XXXVI. And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That Public Warehouses for the Inspection of Tobacco, pursuant to this Act, shall be kept at the several Places herein after mentioned: *That is to say;*

Public Warehouses established,