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XVIII.

Inspectors
misbehaving
may be remo-
ved by the
County
Court, &c.
but shall be
summoned to
make their
Defence.

determine all Complaints against them, and if they shall find them deficient in their Duty, they shall remove any such Inspector or Inspectors, and their Proceedings shall be in a summary Way; and if they adjudge any Inspector or Inspectors to be removed, the said Justices, in such Case, shall, with all convenient Speed, notify the same to the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being. **Provided always,** That the Inspector or Inspectors to be complained against, be summoned to appear and make his or their Defence; but in Case he or they will not appear, his Non-appearance shall be taken for a Confession, without some reasonable Excuse be given for the same.

No Tobacco
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LVII. **And** for preventing the clandestine Transportation of bad and un-merchantable Tobacco, from this Province into the Colony of *Virginia*, or the Province of *Pennsylvania*, or the Three Lower Counties on *Delaware*, called *New-Castle*, *Kent*, and *Sussex*, or the reputed Limits of the said Province, or Counties, as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any other Ports or Places whatsoever, out of this Province; and also, for the better preventing the Exportation of Tobacco in Bulk or Parcels; **Be it Enacted,** by the Authority aforesaid, That no Tobacco whatsoever, of the Growth or Production of this Province, shall, during the Continuance of this Act, be transported or carried, either into the said Colony of *Virginia*, or the Province of *Pennsylvania*, or the Three Lower Counties upon *Delaware*, called *New-Castle*, *Kent*, and *Sussex*, or the reputed Limits of the said Province or Counties as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any other Ports or Places whatsoever, out of this Province, either by Land or Water, until the same hath been first Viewed, Examined and Stamped, at one or other of the Warehouses appointed, or to be appointed, in pursuance of this Act, nor until due Entry thereof shall be made with the Officers of the Customs in the District wherein the Owner of the said Tobacco shall reside, and a Permit obtained from them for that Purpose. And if any Person or Persons, shall presume to carry or transport, or cause to be carried or transported, any Tobacco not Inspected and Stamped, or without having obtained such Permit, as aforesaid, to the said Colony of *Virginia*, or the Province of *Pennsylvania*, or the Three Lower Counties upon *Delaware*, called *New-Castle*, *Kent* and *Sussex*, or the reputed Limits of the said Province, or Counties, as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any other Ports or Places whatsoever, out of this Province, he or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, for every Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, and One Hundred and Sixty Pounds of Tobacco for every Hundred Pounds of Tobacco in Bulk or Parcel, so transported or carried out, contrary to the Direction of this Act.

Penalty.

An Oath to
be taken, by
Sheriffs, Con-
stables, and
Inspectors,
with Relation
thereto.

LVIII. **And be it further Enacted,** That all Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and Constables, who shall be in Office on the Thirtieth Day of *November*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three, at the first Court to be held for their respective Counties after the said Thirtieth Day of *November*, shall take an Oath, "That if they shall at any Time, know, or be credibly informed, or have good Reason to suspect, that any Tobacco is pressed, or packed, in any Cask, Case, Chest, or other Package whatsoever, or any Tobacco is put on board any Boat or Vessel, in order to be shipped off, without being Inspected, or that any Tobacco is carrying, or carried, out of this Province, either by Land or Water, into the Colony of *Virginia*, or the Province of *Pennsylvania*, or the Three Lower Counties on *Delaware*, called *New-Castle*, *Kent*, and *Sussex*, or the reputed Limits of the said Province or Counties, as now settled by Inhabitants, or to any other Ports or Places whatsoever, out of this Province, without a Permit for so doing, they will forthwith make Information, and a particular Discovery thereof, to the next Justice of the Peace of the County where such Tobacco shall be." And that all Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs respectively, which shall after the said Thirtieth Day of *November* be Appointed or Sworn into the said Offices, shall, at the Time of their being Sworn, take the same Oath, and obtain a Certificate thereof; and every such Officer failing so to do, shall forfeit