

forfeit Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco 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.

C H A P. XVIII.
Penalty for not taking the Oath.

LIX. And be it likewise Enacted, That 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 Parcel, Hogshead or Hogsheads, to be laden on board such Ship Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, contrary to the Directions of this Act, such Justice shall, and he is hereby impowered and required to issue his Warrant directed to the Sheriff, or any Constable of his County, and the Sheriff, or Constable, shall have full Power and Authority, and he 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, Owner, 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, Owner or commanding Officer, shall forfeit and pay Eight Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, and every such Skipper, Sailor, or other Person so resisting, shall forfeit and pay Three Thousand Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco; which Forfeitures shall be recovered in any Court of Record of this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection or Wager of Law, nor more than one Impar lance shall be allowed; one Half thereof to the Informer, the other Half to be applied to the severall and respective Counties to defray the Expence that hath or may accrue in the due Execution of this Act. 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 the 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.

Justices to issue Warrants for searching Vessels, wherein such Tobacco is suspected to be laden.

Masters or Skippers resisting, forfeit 8000^{lb} and each Sailor or other Person 3200^{lb} of Tobacco.

On Suit, the General Issue may be pleaded.

LX. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person taking upon himself the Office of an Inspector, shall, during his Continuance in that Office, or within two Years next 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 or Votes; under the Penalty of Eight Thousand Pounds of Tobacco 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, or any other Person, during his Continuance in the said Office, buy or receive by way of Barter, Loan, or Exchange, any Tobacco whatsoever, or suffer or permit any Tobacco to be bought by any Person or Persons whatsoever, with any Money arising by the Sale of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes whatsoever, made by any of the Inspector or Inspectors, either upon their own Accounts, or the Accounts of any other Person or Persons whatsoever; nor shall any way intermeddle with, or busy him or themselves in procuring Tobacco to be Sold or Consigned to any Merchant, or in Lading any Ship or Vessel with Tobacco (except the proper Tobacco of such Inspector

Inspectors not to be capable of being elected Delegates, or to be Collectors of Quit Rents, or Public, or County Levies; nor to receive Tobacco by way of Loan, Barter, Exchange, or Purchase, nor to procure Tobacco on Freight, &c.