

## INSPECTORS.

than by giving his Vote) in the Election of Delegates, on Penalty of 8000<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco for every Offence: Nor shall he be Collector of Quit-Rents, or Levies, or of Officers Fees: Nor shall he, by himself or any other, buy or receive any Tobacco, by Way of Barter, Loan, or Exchange; or permit or suffer any Tobacco to be bought by any Person, with Money arising from the Sale of Goods, &c. made by such Inspector, upon his own, or the Account of any other Person: Nor shall intermeddle in procuring Tobacco, to be sold or consigned to any Merchant; or lading Tobacco on board any Ship, except his own proper Tobacco, under Penalty of 240<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco, for every 100<sup>lb</sup> so bought, &c. to be recovered before a single Magistrate, where the Forfeiture does not exceed 600<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco; and if above that Sum, then in any Court of Record, with Costs; one Half to the Informer, the other Half to the County Charge of Inspection. But Inspectors may receive their own proper Rents or Debts, in inspected Tobacco. *Ibid.* §. 60.

47. Mr. Green the Printer, shall be allowed by the several County Courts, annually, at laying their County Levy, 320<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco for each Inspection respectively, for printing and delivering a sufficient Number of Books, Notes and Manifests, for the several Inspectors. *Ibid.* §. 118.

48. The Inspectors of the several Warehouses, wherein Tobacco shall remain already inspected by Virtue of former Laws, shall deliver out the same for Exportation, notwithstanding the Expiration of such Laws. And the Inspectors, and all Masters, Skippers and Others, shall be under the same Regulations, &c. with respect to such Tobacco, as if it had been inspected under this Act. *Ibid.* §. 119.

49. Persons who shall Forge or Counterfeit the Stamp, Note or Receipt, of any Inspector, or knowingly tender any such forged Note in Payment, or export any Hoghead of Tobacco stamped with a Counterfeit Stamp, or demand Tobacco of any Inspector upon such counterfeited Note, knowing such Note, or Receipt, or Stamp, to be Forged, &c. or who shall pack any Tobacco into any Hoghead, &c. which hath been stamped by an Inspector, or take out any Stave, Plank or Heading-Board, of any Hoghead, &c. after the same shall be delivered out from any Public Warehouse; shall, on Conviction, receive 39 Lashes on the bare Back, and stand two Hours in the Pillory. In which Cases the Testimony of the Inspectors, joined with other corroborating Circumstances, shall be admitted as Evidence. *Ibid.* §. 19.

See *Tobacco Inspected*, 12. *Tobacco Run*, 7.

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1. No Tender of Debts or Duties, payable in Tobacco, shall be good in Law, unless made in Inspectors Notes. 1763, *ch.* 18, §. 17.

2. The Forging or Counterfeiting any Inspector's Note, or knowingly tendering such forged Note in Payment, or demanding Tobacco thereon of any Inspector, is punishable by Whipping and Pillorying. *Ibid.* §. 19.

3. For Transfer Tobacco brought to any Public Warehouse, the Inspector (having viewed and passed the same) shall deliver as many Promissory Notes as shall be required, allowing the Person bringing the same, (if brought in good Cask of legal Dimensions) at the Rate of 4<sup>lb</sup> per Cent, of the Tobacco therein contained after passing: Which Notes shall be current and transferable in all Tobacco Payments within the County. *Ibid.* §. 14. Except the 30 per Poll to the Clergy, which shall be paid in Inspectors Notes in their several Parishes; or if there be no Inspecting House therein, then at the next adjacent Warehouse. *Ibid.* §. 23. See *below*, Art. 7.

4. Inspectors shall make every Hoghead, by them paid in Discharge of Transfer Notes, to contain 1000<sup>lb</sup> nett Tobacco at least, exclusive of Allowance for Cask.

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And the Person receiving the same (besides paying for Inspection and Nails) shall allow 4<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco per Cent for Cask, and 2 per Cent for Shrinkage, if paid within Two Months after Date of the Note, and 1 per Cent for every Month after, so that the whole Allowance for Shrinkage do not exceed 6 per Cent. *Ibid.* §. 14.

5. Inspectors refusing or delaying to pay their Notes on demand, forfeit double the Value of the Tobacco to the Party injured, with Costs. *Ibid.*

6. Owners of Transfer Notes may receive and mark Hogheads of Tobacco for satisfying the same, the Inspectors taking in their former Notes, and delivering Crop Notes for such Hogheads, and being answerable for the same as for Crop Tobacco, paying for Inspection and Nails. And the Inspectors shall sell all Transfer Tobacco, not so received and marked, on the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of November Court, yearly, &c. by public Auction, in single Hogheads; and shall pay the Money arising by such Sale, at the averaged Price of the Tobacco sold belonging to each House, in Satisfaction of their Notes to the Proprietors, on demand; under the same Penalty as for not paying Inspectors Notes. *Ibid.* §. 66.

7. Tobacco, in Discharge of Public and County Levies, may be paid in Inspectors Notes, at any Warehouse within the County:—Parochial Charges and Clergy's Allowance, at some Warehouse within the Parish:—Officers and Attorneys Fees, at some Warehouse within the County where the Debtor resides:—And if any County or Parish be without a Warehouse, then all the aforesaid Dues to be paid at some Warehouse in the next adjacent County or Parish. But no Notes of the preceding Year, shall pass in such Payment. *Ibid.* §. 21.

8. All Levies, Parochial Charges, Fees, and Clergy's Allowance, payable in Tobacco, shall be satisfied by Inspectors Notes to the Sheriffs, before the 10<sup>th</sup> of June yearly; and if not paid within that Time, the Sheriffs may distrain, &c. *Ibid.* §. 30.

9. No Inspector shall give out any Promissory Note, for Tobacco, unless he shall have actually received and passed the full Quantity therein expressed, on Forfeiture of his Year's Salary: Nor give any Crop Note in Lieu of Transfer, unless the Hoghead for which the same is given, be actually prized, &c. *Ibid.* §. 15.

10. Inspectors, having viewed, weighed and passed, Crop Tobacco brought to the Warehouse in Hogheads, &c. shall give as many Receipts for the same, as shall be required, for the Number of Hogheads so brought and stamped. *Ibid.* §. 16.

11. For Tobacco brought by an Overseer to any Warehouse, the Inspector shall give Notes for the same, in the Name of the Owner; and the Notes shall be delivered to the Owner, or his Order. *Ibid.* §. 64.

12. Persons having casually lost, &c. any Inspectors Note or Receipt, shall make Oath, &c. before a County Magistrate to the Number, Date, Quantity, Loss, &c. and Property thereof; and on producing the Magistrate's Certificate of such Oath, and lodging the same with the Inspectors who signed the same, such Inspectors shall pay the Tobacco (if not before paid, in the Whole or Part) to the Person obtaining such Certificate. And any Person convicted of false Swearing, or producing a forged Certificate in the Case aforesaid, shall forfeit at the Rate of 240<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco, for every 100<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco contained therein, and also suffer as in Case of wilful Perjury. *Ibid.* §. 20.

13. If any Warehouse happen to be burnt, the Loss of the Tobacco shall be made good to the Sufferers, out of the Public Levy: And no Inspector shall be sued for Notes, by him given for any Tobacco burnt therein, but he shall be altogether discharged from Payment thereof. *Ibid.* §. 54.

See *Inspectors*, 20—24, 27, 30, 33, 38, 44, 49. *Ministers*, 9.