

way intermeddle with or busy himself in procuring tobacco to be sold or consigned to any merchant, or in loading any ship or vessel with tobacco, except the proper tobacco of such inspector, under the penalty of sixteen dollars for every hogshead of tobacco so bought or received, or procured to be sold or consigned, contrary to this act; provided, that any inspector may receive his own proper rents or debts in tobacco.

Inspectors not to levy or receive tobacco by way of barter—penalty.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall erase, or in any wise alter or deface, any letter, mark, number, or figure, set upon any hogshead by any inspector, or if any person shall counterfeit any letter, mark, number or figure, on any hogshead, such person shall forfeit one hundred and fifty dollars for every such offence.

Penalty on altering marks.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That if any inspector shall accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any gratuity or reward for any thing by him done in pursuance of this act, other than his salary, every such inspector, being thereof convicted, shall forfeit and pay the sum of three hundred dollars, and shall be disabled from holding the office of inspector during the continuance of this act; and if any person shall offer any gratuity, reward or bribe, to any inspector, for any thing by him to be done in pursuance of this act, and shall be thereof convicted, such person shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay three hundred dollars.

Penalty for receiving any gratuity or reward other than his salary.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That every inspector neglecting to attend as directed by the levy court, unless prevented by sickness, or other unavoidable accident, shall forfeit and pay to the party grieved twenty dollars for every neglect, or shall be liable to an action upon the case of the party grieved, to recover all damages sustained by occasion of any such neglect, together with costs, at the election of such party.

Penalty for neglecting to attend as directed by court.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That every inspector shall uncase and break every hogshead of tobacco, or cause the same to be done in his presence, which he may be called on to inspect as aforesaid, in not less than three different places, and if the inspector or inspectors, as the case may be, shall be of opinion that such tobacco is sound, clean, in good order, condition, and merchantable, he or they shall weigh, or cause the same to be weighed in his or their presence, such tobacco, in scales, with weights of the lawful standard, and shall weigh the hogshead, which the inspector or inspectors shall mark, or cause to be marked in his or their presence, on the head and bulge, with the name of the warehouse, the tare of the hogshead, and quantity of net tobacco therein contained, also mark on the head of the hogshead with marking irons, the initials of the name of the owner, and the number of hogsheads then in-

Every hogshead brought to inspect shall be uncased and broke in not less than three different places—marks.