

Montgomery and Allegany, be and they are hereby authorised and required annually to meet at the place where their respective county courts are held, between the fifteenth and twenty-fifth day of January next, and then and there determine at what place or places on or near navigable water, in their respective counties, except in the counties before excepted, warehouses shall be kept for the receipt and inspection of tobacco agreeably to this act, and the number of inspectors at each place, and the number of days in each week each inspector shall be required to attend, to be entered in a book to be provided and kept for that purpose only, or the place or places, and warehouse or warehouses, for the receipt and inspection of tobacco in their county during the continuance of this act.

By 1803, ch. 4, the levy court of Calvert county may establish a warehouse at or near Plumb Point.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court, or a majority of them, when met as aforesaid, shall proceed to nominate and recommend to the governor and council three or five persons, each of them having assessed property in the state to the value of eight hundred dollars, and well skilled in the curing and packing tobacco, and the order, quality and condition thereof, and well qualified and capable from integrity, reputation and diligence, to execute and discharge the office and duty of an inspector; *Provided*, where the same person or persons are nominated who had the preceding year officiated as inspector or inspectors under commission from the governor, he or they may continue to act as inspector or inspectors without a new commission.

May nominate persons as inspectors to governor and council.

*Provido,*

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every justice of the levy court, before he votes for any public warehouse, or for any person as inspector, shall take an oath or affirmation as the case may be, (which any one of the said justices may administer,) that he will, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, appoint such place and public warehouse for the receipt and inspection of tobacco in his county, as he in his judgment and conscience believes most proper for that purpose, and that he will nominate and recommend such person to be inspector as he shall, in his judgment and conscience believe well skilled in the curing and packing tobacco, and the order, condition and quality thereof, and well qualified and capable, from his integrity, reputation and diligence, to execute and discharge the office and duty of an inspector; and every justice, on voting for any public warehouse to be fixed or built at any particular place, or for any inspector or inspectors for the inspecting, safe keeping, and delivering of tobacco, at the said warehouse, shall declare, in writing, in a book to be kept by the clerk of the county for that purpose, his choice of such warehouse, and of the name or names of the inspector or inspectors for whom he hath voted, and shall subscribe his name to the said declaration in writing, and the said justices shall, immediately thereafter, deliver a copy thereof, under their hands, to the sheriff of their county, who shall forthwith transmit the same to the governor, who, with the advice of the council, is hereby authorised and required to appoint and commission two persons out of the five, or one person out of the three, recommended as before directed, to be inspector or inspectors, as the case may require.

To take an oath before voting for any warehouse or inspector.

By 1806, ch. 12, the governor and council are to supply any vacancy which may happen by the death, &c. of an inspector.