

CHAP. 63.

45. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the several county courts be authorised and required, at their respective county courts, to give this act in charge to the grand jury, and to direct them to make diligent inquiry into any breaches of this act, and particularly into the conduct of the inspectors in their county.

Act to be given in charge to grand juries.

46. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court are hereby authorised and required to inquire into the number of warehouses in their county, the quantity of tobacco inspected at each warehouse within the year, the number of inspectors at each warehouse, and the annual expense of, and receipts at, each warehouse, and after full inquiry, and mature consideration of all these circumstances, and the situation and convenience of the inhabitants of their county who carry tobacco for inspection, to determine whether any warehouse or warehouses appointed in their county in virtue of this act ought to be discontinued and suppressed, and also whether the number of inspectors at any warehouse ought to be increased or diminished, and the said justices shall enter their determination in the records of the minutes of their proceedings, and shall transmit a copy thereof to the governor and council; and if the said justices shall declare that any warehouse or warehouses is unnecessary, they shall, by virtue of such order, be discontinued, and if belonging to the county, the warehouse or warehouses, with the ground belonging thereto, shall be sold by the order of the said justices, and the sales thereof applied to the use of the county, and if they shall declare that the number of inspectors are too few or too many at any warehouse, the governor, with the advice of the council, may appoint and commission, out of the last recommendation, as many persons as may be necessary, or in the last case, take as many out of the appointment and commission as may be requisite.

Court to inquire into number of houses, &c. and if necessary discontinue them.

47. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when any warehouse or warehouses shall be declared to be unnecessary, and shall be discontinued, that it shall be the duty of the inspector or inspectors at such warehouses to send the tobacco remaining in such warehouse to the warehouse most convenient thereto, the expense of which he shall charge to the county, to be credited in his account or levied for him if he should not be in arrears to the county; and the inspector at the warehouse to which the same is sent shall be accountable for the same.

In case any house should be discontinued, tobacco may be removed to the one most convenient.

48. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for every hogshead of tobacco inspected after the commencement of this act in the counties of Calvert (a) Prince-George's (b) and Somerset, there shall be paid to the inspector or inspectors who shall deliver the said tobacco, the sum of seventy-five cents, and for every hogshead of tobacco inspected in the counties of Baltimore, Saint-Mary's, Charles, Worcester, Dorchester, Anne-Arundel, Talbot and Queen-Anne's, there shall be paid the sum of one dollar by the person receiving the said tobacco, at the time of delivery thereof, and the said inspectors shall account for and pay all such monies by them received to the justices of the levy court of their county, who shall, out of such monies, pay the proprietors of the warehouses, within one month after such account shall be settled, a sum of money, in their discretion, not exceeding sixty-seven cents, nor less than twenty-

Allowance to inspectors.

(a) By 1803, ch. 4, s. 4, one dollar per hogshead is allowed for inspection in Calvert county.

(b) By 1817, ch. 73, the same sum to be paid in Prince-George's county.