

CHAP. 63. five cents, for every hogshead inspected, passed and lodged, in their respective warehouses, and the inspectors salaries, and also all other expenses incurred in virtue of this act.

Charge allowed on tobacco remaining in house twelve months.

49. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every hogshead of tobacco that shall be unexported after being twelve months in any public warehouse, established by this act, shall be chargeable with four cents per month for every month any hogshead of tobacco shall be over and above the said term of twelve months, and the inspector or inspectors are hereby directed to receive and pay the same to the order of the levy court, if such warehouse belongs to the county, if not, to the owner or proprietor of the warehouse, except that in the warehouses in the city of Baltimore there shall be paid for every such hogshead of tobacco at the rate of twelve and an half cents per month.

General issue may be plead.

50. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any action shall be commenced against any person for any thing done in pursuance of this act, he may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence at the trial, and that the same was done in pursuance and by authority of this act; and if it shall appear to have been so done, then the court shall direct the jury, and they shall accordingly find for the defendant, and if the plaintiff be nonsuited, or discontinue his action, or if judgment shall be given upon demurrer or verdict against the plaintiff, the defendant shall recover double costs.

Actions, when to be commenced.

51. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all prosecutions and actions for the recovery of any penalty or damages for any breach of this act, shall be commenced within one year after the offence committed, or damage done, and not afterwards; and all actions commenced against any person or persons making any seizure under this act, or doing any thing in consequence of the provisions in this act, shall be brought within one year after the seizure made, or act done, and not afterwards.

Inspectors to settle their accounts annually.

52. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the several inspectors of tobacco at each warehouse in this state shall settle their respective accounts with the levy courts annually, at their meeting for the purpose of laying their county levy.

If warehouse in Annapolis is continued owners authorised to charge.

53. AND, whereas a warehouse has been erected in the city of Annapolis for the reception of tobacco, by individuals, who have furnished the same with scales, weights, ropes and prizes, at their own expense, BE IT ENACTED, That if the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county shall continue the said warehouse, the owner or owners of the said warehouse be and they are hereby empowered and authorised to levy and receive, from the owner or owners of tobacco, thirty cents per hogshead for all tobacco by him or them received, kept, and delivered in good order, within one year, and six cents for every month thereafter they shall take care of the said tobacco after the expiration of the said one year, until the same shall be delivered in good order, agreeably to the regulations of this act.

54. AND, whereas the justices of the levy court of Baltimore county, in virtue of the powers vested in them by an act, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, passed at November session seventeen hun-