

pection ends, many of the petitioners have already experienced great injury from not being able to get their tobacco inspected without attending a second and sometimes a third time for the purpose; and that in the busiest season for shipping off tobacco, craft are often detained, and sometimes ships, to the great injury of trade; wherefore they have prayed, that an act may pass for establishing one more inspection for tobacco at George-town aforesaid: And whereas the establishing an inspection of tobacco at the city of Annapolis, would facilitate the tobacco trade, **Be it enacted**, That the commissioners of the tax for Montgomery and Anne-Arundel counties may, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, upon application made to them by any person or persons, to determine and fix upon, and lay out agreeably to the act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, the most proper place in said towns, to build and erect one warehouse in each town, for the reception and inspection of tobacco, and also appoint one or two inspectors for each or either of said warehouses, provided such person or persons making such application shall build and erect the same at his or their own expence or expences, so that the same warehouse at George-town be sufficient to contain and secure one thousand hogsheds, and that the said warehouse at Annapolis be sufficient to contain the tobacco that may be brought to the same, and furnishing scales, weights, prizes, and all other things that shall be necessary for that purpose, and that the like payments by the hogthead shall be made at the said two inspections as are to be made under the said last mentioned act at inspections established under the same act.

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Commissioners to appoint places, &c.

III. **And he it enacted**, That the inspector or inspectors appointed at each of the said warehouses, shall take an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, as in other cases is required by the said act; and the person or persons undertaking to build such warehouse shall give bond with good security, to be approved of by the commissioners of the tax for his county, with condition to perform his contract in building said warehouse, and keeping the same in repair, and also providing weights, scales and prizes, and other things necessary for inspecting tobacco at said warehouse, the said bond to be proved and recorded as is directed by the said act with regard to other bonds.

Inspectors to take an oath, &c.

IV. **And he it enacted**, That the said two warehouses shall be deemed public warehouses, and the inspection of tobacco there, and all duties and regulations concerning the same, shall be observed as if the same warehouses had been established by virtue of the said first mentioned act.

Warehouses deemed public, &c.

V. **And he it enacted**, That the said two inspectors at George-town, and the said inspector at Annapolis, shall be appointed in the manner inspectors were to be appointed by the said last mentioned act, and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations; and the said inspectors at George-town and Annapolis, shall have salaries to be ascertained and paid in like manner as inspectors salaries are to be ascertained and paid by law; and in the stamping and branding the hogsheds of tobacco passed at the said warehouse at George-town, the words New George-town shall be stamped and branded thereon, to distinguish the tobacco there inspected from that inspected at the old warehouse at George-town aforesaid.

How inspectors shall be appointed, &c.

VI. **And**, whereas it is represented, that from the very small quantity of tobacco brought to the warehouse at Otter-point, in Harford county, it is unnecessary for the inspector to attend at the said warehouse above one day in each week, from the first of May to the first of September, **Be it enacted**, That the said inspector shall not be obliged to attend at the said warehouse above one day in each week, between the times before mentioned.

And when attend.

VII. This act, so far as relates to the said inspections at George-town and Annapolis, to continue one year, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Continuance.