

not, in my judgment and conscience, sound, clean, unmixed with trash or bad tobacco, in good order and condition, and merchantable; and that I will not receive, pass, stamp or brand, any hoghead of tobacco prohibited by an act of assembly, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco; and that I will receive, pass, stamp and brand, all tobacco that is, in my judgment and conscience, sound, clean, unmixed with trash or bad tobacco, in good order and condition, and merchantable; and that I will in all things well and faithfully discharge my duty in the office of an inspector according to the best of my skill and judgment, and according to the directions of the said act, without fear, favour, affection, malice or partiality. So help me God;" which oath or affirmation any justice of the peace may administer.

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XV. **And be it enacted,** That every inspector, before he executes any part of his duty under this act, shall, under the penalty of three hundred pounds current money, enter into bond before one or more of the said justices for his county, with good and sufficient securities, having property within the state assessed to one thousand pounds current money, such as the said justices shall approve, in the penalty of one thousand pounds current money, payable to the state, with condition, that he will diligently and carefully uncase and break, or cause the same to be done in his presence, view and examine, all tobacco brought to the warehouse where he is appointed to be inspector, and all other tobacco he shall be called upon to view and inspect at the said warehouse, or any other public warehouse, and that he will not receive, pass, stamp or brand, any tobacco, or hoghead of tobacco, prohibited by an act of assembly, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco; and that he will in all things well and faithfully execute and discharge his duty in the office of an inspector according to the best of his skill and judgment, and according to the directions of the said act; and the said justices shall immediately cause the said bond to be proved by the witnesses thereto, and shall forthwith endorse the probate on the back thereof, and transmit the said bond to the clerk of the county court within ten days, who shall record the same, with the endorsement thereon, and transmit it to the clerk of the general court, who shall immediately record the same bond and endorsement aforesaid, and immediately afterwards deliver the original bond to the register of the chancery court, to be by him safely kept in the chancery office; and an attested copy of the said bond and probate, from either of the said records, shall be as good evidence in law, to maintain an action of debt for any breach of the condition of the said bond, as if the same was actually produced and proved in court; and the same bond may be sued by any person entitled as holder of any note of such inspector, for the nonpayment or not delivering the tobacco mentioned in such note, and on nonsuit, or judgment for defendant, the person suing such bond shall be liable for costs, and any person bringing suit on such bond may be awarded by the court to give security for costs; and if the same person be continued inspector, he shall, on every appointment, give bond as aforesaid with other and good security, and shall qualify as aforesaid.

Inspectors to  
enter into  
bond, &c.

XVI. **And be it enacted,** That the justices of the several counties, or any three or more of them, shall, at the time of making their county assessment, ascertain salaries, so that the same shall not exceed eighty pounds current money for each inspector within their county; and if the reward allowed by this act for inspection shall not be sufficient to satisfy the said salaries and warehouse rent, and other charges of the inspection houses within their counties, the said justices shall assess in their county assessment a sum of money sufficient to discharge the same.

Justices to as-  
certain sala-  
ries, &c.

XVII. **And be it enacted,** That no inspector shall, directly or indirectly, during his continuance in the said office, buy, or receive any tobacco by way of barter, loan or exchange, or any 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 five pounds current money for every hoghead 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.

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