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XXVI.

Penalty on
persons alter-
ing marks,
&c.

XVIII. **And be it enacted,** That if any person shall erase, cut out, burn out, blot out, or in anywise alter or deface, any letter, mark, number or figure, stamped or branded, or burnt on, or set upon, any hoghead by any inspector, and if any person shall counterfeit any letter, mark, number or figure, on any hoghead, such person shall forfeit fifty pounds current money for every such offence.

Inspectors not
to accept gra-
tuities, &c.

XIX. **And,** for the direction of inspectors in their duty, **Be it enacted,** That if any inspector shall accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any gratuity or reward for any thing by him done in pursuance of this act, other than his salary, every such inspector, being thereof convicted, shall forfeit and pay one hundred pounds current money, and shall be disabled from holding the office of inspector during the continuance of this act; and if any person shall offer any gratuity, reward or bribe, to any inspector for any thing by him to be done in pursuance of this act, and shall be thereof convicted, such person shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay one hundred pounds current money.

Inspectors to
attend, &c.

XX. **And be it enacted,** That every inspector shall attend at the warehouse under his charge on every day from the first day of April to the twentieth day of September, except on Sundays, and the fourth day of July, and the holidays observed at whitsuntide, for the receiving, inspecting and delivering, any tobacco brought to, and delivered at, the warehouse of which he is inspector, between the first day of April and the twentieth day of September, but he shall not take charge of, or inspect, any tobacco brought to his warehouse for inspection between the twentieth day of September and the first day of November; and he shall attend on every day, Sundays excepted, for the delivery of tobacco, between the twentieth day of September and the first day of November; and he shall attend as often as he shall be required from the first day of November to the first day of April, during the continuance of this act, except on Sundays, and the holidays at christmas, for inspecting and delivering tobacco; and every inspector neglecting to attend as aforesaid, unless prevented by sickness, or other unavoidable accident, shall forfeit and pay to the party grieved five pounds current money for every neglect, or shall be liable to the action upon the case of the party grieved, to recover all damages sustained by occasion of any such neglect, together with costs, at the election of such party.

And uncase
every hog-
head, &c.

XXI. **And be it enacted,** That every inspector shall uncase and break every hoghead of tobacco, or cause the same to be done in his presence, brought to be inspected as aforesaid, in not less than three different places, and if the inspector or inspectors, as the case may be, shall be of opinion that such tobacco is found, clean, unmixed with trash or bad tobacco, in good order and condition, and merchantable, he or they shall weigh, or cause to be weighed in his or their presence, such tobacco, in scales, always giving the turn of the scale in favour of the tobacco, with weights of the lawful standard, and shall weigh the hoghead, which the inspector or inspectors shall stamp and brand, or cause to be stamped and branded in his or their presence, with a hot iron on the head and bilge, with the name of the warehouse, the tare of the hoghead, and quantity of net tobacco therein contained; and shall also mark on the head and side of the hoghead, with marking irons, the initials of the name of the owner, and the number of hogheads then inspected; and where two inspectors are appointed, if they cannot agree to pass any hoghead of tobacco, they shall, without delay, or as soon as conveniently may be, call an inspector from the next adjacent inspection, who shall determine the difference, and pass or reject such tobacco; and when any inspector shall bring his own tobacco to the warehouse whereof he is inspector, the same shall not be stamped and branded, unless it be first viewed, examined and passed, by the other inspector, or by the inspector from the next adjacent inspection; and if any inspector shall bring his own tobacco to the warehouse whereof he is the only inspector, the same shall be viewed and examined, and refused or passed, stamped or branded, as this act directs, by the inspector of the next adjacent inspection.

XXII. **And**