

A Further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine. Passed December 28.

WHEREAS many inconveniences exist under the present laws to regulate the inspection of tobacco, for which it is necessary to provide remedies; therefore, Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any skipper or master of a flat or other vessel, after the first day of May next, shall take tobacco from any warehouse in this state on board his flat or boat, when the said flat or boat shall not be in good condition and provided with sufficient covering to secure such tobacco from rain, snow and wet, such master or skipper shall forfeit and pay the sum of seven shillings and six-pence current money, for every hoghead of tobacco so by him received on board as aforesaid, to be recovered before any justice of the peace, as in the case of small debts, one third to the use of the informer, and two thirds to the use of the county; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of every inspector to inform against every skipper whom he shall find so offending as aforesaid; and every inspector, before he permits any tobacco to be put on board any flat or other vessel, to be carried from his warehouse, shall examine the said flat or vessel in person, to see that the said flat or vessel is in good condition, and well provided with good and sufficient covering to secure such tobacco from rain, snow, wet, and other injuries of weather. Penalty on skippers for not securing tobacco, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any skipper or master of any flat or other vessel, after the said first day of May next, to take any tobacco from any warehouse within this state, in order to carry the same on board any ship or other vessel for exportation, before such skipper or master shall make oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist or tunker, before the inspector or inspectors of such warehouse, (who are hereby authorized and required to administer the same, under the penalty of eight hundred pounds of tobacco for every neglect,) that all such tobacco which he shall, from time to time, receive from said warehouse, he will carefully and diligently put on board his flat or other vessel, and will, with all opportunity of wind and weather, convey, or cause the same to be conveyed, on board such ship or vessel to which it shall be directed by the owner or owners thereof, to be loaded for exportation, and that he, the said skipper or master, will not take, nor suffer to be taken, by any person whatever, any tobacco out of such hoghead or hogheads; that he will not exchange the said tobacco, or the cases which cover the same, nor suffer the same to be exchanged, and that he will not wilfully damage, or suffer to be damaged, such tobacco, whilst the same shall remain under his care and management; and if any skipper as aforesaid shall refuse or delay taking the oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist or tunker, in manner and form aforesaid, such skipper, for every hoghead of tobacco taken on board contrary to the intention of this act, shall forfeit and pay the sum of seven shillings and six-pence current money; the said penalties, fines and forfeitures, to be recovered before any justice of the peace, in the same manner as is herein before directed. Skippers taking tobacco to make oath, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the justices, out of the monies received from the inspectors of the several warehouses, and within one month after the settlement of the accounts of said inspectors, shall pay to the proprietors of those warehouses which are private property, one shilling and six-pence current money for every hoghead inspected, passed and lodged, in their respective warehouses, any thing in the act to which this is an additional supplement to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, that nothing in the preceding clause shall affect Beard's Point warehouse, situate on South river, in Anne-Arundel county. Inspectors to pay proprietors, &c.

V. *And,* whereas there are doubts in some of the levy courts as to their power of summoning witnesses in any disputes which may arise in the settlement of inspectors accounts, *Be it enacted,* That the said levy courts shall have, and they Courts may compel attendance, &c.