

Ship or Vessel, in any open Boat or undecked Vessel, without such good and sufficient Covering as will secure such Tobacco against Rain, under Penalty of Sixteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Offence, to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill of Indictment, or Information, one Half thereof to the Informer, the other Half to the defraying the Charges of putting this Law in Execution.

C H A P. XVIII.

Freight-Tobacco not to be carried in open Boats, without Covering.

CXL. And whereas the Inhabitants of Frederick County, above Connegocheague Creek, are Farmers, and are so far distant from any Justice of the Peace, that the Trouble and Charge attending the making Oath, or Affirmation, as to their not being Tobacco-makers, as herein before directed, lays them under unreasonable Hardships, in obtaining the Benefit intended them by this Act, in paying Money in lieu of Tobacco: **Be it therefore Enacted,** That the said Inhabitants in Frederick County, above Connegocheague Creek, shall, and may, make the Oath or Affirmation aforesaid, before either a Justice of the Peace of the said County, or the Sheriff, or any of his Deputies, a Certificate of the making of which Oath or Affirmation, signed both by the Person taking, and the Person making the same, being delivered to the Sheriff or his Deputy, such Sheriff or Deputy shall give a Receipt for the same, to the Person making such Oath or Affirmation.

Farmers in Frederick County, above Connegocheague, may Swear before a Sheriff, &c.

CXLI. And whereas, in many Places Warehouse Room is much wanted, and Wharfs, Cranes, and other Conveniencies required by Law to be Provided, are either not built, erected and found, or are much out of repair; **Be it therefore Enacted,** That the Justices and Inspectors of each respective County, shall meet at the Court House of such County, on the Second Tuesday of December yearly, if fair Weather (if not, on the next fair Day) under the Penalty of Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco each, at which said Meeting it shall be determined by a majority of the Justices then present, upon the best Information they can get, from the said Inspectors, and otherwise, what Buildings, Additions, or Repairs, Wharfs, Cranes, or other Conveniencies required by this Act, are wanting at each respective Warehouse; and the said Justices shall appoint Two Justices most convenient to each Warehouse, not being Proprietor or Proprietors to such Warehouse, to agree and contract for such Buildings, Additions, Repairs, Wharfs, Cranes, and other Conveniencies, as shall be determined to be wanting as aforesaid; and the said Two Justices shall, within five Days after such Appointment, give Notice to the Proprietor or Proprietors of each Warehouse concerning which they are appointed to Contract, or his, or their Agent, to meet them at some convenient Place, by them in such Notice to be appointed, at a Time not exceeding ten Days from the Date of such Notice, at which Meeting the said two Justices shall inform the said Proprietor or Proprietors, or his or their Agent, what is required of him or them, according to the Determination of the Justices aforesaid. And if the said Proprietor or Proprietors will not immediately enter into Bond to the Lord Proprietary, in such Penalty as the said Justices shall think proper, not exceeding Thirty-two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to do what is required as aforesaid, by the last of April next ensuing the Date of such Bond at farthest, or if after such Bond given, such Proprietor or Proprietors shall not compleat every Thing therein specified, according to the Tenor thereof, in either Case the said Justices shall forthwith agree in the best Manner they can, with some other Person or Persons, for the doing what is determined as aforesaid to be necessary, or may be unfinished as aforesaid; and shall take a Bond for Performance of such their Agreement. And in Case one of the two Justices aforesaid should die, or be removed, the other shall have as full Power to act, as if such Death or Removal had not happened.

Justices and Inspectors to meet yearly on the 2d Tuesday of December, to enquire about and provide for Necessaries at the several Inspection Houses.

Two Justices to be appointed, with Power of contracting, &c, in Case the Owner refuse.

Bonds for Performance of Contracts to be taken by the Justices:

CXLII. And be it Enacted, That all Bonds taken by the Justices in pursuance of this Act; shall by them be lodged with the Clerk of the respective County (to be by him safely kept) within Twenty Days after the taking thereof.

To be lodged with the County Clerk in 20 Days.

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