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In case of sick-
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XXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case of sickness, or other disability, of one inspector, the other shall execute all the powers which by this act the two inspectors together might do, as fully to all intents and purposes as if they were both present; and the inspector so acting alone shall be answerable for every hoghead of tobacco so by him inspected and passed, and his bond may be sued for any breach of the condition thereof committed by such inspector during the absence of such sick or disabled inspector.

If both are sick
each may ap-
point one per-
son, &c.

XXIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, If both the inspectors at any warehouse shall at the same time be sick or disabled, and thereby prevented from attending their duty, that in such case each of the said inspectors shall appoint one other person of integrity and reputation, and well skilled in the curing and packing tobacco, and the quality and condition thereof; and the two persons so appointed shall view and inspect, and refuse or pass, stamp or brand, all tobacco brought to the said warehouse during the sickness or disability of such sick or disabled inspectors, each of the said two persons so appointed first taking the oath or affirmation of office, as the case may be, directed by this act to be taken by inspectors, and the oath or affirmation of fidelity to this state, if such persons have not before taken the same; and the said sick or disabled inspectors, and their securities, shall be answerable for all tobacco inspected and passed by the said persons by them appointed, in the same manner as if they, or each of them, had personally officiated; and if the inspector at any warehouse where one is appointed, shall be sick or disabled, and thereby prevented from attending his duty, that in such case such inspector shall appoint one other person of integrity and skill as aforesaid; and the person so appointed shall view and inspect, and refuse or pass, stamp and brand, all tobacco brought to the said warehouse during the sickness or disability of such sick or disabled inspector, the said person so appointed first qualifying as aforesaid; and the said sick or disabled inspector, and his securities, shall be answerable for all tobacco inspected and passed by the person by him appointed, in the same manner as if he had personally officiated.

Justices to pro-
vide scales, &c.

XXIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That there shall be provided by the justices of each county, at the county charge, and kept at every one of the said warehouses, a good and sufficient beam, prizes, cranes, blocks, tackles, weights and scales, to weigh fifteen hundred gross pounds at the least, and a set of small weights, such as are provided for the standard weights of each county, and proper branding and marking irons, and other necessaries; and the inspector or inspectors are hereby required constantly to keep the same in good repair, under a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds current money; and the said justices shall, on or before the twentieth day of April next, appoint, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money to be paid in case of neglect or omission by each and every of the said justices, two or more of their number for each warehouse, one of whom shall, in the first week of the month of February next, and afterwards in the first week of the months of June and November next, and as often between the first weeks of June and November aforesaid as they may see proper, go to the several warehouses to which they are so appointed, and view and examine the beams and scales, and other necessaries, and try the weights by the standard weights of the county, at every warehouse in their respective counties; and if the said beams and scales shall be defective, or if the weights shall differ from the standard, or if other necessaries required by this act be wanting, the said justices or justice shall cause the same to be repaired, amended or provided, and the charge thereof shall be paid by the inspectors respectively, and be allowed in their account with the said justices; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the standard keeper of each county in this state, when required, to attend the said justices with the standard weights of the county, and to assist them in adjusting the beams and scales, and trying the weights, at the several and respective warehouses in the said county; and the said standard keepers shall be allowed by the justices of their respective counties, at the time of laying their county assessment, a reasonable compensation for their trouble; and it is declared to be the duty of the inspector or inspectors, constantly to take care of the warehouses under their charge, under a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds current money for every neglect.

Inspectors to
account, &c.

XXV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all inspectors shall, on the second day of the court of laying the assessment for their respective counties, account with the justices thereof, upon oath or affirmation, as the case may be, for all monies received, or which ought to be received, by them by virtue of this act, in which account they shall be allowed for necessary disbursements, in pursuance of this act.

By 1791, ch. 56, the inspectors in each county on the western shore, (except Harford, Calvert and Saint-Mary's, who were at that time directed to settle their accounts before November,) were to settle on the fourth Tuesday of November annually, for which purpose the courts were to adjourn to that time; and by 1793, ch. 47, section 5, the justices may in such cases compel the attendance of witnesses by summons and attachment as the county courts may.

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