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XXVI.

sustain; and the sum of money the said jurors shall adjudge to the owner or owners of such land shall be assessed by the justices of such county at the time of the making their next county assessment, and shall be collected by the sheriff or collector of such county in the same manner as the county assessment, and the sheriff or collector shall tender or pay the same to the owner or owners of such land; and the said justices shall, immediately after such valuation by the jury, cause such land to be surveyed and laid out by the surveyor of such county, with good and sufficient boundaries, and a certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the county records; and the justices of the said county, and their successors, shall be and are hereby vested with an estate in fee-simple in the said land, for the use of such county for ever; and the said justices, or any two of them, shall and they are hereby authorized and required to treat and agree with workmen to build and finish good, necessary and convenient warehouses on such land, and to purchase all necessaries and conveniences to carry this act into execution, and the expences for the same shall be assessed and collected on and from the inhabitants of such county, in the same manner as the county assessment, and shall be paid by the sheriff or collector to the order of the said justices, or any three of them.

As to be given
in charge, &c.

LIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the several county courts be authorized and required, at their respective March, April or June courts, and on the second day thereof, to give this act in charge to the grand jury, and to direct them to make diligent inquiry into any breaches of this act, and particularly into the conduct of the inspectors in their county; and the said justices are also authorized and required, at the same court, to inquire into the number of warehouses in their county, the quantity of tobacco inspected at each warehouse within the year, the number of inspectors at each warehouse, and the annual expence of, and receipts at, each warehouse, and after full inquiry and mature consideration of all these circumstances, and the situation and convenience of the inhabitants of their county who carry tobacco for inspection, to determine whether any warehouse appointed in their county in virtue of this act ought to be discontinued and suppressed, and also whether the number of inspectors at any warehouse ought to be increased or diminished, and the said justices shall enter their determination in the records of the minutes of their proceedings, and shall transmit a copy thereof to the governor and the council; and if the said justices shall declare that any warehouse is unnecessary, it shall, by virtue of such order, be discontinued, and if belonging to the county, the warehouse, with the ground belonging thereto, shall be sold by the order of the said justices, and the sales thereof applied to the use of the county; and if they shall declare that the number of inspectors are too few or too many at any warehouse, the governor, with the advice of the council, may appoint and commission, out of the last recommendation, as many persons as may be necessary, or, in the last case, take as many out of the appointment and commission as may be requisite.

Charge for
warehouse
room, &c.

LX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every hoghead of tobacco that shall be unexported, after being twelve months in any public warehouse established by this act, shall be chargeable with three-pence per month for every month any hoghead of tobacco shall be over and above one year; and the inspector or inspectors are hereby directed to receive and pay the same to the justices of the county, if such warehouse belongs to the county, if not, to the owner or proprietor of the warehouse.

Inspectors al-
lowance, &c.

LXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for every hoghead of tobacco inspected on the western shore, except the counties of Baltimore and Harford, there shall be paid to the inspector or inspectors who shall view the said tobacco the sum of four (a) shillings current money; and for every hoghead of tobacco inspected on the eastern shore, and the counties of Baltimore and Harford, there shall be paid the sum of five shillings current money, by the person receiving the said tobacco, at the time of delivery thereof; and the said inspectors shall account for and pay all such monies by them received to the justices of their county, who shall, out of such monies, pay the proprietors of the warehouses, within one month after such account shall be settled, a sum of money, in their discretion, not exceeding one shilling and six-pence, (a) nor less than one shilling and three-pence current money, for every hoghead inspected, passed, and lodged in their respective warehouses; and the inspectors salaries, and also all other expences incurred in virtue of this act.

(a) By 1793, ch. 47, section 4, the sum was fixed at one shilling and six-pence per hoghead, but not to extend to Beard's Point warehouse, on South-river; and by 1795, ch. 71, the sum is not to exceed three shillings, or be less than one shilling and six-pence. By 1795, ch. 71, the sum is increased to five shillings and six-pence, except in Prince-George's county; and by 1799, ch. 87, the sum of seven shillings and six-pence is to be paid at Elk Ridge, in Anne-Arundel county, Emerson's warehouse, in Talbot county, and at the several warehouses in Charles and Saint-Mary's counties, and at a warehouse therein mentioned to be erected in Baltimore.

General issue
pleadable, &c.

LXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any action shall be commenced against any person for any thing done in pursuance of this act, he may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter