

No Tobacco to be landed but at public Warehouses; nor to be taken out of Cask by any Skipper, &c. before inspected.

shall be intrusted, shall land or put on Shore any Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, put on board the same, to be carried to any public Warehouse, at any other Place or Places than the Warehouse or Warehouses by this Act appointed for the Reception and Inspection of Tobacco, or at some, or one of them, or the Wharffs or other Landing to such Warehouse or Warehouses belonging; or shall put the same on board any other Vessel, or suffer the same to be done, so as the same be not delivered at some of the said public Warehouses without Fraud or Imbezzlement; or shall open any Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, so as aforesaid water-born and landed, and take thereout any Tobacco, before the same be viewed by the said Inspectors, according to the Directions of this Act; or after the same has been viewed, shall fraudulently open any Hogshead, Cask, or Case, and take thereout any Tobacco; every such Offence shall be adjudged Felony, and the Offender or Offenders shall suffer by Whipping and Pillorying, and paying Fourfold, as in case of Felony.

Provisoes.

*Provided always,* That nothing herein before contained shall be construed to prohibit the Landing or putting on Shore any Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, out of any Sloop, Boat, or other Vessel, which, by Distress of Weather, shall be forced on Ground, or become leaky, so as such Landing be really, and *bona fide*, for the Preservation of the Tobacco laden in such Vessel; and that the same be, with all convenient Speed, carried thereafter to the Warehouse, or Ship (as the case shall be), to which it was designed, without Imbezzlement.

*Provided also,* That if by any of the accidents aforesaid, or Negligence of the Master, or Skipper, of any Vessel, any Tobacco which hath been viewed and stamped, shall, in it's Carriage to the Ship, in which it is intended to be exported, receive so much Damage, as that the Master of such Ship will not receive it on board, every Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, so damnified, shall, with all convenient Speed, be carried to some Warehouse appointed by this Act, and there lodged, until the Owner of the said Tobacco, or Master of the Vessel, in which it was damaged, shall have separated the same, and repacked the good Tobacco; and then the same shall be viewed and stamped by the Inspectors attending such Warehouse, without Fee or Reward.

Inspectors to give Bond, with Sureties, for the due Execution of their Office.

The Oath.

*Provided always,* That every Person appointed, or to be appointed an Inspector by Virtue of this Act, shall, before he enters upon the Execution of the said Office, enter into Bond, with good Surety, in the Penalty of three hundred Pounds current Money, payable to the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, with Condition, for the true and faithful Performance of his Duty, according to the Directions of this Act; and shall also take the following Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, that is to say, "You shall swear, (or affirm,) that you will diligently and carefully view and examine all Tobacco brought to any public Warehouse or Warehouses, where you are appointed to be Inspector, and all other Tobacco which you shall be called upon to view and inspect; and that you will not receive any Tobacco that is not, in your Judgment, sound, well-conditioned, merchantable, and clear of Trash; nor receive, pass, or stamp any Tobacco, or Hogshead, Cask, or Case of Tobacco, prohibited by one Act of Assembly entituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*; and that you will in all Things well and faithfully discharge your Duty in the Office of an Inspector, according to the best of your Skill and Judgment, and according to the Directions of the said Act, without Fear, Favour, Affection, Malice, or Partiality: So help you God." Which Oath, or Affirmation, shall and may be taken before any one Justice of the Peace for the County where the Inspector shall officiate; and by such Justice certified to the Vestrymen and Church-wardens of the Parish, and an Entry made in the Book which the said Vestry are obliged to keep by this Act. And if any Person shall presume to execute the Office of an Inspector, before he has given such Bond and taken such Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid, as also the Oaths or Affirmation prescribed by Law to be taken to the Government, and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and Test, he shall forfeit and pay five hundred Pounds current Money.

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