

shall be returned to the Debtor. *Provided always,* That when any Person who shall be indebted for Public or County Levies, Clergy's Dues, Parochial Charges, Officers and Attorneys Fees, shall refuse to shew Tobacco to the Sheriff, or any other Goods or Chattels, to be distrained, that then and in such Cases it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff to take such Person in Execution for such Levies, Dues, Charges, and Fees. And the Sheriffs shall, before the last Day of *June* yearly, pay and deliver to each Creditor, according to their respective Debts or Claims, all the Inspectors Notes he hath received in Satisfaction thereof: And if any Sheriff shall refuse or delay to make Payment accordingly if required, he or they so refusing or delaying shall forfeit and pay to the Party grieved double the Value of the Tobacco, so refused and delayed to be paid, to be recovered with Costs, if the Party Creditor only inclines to sue the Sheriff; or otherwise, if he sues his Bond in this Case, the Creditor shall only take his Debt, Interest, and Costs, out of the Sheriff's Bond that shall be sued.

*And be it further Enacted,* That when any Tobacco shall be brought to any of the public Warehouses, and refused by the Inspectors there officiating, the same shall be immediately burnt by them, unless the Owner, or Person bringing such Tobacco, desires to sort and separate the same, and to pick out such as is bad; in which Case the Inspectors shall permit the same to be done, at the Warehouse to which the said Tobacco shall be brought, without Fee or Reward; but shall not on any Pretence suffer the said Tobacco to be removed or carried from the said Warehouse. And the said Inspectors shall allow one Month for separating or picking such Tobacco; after which Time, if the same be not done, it shall be lawful for them to burn the whole; except where the Tobacco is in a Sweat, or where the Circumstances or Accidents of Weather may have prevented the Handling of it, in which Case the Inspectors shall allow such further time as they shall think reasonable. And where any Tobacco shall be separated and picked as aforesaid, the trash and bad Tobacco shall be burnt by the Inspectors the same Day it is picked out, under the Penalty of forfeiting seven Shillings for every Failure, to the Informer.

Tobacco refused by the inspectors to be burnt or re-pick'd.

And if any Tobacco packed in Cask by an Overseer, or the Hands under his Care, shall be burnt by the said Inspectors by reason of it's being bad, unsound, or not in a good Condition, the Overseer who had the Care of making and packing the same, shall bear the Loss of the Tobacco so burnt, and make Satisfaction for the same, out of his Share of the Crop, or otherwise. And the Inspectors shall be obliged to keep an Account of all Tobacco so burnt.

Overseers to make good all burnt Tobacco of their own packing.

And to the Intent the just Quantity of Tobacco exported may be more exactly known, and all evil Practices to defraud his Majesty of his Customs prevented, *Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That all Inspectors shall carefully enter in a Book, to be provided and kept for that Purpose, the Marks, Numbers, Gross, Nett Weight, and Tare of all Tobacco viewed and stamped by them as aforesaid, and in what Ships or Vessels the same shall be laden or put on board: And shall also with every Sloop Load, or Boat Load of Tobacco, send a List of the Marks, Numbers, Gross, Nett Weight, and Tare, of every Hoghead of Tobacco then delivered, to be given to the Master of the Ship or Vessel in which the same shall be put on board. And if the Tobacco delivered to the same Sloop or Boat, is intended to be put on board several Ships or Vessels, then they shall deliver so many distinct and several Lists as aforesaid of the Hogheads to be put on board such Ship or Vessel respectively; which Lists every Master of a Ship or Vessel is required to produce to, and lodge with the Naval Officer of the District where the Ship or Vessel whereof he is Master shall ride, or by whom he shall be cleared, some time before her Clearance. But whereas it may happen that the Ship, in which such Tobacco was intended to be put, may be so full as not to be able to stow all the Tobacco contained in such List; in such Case it shall and may be lawful to ship the said Tobacco, or any Part thereof, on board any other Ship or Ships, where the Owner thereof shall think fit, the Masters of such Ships indorsing on the said Lists the Marks and Numbers of the respective Hogheads by them taken on board, and giving Notice to the Inspectors of the Warehouse from whence the same was brought:

Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, how to be prevented.

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