

whatsoever, shall resist the Officer in the Execution of any such Warrant, every such Master or commanding Officer shall forfeit and pay fifty Pounds; and every such Skipper, Sailor, or other Person, so resisting, shall forfeit and pay ten Pounds. And if any Action shall be brought against any Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, or Constable, or other Officer appointed by this Act for doing any thing in execution of this Act, the Defendant may plead the General Issue, and give this Act in Evidence: And if the Plaintiff shall be Nonsuit, or a Judgment pass against him upon a Verdict, or Demurrer, the Defendant shall recover double Costs.

No Inspector to be capable of being a Member of the House of Delegates, or Collector of Quit Rents, or Public, or County Levies; nor to buy, or barter for, Tobacco.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Person taking upon him the Office of an Inspector, shall, during his Continuance in that Office, or within two Years after he shall be out of his said Office, be capable of being elected a Member of the House of Delegates, or shall presume to intermeddle, or concern himself with any Election of a Delegate, or Delegates, otherwise than by giving his Vote, or shall endeavour to influence any Person or Persons to give his or their Vote, under the Penalty of fifty Pounds, for every Offence. Neither shall any Inspector, during the Time aforesaid, be, or undertake to be, Collector of his Lordship's Quit-Rents, or of any Public, County, or Parish Levies, or of any Officers Fees; nor shall, directly or indirectly, for himself, or any other Person, buy or receive by way of Barter, Loan, or Exchange, any Tobacco whatsoever, under the Penalty of forfeiting thirty Shillings for every hundred Pounds of Tobacco so bought or received, and so proportionally for a less Quantity.

Proviso.

*Provided always,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to hinder any Inspector from receiving his own proper Debts or Rents in Tobacco, which shall be first viewed, examined, and stamped, according to the Directions of this Act.

Inspectors not to accept of any Fee, or Reward.

*And, for the further and better Direction of the Inspectors aforesaid in their Duty,* *Be it Enacted,* That no Inspector shall take, accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, any Gratuity, Fee, or Reward, for any Thing by him to be done in Pursuance of this Act, other than his Salary, and the other Payments and Allowances herein before mentioned and expressed. And if any Inspector shall take, accept, or receive any such Gratuity, Fee, or Reward, every such Inspector, being thereof convicted, shall forfeit and pay fifty Pounds Current Money; to be recovered with Costs, by any Person or Persons who shall inform, or sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within this Province: And moreover shall be disabled from holding the Place or Office of an Inspector, or any other Office, during the Continuance of this Act. And if any Person or Persons shall offer any Bribe, Reward, or Gratuity, to any Inspector, for any Thing by him to be done in Pursuance of this Act, other than the Fees and Allowances herein before mentioned and appointed; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of ten Pounds Current Money, to be recovered, in any Court of Record within this Province; to the Uses in this Act hereafter mentioned.

Penalty.

No Person to offer any Bribe or Reward.

Penalty.

Disputes concerning the Quality of Tobacco demanded of Inspectors, to be decided by 3 County Justices.

*And be it further Enacted,* That when any Person shall be intitled to receive a Hoghead of Tobacco, by Virtue of any Inspectors Notes or Receipts, the Inspectors shall be obliged to open the Hoghead, and shew such Tobacco to the Person demanding the same, if required, whether such Tobacco be Crop or Transfer: And if such Person shall refuse to accept of the Tobacco offered or tendered in Payment, as bad, unsound, and unmerchantable; such Person so refusing, and not accepting thereof, shall make immediate Application to any three Justices, near, or nearest to the Warehouse at which the Tobacco so refused shall be offered or tendered in Payment, who are no ways related to the Parties, nor concerned in Interest; and the said Justices shall take an Oath before some Justice of the said County (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered and required to administer), carefully to view and examine the said Tobacco, and to the best of their Skill and Judgment, not to pass any Tobacco that is not sound, well-conditioned, merchantable, and clear of Trash, according to the Directions of this Act; and that they will therein do their Duty, according to their Judgment and Conscience, without Fear, Favour, Affection, Malice, or Partiality: Which