

The whole to be burnt, if not sorted in One Month; except where it may be necessary to allow a longer Time.

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

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

except where the Tobacco is in a Sweat, or where the Circumstances of Accidents of Weather may have prevented the handling of it, in which Case the Inspector or Inspectors shall allow such further Time as he or 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 Inspector or Inspectors the same Day it is picked out, under the Penalty of forfeiting Seven Shillings for every Failure, to the Informer. And if any Tobacco packed in Cask by an Overseer, or the Hands under his Care, shall be burnt by the said Inspector or Inspectors by reason of it's being bad, unsound, or not in 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 Inspector or Inspectors shall be obliged to keep an Account of all Tobacco so burnt.

XXXII. AND to the Intent that 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 and every Inspector or 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 him or 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 he or 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, sometime 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 capable of stowing 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 Inspector or Inspectors of the Warehouse from whence the same was brought: Or if there be no Ship to receive the said Tobacco, then it shall and may be lawful for the Master of the first mentioned Ship or Vessel, to put the said Tobacco in the nearest Warehouse to the Place where such Ship shall ride, giving immediate Notice thereof to the Inspector or Inspectors who stamped the same. And the Inspector or Inspectors of that Warehouse where such Tobacco shall be delivered, shall give a Receipt for the same, and shall cause the said Tobacco to be safely lodged, and delivered to the Order of the Owner thereof, whenever he or she shall think fit to ship it off; and that without Fee or Reward.

Skippers of Flats, &c. carrying Tobacco, to be sworn.

The Oath.

XXXIII. *AND be it likewise Enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any Skipper of any Flat, Sloop or other Vessel, after the last Day of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three, to take any Tobacco from any Warehouse within this Province, in Order to carry the same on board any Ship, or other Vessel, for Exportation, before such Skipper shall make Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, before the Inspector or Inspectors of such House or Houses, (who are hereby authorized and required to administer the same), *That all such Tobacco which he shall, from Time to Time, take on board such Flat, Sloop, or other Vessel, be the said Skipper will, with all*