

passed, and stamped; for which the Inspector or Inspectors shall again receive the established Fees, under the same Penalties as are herein before inflicted, for shipping off, and taking on board any Ship, or other Vessel, Tobacco not inspected, viewed, and stamped, according to the Directions of this Act.

Transfer Tobacco, not received and marked, to be sold annually by Auction.

LXIX. AND be it further Enacted, That the Owner of any Transfer Notes, may at any Time receive and mark Hogsheads of Tobacco for satisfying such Notes, and the Inspector or Inspectors shall take in his or their former Notes, and deliver Crop Notes and Receipts for such Hogsheads, and shall be answerable for the safe keeping thereof, in the same Manner as they are for Crop Tobacco. But the Persons receiving such Hogsheads shall pay to the Inspectors Seven Shillings and Six Pence for the Inspection and Nails, for every Hogshead; that is to say, Four Shillings upon the Eastern Shore, and Four Shillings and Six Pence on the Western Shore, down, and Three Shillings and Six Pence on the Eastern Shore, and Three Shillings on the Western Shore, when the Tobacco shall be delivered out. And the Inspectors shall sell all Transfer Tobacco, which shall not be so received and marked, on the Second or Third Day of holding the Court of their respective Counties, in the Month of *November*, yearly, by public Auction, in their County Courts respectively held in that Month; and shall pay the Money arising by such Sale, in Satisfaction of their Notes, from Time to Time, to the Proprietors thereof making their Demand; under the same Penalty as is inflicted, for not paying Inspectors Notes.

Frauds in selling only Part of the Transfer Tobacco, how to be prevented.

LXX. AND for preventing Frauds that may be practised, by selling only Part of such Tobacco not received as aforesaid, *Be it Enacted,* That all Inspectors shall, in Ten Days before *November* Court in each respective County, yearly lodge with the respective County Clerks where they shall officiate, an Account upon Oath, of all the Transfer Tobacco at that Time in their Hands, before the same shall be exposed to Sale: And all Inspectors shall keep a just and true Account of the Tobacco gained or saved, upon the Allowances made for Cask or Shrinkage of Transfer Tobacco, and if any Tobacco shall be so gained or saved, shall exhibit an Account thereof upon Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, in the same Manner as is before directed, concerning Transfer Tobacco not received; and shall also sell the Tobacco so gained and saved, in the same Manner as is before directed for the Sale of Transfer Tobacco, and shall account for the Money arising by such Sale to the Justices aforesaid; and no Inspector shall convert any Tobacco so gained or saved, to his own Use, either by the Allowances for Shrinkage, or Four *per Cent* for Cask, or otherwise howsoever.

Inspectors to account every *Nov.* Court, with the Justices.

LXXI. AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Inspectors shall annually, in *November* Court, after the Sale of the Transfer Tobacco, and one Day before the laying of the County Levy, account with the Justices of the respective Counties upon Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, for all Moneys received, or which ought to be received, by them, by Virtue of this Act (except the Money paid for Nails), for every Hogshead of Transfer: In which Account they shall be allowed their Salaries, the Rent for Warehouses, and other necessary Disbursements, in Pursuance of this Act.

A Fourth to be deducted from old Tobacco Debts.

LXXII. AND be it further Enacted, That all Debtors now owing Tobacco, which did arise due before the Sixteenth Day of *May*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty Seven, their Executors and Administrators, shall, if they pay their Tobacco Debts then due, in Inspected Tobacco, at Warehouses, in Pursuance of this Act, be allowed by their several and respective Creditors, their Executors or Administrators, a Deduction of one Fourth Part of their said Debts or Demands.

Debts contracted for Tobacco.

LXXIII. AND forasmuch as several, or most of the Traders, within this Province, have kept their Books in Money, though in Truth their Dealings