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be paid, or
are payable,
in Tobacco,
to be paid be-
fore the 10th
of June year-
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chargeable with Levies, Parochial Charges, Clergy's Allowances, and Fees, as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to pay the same within the Time aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriffs, immediately after the said Tenth Day of June, to distrain the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting and refusing, and to sell and dispose thereof at the Expiration of five Days after Distress made; for Tobacco, or Gold and Silver, as the Case may be, at public Auction; all which shall be done by the said Sheriff without Fee or Reward, and the Overplus, if any be, beyond what will satisfy the Demands aforesaid, shall be returned to the Debtor.

Execution
may be made
for Fees, &c.
in Case, &c.

Sheriffs to
pay before the
last of June.

XXXI. **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 Case 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 Inspector or Inspectors Notes, or Money, 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, or Money, so refused or 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 Sheriffs Bond that shall be sued.

Tobacco re-
fused by the
Inspectors, to
be burnt;
unless the
Owner de-
sires to sort
or pick it.

The whole to
be burnt, if
not sorted in
One Month;
except where
it may be ne-
cessary to al-
low a longer
Time.

Overseers to
make good all
burnt Tobac-
co of their
own making
and packing.

XXXII. **And be it further Enacted**, That when any Tobacco shall be brought to any of the public Warehouses, and refused by the Inspector or 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 Inspector or 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 Inspector or 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 him or 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 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 shall be picked out, under the Penalty of forfeiting Fifty Six Pounds of Tobacco 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.

Frauds in his
Majesty's
Customs, how
to be prevent-
ed.

XXXIII. **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,