

C H A P.

1.  
Inspectors not to be capable of being Members of the House of Delegates, or Collectors of Quit Rents, or Public, or County Levies; nor to receive Tobacco by way of Loan, Barter, or Exchange.

**LX.** And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person taking upon himself the Office of an Inspector, shall, during his Continuance in that Office, or within two Years next 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 or Votes; under the Penalty of Eight Thousand Pounds of Tobacco 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, during his Continuance in the said Office, buy or receive by way of Barter, Loan, or Exchange, any Tobacco whatsoever, or suffer or permit any Tobacco to be bought by any Person or Persons whatsoever, with any Money arising by the Sale of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes whatsoever, made by any of the Inspector or Inspectors, either upon their own Accounts, or the Accounts of any other Person or Persons whatsoever; nor shall any way intermeddle with, or busy him or themselves in procuring Tobacco, to be sold or consigned to any Merchant, or in lading any Ship or Vessel with Tobacco (except the proper Tobacco of such Inspector or Inspectors), under the Penalty of Two Hundred and Forty Pounds of Tobacco for every Hundred Pounds Weight of Tobacco, and so in Proportion for a greater or less Quantity, so bought or received, or procured to be consigned or laden on board such Vessel; to be recovered before one Magistrate, as in Case of small Debts, where the Forfeiture does not exceed Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and where it exceeds Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, in any Court of Record, with Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information; one Half thereof to the Use of the Informer, and the other to the several and respective Counties, to defray the Expence that hath or may accrue in the due Execution of this Act. **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.

But may receive their own Debts or Rents in Tobacco.

Inspectors not to accept of any Fee, or Reward.

**LXI.** 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 Eight Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; 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 Sixteen Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, 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.

If any Disputes arise about the Quality of Tobacco,

**LXII.** And be it further Enacted, That when any Person shall be intitled to receive a Hoghead of Tobacco, by Virtue of any Inspector or Inspectors Notes or Receipts, the Inspector or Inspectors shall be obliged to open the Hoghead, and shew such Tobacco to the Person demanding the same, and also re-weigh the same if required, whether such Tobacco be Crop or Transfer: