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warehouse, and there inspected by persons appointed for this purpose, or acting as inspectors, or unless the same shall be first brought to one of the public warehouses herein after mentioned, and there viewed and inspected in manner herein after directed.

Commission-
ers of the tax
to nominate
inspectors, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the tax for the several counties shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to meet at the place where their respective county courts are usually held, between the first and the tenth day of August next, and annually during the continuance of this act, between the first and tenth day of September after the present year, and shall then and there take the following oath or affirmation (if a quaker, menonist or dunker) to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely, and truly, declare and affirm, that I will, faithfully, honestly, and justly, nominate and recommend to the governor and the council, such persons to be inspectors, as I think in my judgment and conscience are fit and capable to execute the office of inspector:" which oath (or affirmation) any one of the said commissioners may administer, and thereupon the said commissioners, or any three or more of them, shall proceed to nominate two or four (as the case may require, and as they shall previously determine) able and sufficient planters, well skilled in tobacco, to execute the office of inspectors, at every warehouse within their county, and shall forthwith transmit a certificate under their hands of their recommendation to the sheriff of the county, who shall forthwith transmit the same to the governor and the council, who may, out of the said two or four persons, appoint by warrant two of the four, or one of the two, to be inspectors or inspector, as the case may require; and if any person appointed by the governor and the council shall refuse to take upon himself the execution of the said office, such person, so refusing, shall be, and he is hereby obliged and directed to signify such his refusal, in writing under his hand, directed to the clerk of the council for the time being, and shall, within ten days from the receipt of his warrant, deliver such writing to the sheriff of the county, or his deputy, where such person shall reside, under the penalty of four hundred pounds of tobacco; and the said sheriff shall, and he is hereby obliged to forward the same, in the like manner that public letters, by the laws of this state, are to be forwarded; and every inspector or inspectors, to be chosen, and accepting the office, shall not resign his said office, or refuse to act therein, until the first day of November yearly.

Persons cho-
sen to signify
their accept-
ance within
ten days, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That where the same persons are by the commissioners again rechosen to serve as inspectors for the year next following, they and every of the said inspectors shall, if they incline to serve, signify their acceptance thereof, within ten days next after such time of their being so rechosen; which signification shall be made in the same manner as persons appointed by the governor and council to be inspectors are by this act before directed to signify their refusal to accept of such office.

How vacan-
cies are to be
filled up, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That in case of the death, refusal, or removal, of any inspector, or inspectors, the governor and the council for the time being shall and may nominate and appoint any other person or persons mentioned in the last recommendation to be sent them, as aforesaid, from such commissioners, for any inspection, where a vacancy