

cancy shall or may happen, as aforesaid, to succeed any inspector or inspectors, as aforesaid, refusing, removed, or dead; but should it so happen, that by deaths, refusals, or removals, there should not be persons enough left in the nominations of the commissioners, so as aforesaid to be transmitted, for the appointment of the governor and the council, then, and in such case, the commissioners of any county, or any three or more of them, where this shall happen to be the case, shall immediately meet as aforesaid, and elect two or four, as the case shall require, for inspectors, and, as before, transmit certificates of such nomination and recommendation to the sheriff of the said county, who shall forthwith transmit the same to the clerk of the council, to be as before laid by him before the governor and the council; out of which the governor and the council, as aforesaid, shall appoint a sufficient number, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, to serve as inspector or inspectors respectively, in pursuance of the recommendation aforesaid.

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XIV.

VI. **Provided always, and it is the true intent and meaning of** Proviso.
this act, That though the commissioners are to elect inspectors annually, yet where they elect again a former inspector or inspectors, they shall continue such without any new appointment by the governor and the council.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That every commissioner, who shall neglect or refuse (not being prevented by sickness or some unavoidable accident) to meet, according to the directions of this act, to nominate and recommend inspectors, or who being so met, shall omit, neglect, or refuse, to nominate and recommend inspectors, whereby inspectors shall not be nominated and recommended in pursuance of this act, shall forfeit and pay eight hundred pounds of tobacco for every such offence.

Penalty on
commissioners
not meeting,
&c.

VIII. **Provided always,** That no commissioner, who shall be an inspector, shall have or be allowed, so long as he shall be an inspector, any vote in the nomination or recommendation of any other inspector or inspectors; and that where any person or persons shall be appointed, in pursuance of such nomination and recommendation, as already mentioned, and shall afterwards and again be nominated and recommended to be an inspector or inspectors for the ensuing year, such nomination and recommendation shall be a sufficient power to such inspector or inspectors, to be and continue in the said office, without any further appointment, and so from year to year, so long as he or they shall be nominated and recommended as aforesaid. Proviso.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That every inspector, before he enters upon the execution of his office, shall, under the penalty of five thousand pounds of tobacco, take the oath (or if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, the affirmation) of fidelity to this state, prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and also the oath prescribed by the act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, and subscribe a declaration of his belief in the christian religion; which oaths or affirmations any justice of the peace may administer.

Inspectors to
take the oath
of fidelity, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That every inspector, before he acts as such, shall, under the penalty of one thousand pounds of tobacco, take the following An oath of office, &c.