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XIV.

following oath (or if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, affirmation) of office, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely, and truly, declare and affirm, that I will, diligently and carefully, uncase, break, and examine, all tobacco brought to any public warehouse or warehouses, where I am appointed to be inspector, and all other tobacco I shall be called upon to view and inspect; and that I will not receive any tobacco that is not, in my judgment, sound, well conditioned, merchantable, and clear of trash; nor receive, pass, or stamp, any tobacco or hoghead of tobacco, prohibited by an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco; and that I will receive, pass, and stamp, all tobacco that is found, well conditioned, merchantable, and clear of trash, and in all things well and faithfully discharge my duty in the office of an inspector, according to the best of my skill and judgment, and according to the directions of the said act, without fear, favour, affection, malice, or partiality. So help me God;" which oath or affirmation any justice of the peace may administer.

And enter in-  
to bond, &c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That every inspector, before he executes any part of his duty under this act, shall, under penalty of one thousand pounds of tobacco, enter into bond before one or more of the said commissioners of the tax for his county, with good and sufficient securities, such as the said commissioners or any one or more of them shall approve, in the penalty of forty thousand pounds of tobacco, payable to the state, with condition, "that he will, diligently and carefully, view and examine all tobacco brought to any public warehouse or warehouses where he is appointed to be inspector, and all other tobacco he shall be called upon to view and inspect; and that he will not receive any tobacco that is not in his judgment sound, well conditioned, merchantable, and clear of trash, nor receive, pass, or stamp, any tobacco or hoghead of tobacco, prohibited by an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco; and that he will receive, pass, and stamp, all tobacco that is found, well conditioned, merchantable, and clear of trash, and in all things well and faithfully discharge his duty in the office of an inspector, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and according to the directions of the said act, without fear, favour, affection, malice, or partiality, and that he will in all things well and faithfully execute and perform the several duties required of him by this act;" and the said commissioner or commissioners shall immediately cause the said bond to be proved by the witnesses thereto, and shall forthwith endorse the probate on the back thereof, and transmit the said bond to the clerk of the county court, within ten days, who shall record the same, with the endorsement thereon, and transmit it to the clerk of the general court, who shall immediately record the same bond and endorsement aforesaid, and after entry thereof upon record, the said clerk shall deliver the original bond to the register of the chancery court, to be by him safely kept in the chancery office, and an attested copy of the said bond and probate, from the said record, shall be as good evidence in law, to maintain an action of debt for any breach of the condition thereof, as if the said bond was actually produced and proved in court; and the same bond may be sued by any person entitled as holder of any note or receipt of such inspector, for the non-payment or not delivering the tobacco mentioned in such note or receipt, and on nonsuit or judgment for defendant,