

pendant, shall be liable for costs, and any person bringing suit on such bond may be awarded by the court to give security for costs. C H A P. XIV.

XII. And be it enacted, That the justices of the several counties, or any three or more of them, shall, at their respective October and November courts, at the time of laying their county levy, ascertain salaries in tobacco for the inspectors within their county, and if the reward allowed by this act for inspection shall not be sufficient to satisfy the said salaries and warehouse rent, and other annual charges of the inspection houses within their counties, the said justices shall assess and levy, on their county assessment, a quantity of tobacco sufficient to discharge the same, with an alternative to the persons chargeable with such assessment to pay the same in money, at the current price, to be then fixed and declared by the said justices. Justices to ascertain their salaries, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That no inspector 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 merchandises, whatsoever, made by any 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 loading any ship or vessel with tobacco (except the proper tobacco of such inspector or inspectors) under the penalty of one thousand pounds for every hoghead of tobacco so bought or received, or procured to be consigned or laden on board such vessel. Inspectors not to buy tobacco, &c.

XIV. 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. Proviso.

XV. And be it enacted, That if any person shall erase, alter, or deface, any mark, number, or figure, set and burnt by any inspector on any hoghead, and if any person shall counterfeit any mark, number, or figure, or make the representation thereof on any hoghead, such person shall forfeit five thousand pounds of tobacco for every offence. Penalty on persons erasing, &c. marks on hogheads, &c.

XVI. And, For the direction of inspectors in their duty, Be it enacted, That no inspector shall accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any gratuity, fee, or reward, for any thing by him done in pursuance of this act, other than his salary and the other payments and allowances herein 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 ten thousand pounds of tobacco, and shall be disabled from holding the office of an inspector, 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 mentioned and appointed, every person so offending, Inspectors not to accept gratuities, &c.