

(being a sufficient planter, and well skilled in tobacco) and the two persons so appointed shall view, inspect, pass, and stamp, or refuse, the tobacco brought to the said house, during the sickness or disability of such sick or disabled inspectors, each of the said two persons so appointed first taking the oaths or affirmations of fidelity and the affirmation or oath of office directed by this act to be taken by inspectors, and the said sick or disabled inspectors, and their sureties, shall be answerable for the said tobacco inspected and passed by the said persons by them appointed as aforesaid, in the same manner as if they or each of them had personally officiated.

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XXI. And be it enacted, If the inspector, at any house where one is appointed, shall be sick or disabled, and thereby prevented from attending his duty, that in such case such inspector may, and he is hereby required to nominate and appoint one other person (being a sufficient planter, and well skilled in tobacco) and the person so appointed shall view, inspect, pass, and stamp, or refuse, the tobacco brought to the said house, during the sickness or disability of such sick or disabled inspector, the said person so appointed first taking the oaths or affirmations of fidelity and the affirmation or oath of office directed by this act to be taken by inspectors, and the said sick or disabled inspector, and his sureties, shall be answerable for the said tobacco inspected and passed by the person by him appointed, in the same manner as if he had personally officiated.

Where there is only one inspector, if sick, he may appoint a person to act, &c.

XXII. And be it enacted, That there shall be provided by the justices of each county, at the county charge, and kept at every one of the said warehouses, a good and sufficient beam, prizes, cranes, blocks, tackles, weights, and scales, to weigh fifteen hundred gross pounds at the least, and a set of small weights, such as are or ought to be provided for the standard weights of each county; and the said justices are hereby required and obliged to keep the same in good repair, together with the prizes, cranes, blocks, tackles, and other necessaries; and shall yearly, at their respective October and November courts, appoint two or more of their number for each warehouse, one of whom shall, some time in the month of January next, and afterwards some time in the months of June and November yearly, go to the several warehouses to which they are so appointed, and view and examine the beams and scales, and other necessaries, and try the weights by the standard weights of the county at every warehouse in their respective counties; and if the said beams and scales shall be found defective, or the weights be found to differ from the standard, or other necessaries required by this act be found wanting, the said justices or justice shall cause the same to be repaired and amended, and the charge of such repairs shall be paid by the inspectors respectively, and be allowed them in their account with the said justices; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the standard keeper of each county in this state (when required) to attend the said justices, so to be appointed, with the standard weights of the county, and to assist them in adjusting the beams and scales, and trying the weights as aforesaid, at the several and respective warehouses in the said county; and the said standard keepers shall be allowed, at every October and November courts, on the eastern and western shore respectively, by the justices of their respective counties, their reasonable accounts for their trouble.

Justices to provide scales, &c.

XXIII. And