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XIV.Warehouses,
&c. already
built, to be
continued
such, &c.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the warehouses, wharfs, prizes, and cranes, already built, or by this act to be erected, shall be continued warehouses for the inspection of tobacco; where the same warehouses have been commonly used and employed for receiving and storing tobacco for rent or reward, shall continue to be made use of as warehouses by virtue of this act, and the owners or proprietors of every such house, are hereby obliged to let the same to the inspector or inspectors, as the case shall be, under the penalty of thirty-two thousand pounds of tobacco.

Proprietor,
&c. not to
make private
use of ware-
houses, &c.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That the owner or proprietor, or the inspector or inspectors, of any warehouse or warehouses, shall not, on any pretence whatsoever, make any private use thereof, or suffer the same to be done, whilst the same shall be under rent to the public, under the penalty of two thousand pounds of tobacco, nor shall the said inspectors keep any horses, cattle, sheep, or hogs, in any of the public warehouses, under the penalty of two hundred pounds of tobacco to the owner.

Inspectors to
account an-
nually, &c.

XXV. And be it enacted, That all inspectors shall annually, on the second day of the October courts on the eastern shore, and second day of the November courts on the western shore, after the sale of the transfer tobacco, and one day before the laying of the county charge, account with the justices of the respective counties upon oath, or affirmation (if a quaker, menonist, or dunker,) for all monies and tobaccos received, or which ought to be received, by them, by virtue of this act (except the money and tobacco paid for nail) in which account they shall be allowed for purchase of tobacco hogheads, and other necessary disbursements, in pursuance of this act.

If warehouses
happen to be
burnt, the
loss to be
made good in
the public le-
vy, &c.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That if any of the warehouses herein after mentioned, or that shall be erected by virtue of this act, shall happen to be burnt or otherwise destroyed (except by the negligence of the inspector or inspectors) the tobacco thereby destroyed shall be made good and repaid to the several persons injured, by an allowance in the public levy, at the next sessions of assembly after such loss; and in case of such accident, no inspector or inspectors shall be sued or molested, by reason of any notes or receipts by them given for any tobacco burnt in the said warehouse, but shall be altogether acquitted and discharged of and from the payment of the tobacco in such notes or receipts mentioned, any thing in this act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Scales, &c.
vested in in-
spectors, &c.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That the property of the scales, ropes, blocks, and weights, belonging to any warehouse established by this act for the reception of tobacco, shall be so far vested in the inspector or inspectors for the time being, as to punish any trespass or felony thereof.

Persons not to
put tobacco
on board till
inspected, &c.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That from and after the fifteenth day of September next, no person shall put on board, or receive into any vessel, any tobacco, in any hoghead, to be exported out of this state, before the same shall have been viewed and inspected, according to the directions of this act, under the penalty of four thousand pounds of tobacco for every hoghead of tobacco.