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the same, as if it had been carried to his warehouse, and give a certificate of his having inspected the same; which tobacco may be exported or carried out of this state, at any time within three months thereafter, as if the same had been carried to and inspected at any warehouse; but no inspector shall be obliged to attend for the inspection of tobacco at any other place than his inspecting house, or some place appointed by the commissioners for the inspection of tobacco instead thereof, nor shall any inspector, or the public, be answerable for any tobacco inspected under the permission given by this act, nor shall such certificate be a legal tender.

Persons may
remove their
tobacco, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That any person having tobacco at a public warehouse may, on re-delivering to the several inspectors the notes granted for such tobacco, remove the same from such warehouse, on paying the warehouse rent, assessments, and other charges with which the same is chargeable, or may retain the note given for such tobacco, and carry the same to any place appointed by the commissioners for the reception of the tobacco of the warehouse in which it is or may be lodged.

Public not an-
swerable, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the public will not be answerable for any tobacco which now remains in any public warehouse, and may, after the tenth day of July, be destroyed by the enemy, or otherwise, or which may hereafter be carried to any public warehouse or place assigned for inspection, and may be destroyed as aforesaid.

Treasurer to
transmit ac-
count of pub-
lic tobacco,
&c.

V. And be it enacted, That the treasurer of the western shore shall transmit to the commissioners aforesaid an account of the tobacco belonging to the public in the warehouses in their respective counties, and if the commissioners adjudge such warehouses to be discontinued under this act, they are hereby directed to hire persons to remove such public tobacco to places of safety at the public expence.

Commission-
ers may agree
with owners
of houses, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That wherever the commissioners shall judge one or more new inspecting house or houses to be necessary in their respective counties, they shall have full power and authority to agree with the owner or owners of such house or houses for public warehouses, at such rent or rents as they may judge ought to be paid for the same; and in case the owner or owners of such house or houses shall refuse to let the same at such reasonable rent or rents as the commissioners shall judge ought to be paid for such house or houses, then may the commissioners take such house or houses in their possession for public warehouses, and shall allow to the proprietors of such house or houses such rent or rents as they may think ought to be paid for the same.

Continuance.

VII. This act to continue and be in force until the end of the next session of assembly.

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An ACT to adjust the debts due from this state.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, many debts are due from this state on loan-office certificates for money lent, and on certificates for allowances on the journal of accounts, and for property purchased or taken by authority of law, and for services performed, and for