

house in either of said counties for the inspecting and receiving said tobacco, on account of which the inhabitants of said counties labour under very great disadvantages, and have no convenient markets for the sale of their tobacco; therefore,

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II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners of the tax for Frederick and Washington counties may, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, upon application made to them by any person or persons, to determine and fix upon, and lay out agreeably to the said act, the most proper place in said county or counties to build and erect one warehouse in each county for the reception and inspection of tobacco, and also appoint one or two inspectors for each or either of said warehouses; provided such person or persons making such application shall build and erect the same at his or their own expence or expences, so that the same be sufficient to contain and secure all the tobacco offered at said warehouse, and furnishing scales, weights, prizes, and all other things that shall be necessary for that purpose; that such person or persons erecting said warehouse be, and are hereby vested with full power to levy and receive from the owner or owners of said tobacco, three shillings and nine-pence per hoghead for all tobacco by them received, kept, and delivered in good order, within one year, and three-pence for every month thereafter they shall take care of said tobacco after the expiration of said one year, until the same shall be delivered in good order, agreeably to the regulations in the said act.

Commissioners to fix upon a place, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the inspector or inspectors appointed at such warehouse shall take an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, as in other cases is required by the said act; and the person or persons undertaking to build such warehouse, shall give bond with good security, to be approved of by the commissioners of the tax for his county, with condition to perform his contract in building said warehouse, and keeping the same in repair, and also providing weights, scales and prizes, and other things necessary for inspecting tobacco at said warehouse, the said bond to be proved and recorded as herein before directed with regard to other bonds.

Inspectors to take an oath, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the tobacco notes received for tobacco delivered at either of the said warehouses, shall not be received in payment or discharge of any tobacco debt or debts, unless by consent of the party or parties to whom the same shall be due, or that the contract was entered into for the payment of said tobacco.

Notes not to be received for debts, &c.

V. *And, to prevent and detect deception and fraud by exchanging any of said tobacco when received from either of the warehouses aforesaid to be carried to any port for exportation, Be it enacted,* That any person or persons receiving said tobacco, to be carried in waggons, or to be otherwise delivered at any port for exportation, shall make oath before some magistrate, (or affirmation) as the case may be, describing the number and marks on said hoghead or hogheads, that the identical tobacco, so intended to be carried shall be delivered, (accidents from weather or other ways excepted,) in the same good order as he received the same from the inspector or inspectors of said warehouse, and that the same hath not been changed, altered, diminished, or wilfully damaged, since the same was received from the warehouse or warehouses aforesaid; and such tobacco may, at his own expence, or the expence of the vendor, if the same prove unmerchantable, be reviewed by the purchaser, or his order, in manner herein before directed in other cases, such review to be made at the port or place of delivery, on navigable water, and not otherwise.

Persons receiving tobacco for exportation to make oath, &c.