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1787.

II. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the election, vestrymen and churchwardens; on Easter Monday last, and the proceedings of the said vestry of Saint Peter's parish, be and they are hereby revived and confirmed, and made as good and valid in law, to all intents and purposes, as if the said vestrymen and churchwardens had been elected on the said Easter Monday in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, and that the said vestry shall have as full and ample powers in all things as if the election had been made on Easter Monday in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, agreeably to the law to establish select vestries.

C H A P IX.
Election made valid, &c.

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An additional supplement to the act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco.

Passed May 15.

WHEREAS many of the inspectors of tobacco at the several warehouses within this state have refused to inspect parcels of tobacco, and to grant transfer notes for the same;

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That when any tobacco shall hereafter be brought in parcels to any warehouse in this state, appointed by law for the public reception and inspection of tobacco, the inspector or inspectors are hereby directed carefully to view and examine the same, and if found to be in good condition and merchantable, to weigh and render to the owner thereof as many transfer notes as he or she may require, to the amount of the quantity so examined and weighed, which notes shall be current, and received in payment and satisfaction of all contracts for tobacco, and judgments and decrees on contracts for tobacco, subject to the usual deduction of six per cent. when paid or received in lieu of crop tobacco, and of ten per cent. when paid or received in lieu of crop tobacco clear of task, according to the terms and intention of the contract, judgment or decree, as the case may be; and shall be transferrable from one to another in all such tobacco payments, and shall be paid and satisfied by the inspector or inspectors who signed the same, upon demand, and the said inspector or inspectors shall and are hereby obliged to make every hog head by him or them paid away in discharge of notes given by him or them, as aforesaid; to contain nine hundred pounds of net tobacco at least; and for every such hoghead of tobacco by him or them paid away, well lined and nailed in fit order for shipping, there shall be paid by the person receiving such hoghead the sum of nine shillings and four pence for case and nails, and the person demanding or receiving tobacco in discharge of notes as aforesaid, shall allow the inspector or inspectors two pounds of tobacco per hundred, and in proportion for any greater or smaller quantity, for shrinkage and waste, if the said tobacco be paid at any time within two months after the date of the note or notes given for the same, and one pound of tobacco for every hundred for every month in which the same shall be unpaid after the said allowance, so as such allowance for shrinkage and waste does not exceed in the whole six pounds for every hundred pounds of tobacco; and if any inspector or inspectors, by whom any such notes for tobacco as aforesaid shall be signed, shall refuse or delay to pay and satisfy the same when demanded, every inspector so refusing or delaying shall forfeit and pay to the party injured double the value of the tobacco so refused or delayed to be paid, to be recovered with costs, if the note or notes so refused or delayed to be paid exceed six hundred pounds of tobacco, and if the note or notes do not exceed six hundred pounds of tobacco, double the value shall and may be recovered before any justice of the peace of the county wherein the warehouse shall be, at which the note or notes ought to be paid.

Tobacco brought in parcels to be viewed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the owner of any transfer notes may at any time receive and mark hogheads of tobacco for satisfying such notes; and the inspector or inspectors shall take in his or their former notes, and deliver crop notes and receipts for such hogheads, and shall be answerable for the safe keeping thereof in the same manner as they are for crop tobacco, but the person receiving such hoghead shall pay to the inspector the sum of nine shillings and four pence for the

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