

Session Laws
p. 15 aforesaid, shall be returned to the Debtor. Provided always, That when any Person who shall be indebted for Public or County Levies, Clergy's Dues, Parochial Charges, Officers and Attorneys Fees, shall refuse to shew Tobacco to the Sheriff, or any other Goods or Chattels, to be distrained, that then and in such Cases it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff to take such Person in Execution for such Levies, Dues, Charges, and Fees. And the Sheriffs shall, before the last Day of June yearly, pay and deliver to each Creditor, according to their respective Debts or Claims, all the Inspectors Notes he hath received in Satisfaction thereof: And if any Sheriff shall refuse or delay to make Payment accordingly if required, he or they so refusing or delaying shall forfeit and pay to the Party grieved double the Value of the Tobacco, so refused and delayed to be paid, to be recovered with Costs, if the Party Creditor only inclines to sue the Sheriff; or otherwise, if he sues his Bond in this Case, the Creditor shall only take his Debt, Interest, and Costs, out of the Sheriff's Bond that shall be sued.

Tobacco refused by the Inspectors to be burnt or repick'd And be it further Enacted, That when any Tobacco shall be brought to any of the public Warehouses, and refused by the Inspectors there officiating, the same shall be immediately burnt by them, unless the Owner, or Person bringing such Tobacco, desires to sort and separate the same, and to pick out such as is bad; in which Case the Inspectors shall permit the same to be done, at the Warehouse to which the said Tobacco shall be brought, without Fee or Reward; but shall not on any Pretence suffer the said Tobacco to be removed or carried from the said Warehouse. And the said Inspectors shall allow one Month for separating or picking such Tobacco; after which Time, if the same be not done, it shall be lawful for them to burn the whole; except where the Tobacco is in a Sweat, or where the Circumstances or Accidents of Weather may have prevented the Handling of it, in which Case the Inspectors shall allow such further time as they shall think reasonable. And where any Tobacco shall be separated and picked as aforesaid, the trash and bad Tobacco shall be burnt by the Inspectors the same Day it is picked out, under the Penalty of forfeiting seven Shillings for every Failure, to the Informer.

Overseers to make good all burnt Tobacco of their own packing And if any Tobacco packed in Cask by an Overseer, or the Hands under his Care, shall be burnt by the said Inspectors by reason of it's being bad, unsound, or not in a good Condition, the Overseer who had the Care of making and packing the same, shall bear the Loss of the Tobacco so burnt, and make Satisfaction for the same, out of his Share of the Crop, or otherwise. And the Inspectors shall be obliged to keep an Account of all Tobacco so burnt.

Frauds in his Majesty's customs, how to be prevented And to the Intent the just Quantity of Tobacco exported may be more exactly known, and all evil Practices to defraud his Majesty of his Customs prevented, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,