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specting Houses from each other, and many of them being necessarily fixed for the Convenience of the Planters, on the Heads of Creeks and Rivers, where Vessels of any considerable Burthen cannot go, and even small Craft are often long detained from the Shallowness of the Water, and it being often impracticable, for a Length of Time, to remove Tobacco by Reason of the Ice; all which Delays greatly discourage Trade, and the Expences occasioned thereby, fall ultimately on the Makers of Tobacco: To Remedy therefore such Inconveniencies for the future, for the more safe keeping of Tobaccoes and Encouragement of Trade;

Warehouses on both Sides the Bay, to be Appointed for Storing inspected Tobacco.

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That on the Western Shore, and on the Eastern Shore, be and are hereby appointed Places on and in which Warehouses may be built for the Reception, Storing, and safe Keeping of Tobacco, for Exportation, in Manner herein after mentioned.

In what Manner to be built.

III. And be it further Enacted, That any Person or Persons whatsoever, may at his, her, or their Will and Pleasure, and by Consent and Agreement between him, her or them, and the respective Proprietors of the Land, at the Places aforesaid hereby assigned and appointed for erecting Warehouses, set up, erect, and build in and upon any of the Places aforesaid, good Framed Warehouses, each Warehouse being not less than Forty Feet in Length, and Twenty Feet in Breadth, covered with Shingles, and floored with Plank, the Upper Part of the Sleepers of which Floor, being at least Twelve Inches from the Ground, with convenient Doors, well secured with Iron Bolts, Barrs, or good Locks.

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To be under the Care of the Inspectors of the adjacent Inspections.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That the Inspector or Inspectors, at the Inspecting House in or next adjoining to each of the said Places, hereby assigned and appointed for Warehouses, shall, during the Time that he or they shall be Inspector or Inspectors at the said Warehouses, be also respectively Keeper or Keepers of all the said Warehouses, to be erected in virtue of this Act, in the same Place where his or their Inspecting House is or next adjacent thereto, without any further or other Commission, Nomination, or Appointment, than what by the Laws now in being, is, or are necessary to constitute him or them Inspector or Inspectors, at his or their respective inspecting Houses. But previous to any such Inspector or Inspectors taking upon him or themselves, the Office and Duty of Keeper of the Warehouses aforesaid, to be erected in virtue of this Act, he or they shall give Bond to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, with two good and sufficient Securities therein, in the Penalty of Two Thousand Pounds Current Money, with Condition

Bond to be given with Surety in 2000 l.