

C H A P. XVIII. Sheriffs to pay before the last of *June*. Penalty for delaying Payment.

vies, 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 Inspector or Inspectors Notes, or Money, 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, or Money, so refused or delayed to be paid, to be recovered with Cofts, 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 Cofts, out of the Sheriffs Bond that shall be sued.

Tobacco refused by the Inspectors, to be burnt ; unless the Owner desires to sort or pick it, at the Warehouse, within One Month, &c.

Bad Tobacco to be burnt the Day it is picked out.

Penalty.

Overseers to bear the Loss of burnt Tobacco.

Account to be kept of Tobacco burnt.

XXXII. And be it further Enacted, That when any Tobacco shall be brought to any of the public Warehouses, and refused by the Inspector or 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 Inspector or 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 Inspector or 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 him or 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 Inspector or Inspectors shall allow such further Time as he or 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 Inspector or Inspectors the same Day it shall be picked out, under the Penalty of forfeiting Fifty-six Pounds of Tobacco for every Failure, to the Informer. And if any Tobacco packed in Cask by an Overseer, or the Hands under his Care, shall be burnt by the said Inspector or Inspectors by reason of it's being bad, unsound, or not in 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 Inspector or Inspectors shall be obliged to keep an Account of all Tobacco so burnt.

Inspectors to enter the Marks, Numbers, &c. of Tobacco by them viewed, and Ships on which laden.

To send distinct Lists of Tobacco laden in Craft, to the several Ships,

to be lodged by the Masters with the Naval Officer.

What shall be done with such Tobacco, when it cannot be taken on board the intended Ships.

XXXIII. And to the Intent that 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, That all and every Inspector or Inspectors shall carefully enter in a Book, to be provided and kept for that Purpose, the Marks, Numbers, Gross, Nett Weight, and Tare, of all Tobacco viewed and stamped by him or them as aforesaid, and in what Ships or Vessels the same shall be laden or put on board : And shall also, with every Sloop-load, or Boat-load of Tobacco, send a List of the Marks, Numbers, Gross, Nett Weight, and Tare, of every Hoghead of Tobacco then delivered, to be given to the Master of the Ship or Vessel in which the same shall be put on board. And if the Tobacco delivered to the same Sloop or Boat, is intended to be put on board several Ships or Vessels, then he or they shall deliver so many distinct and several Lists as aforesaid, of the Hogheads to be put on board such Ship or Vessel respectively ; which Lists every Master of a Ship or Vessel is required to produce to, and lodge with, the Naval Officer of the District where the Ship or Vessel whereof he is Master shall ride, or by whom he shall be Cleared, some time before her Clearance. But whereas it may happen, that the Ship in which such Tobacco was intended to be put, may be so full as not to be capable of Stowing all the Tobacco contained in such List ; in such Case it shall and may be lawful to ship the said Tobacco, or any Part thereof, on board any other Ship or Ships, where the Owner thereof shall think fit, the Masters of such Ships indorsing on the said Lists, the Marks and Numbers of the respective Hogheads by them