

charge his duty in the office of an inspector, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and according to the directions of the said act; and the said commissioner or commissioners shall immediately cause the said bond to be proved by the witnesses thereto, and shall forthwith endorse the probate on the back thereof, and transmit the said bond to the clerk of the county court within ten days, who shall record the same, with the endorsement thereon, and transmit it to the clerk of the general court, who shall immediately record the same bond, and endorsement aforesaid, and immediately afterwards deliver the original bond to the register of the chancery court, to be by him safely kept in the chancery office; and an attested copy of the said bond and probate, from either of the said records, shall be as good evidence in law to maintain an action of debt for any breach of the condition of the said bond, as if the same was actually produced and proved in court; and the same bond may be sued by any person entitled as holder of any note of such inspector, for the nonpayment or not delivering the tobacco mentioned in such note, and on nonsuit or judgment for defendant, the person suing such bond shall be liable for costs, and any person bringing suit on such bond, may be awarded by the court to give security for costs; and if the same person be continued inspector, he shall on every appointment, give bond as aforesaid, with other and good security, and shall qualify as aforesaid.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the justices of the several counties, or any three or more of them, shall, at the time of making their county assessment, ascertain salaries, in current money, for the inspectors within their county and if the reward allowed by this act for inspection shall not be sufficient to satisfy the said salaries and warehouse rent, and other charges of the inspection houses within their counties, the said justices shall assess in their county assessment, a sum of money sufficient to discharge the same.

Justices to ascertain their salaries, &c.

XIX. And be it enacted, That no inspector shall, directly or indirectly, during his continuance in the said office, buy, or receive any tobacco by way of barter, loan, or exchange, or any way intermeddle with, or busy himself in procuring, tobacco, to be sold or consigned to any merchant, or in loading any ship or vessel with tobacco, except the proper tobacco of such inspector, under the penalty of five pounds current money for every hoghead of tobacco so bought or received, or procured to be sold or consigned, contrary to this act; provided that any inspector may receive his own proper rents or debts in tobacco.

Inspectors not to buy tobacco, &c.

XX. And be it enacted, That if any person shall erase, cut out, burn out, blot out, or in anywise alter, change or deface, any letter, mark, number or figure, stamped or branded, or burnt on, or set upon, any hoghead by any inspector, and if any person shall counterfeit any letter, mark, number or figure, on any hoghead, such person shall forfeit fifty pounds current money for every such offence.

Penalty on persons altering marks, &c.

XXI. And, for the direction of inspectors in their duty, Be it enacted, That if any inspector shall accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any gratuity or reward, for any thing by him done in pursuance of this act, other than his salary, every such inspector, being thereof convicted, shall forfeit and pay one hundred pounds current money, and shall be disabled from holding the office of inspector, during the continuance of this act; and if any person shall offer any gratuity, reward or bribe, to any inspector, for any thing by him to be done in pursuance of this act, and shall be thereof convicted, such person shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay one hundred pounds current money.

Inspectors not to accept gratuities, &c.