

U. H. J. Storehouses after it has been View'd and approved may take one or more Promissory Notes for the same under the hand and Seal or Stamp of the Inspectors payable to the Bearer which Notes shall be Current in all Tobacco Payments and shall be Answer'd by the Inspectors at the Storehouses from whence they Issued, Deducting a reasonable Allowance for shrinkage in Cask to be deliver'd out thence only for shipping.

That for defraying the Charges of building or hiring Storehouses providing Scales and Weights, Erecting Wharfs for the Shipping of Tobacco and for paying the Annual Salaries of the Inspectors in proportion to the trouble they have respectively, there be paid for each Hogshead of Tobacco Stamp'd as aforesaid by the Owner or purchaser thereof the sum of Two Shillings and six pence to be accounted for to a Publick Treasurer and by him Issued for the purposes aforesaid.

That for preventing any undue preference in the payment of the Tobacco Sold at the Storehouses, and for which Transferable Notes are given as aforesaid, no Inspector during his being such shall directly or indirectly for himself or any other person buy any Tobacco whatsoever neither shall take or receive any Fee or Reward for doing his Duty other then the Annual Salary aforementioned, and such Fee as shall be Judged reasonable for making out Signing and Stamping the Transferrable notes for Sale Tobacco.

p. 4 NB. The Merchants now pay from Two Shillings to Two Shillings and Six pence to the common Receivers for every Hogshead of Tobacco they purchase, and very often are deceived by the fraud or negligence of those Receivers so that the Fee of Two Shillings and Six pence p hogshead now proposed will be much better employ'd when the Tobacco is to pass the View of Men of better Skill and Character.

And to the end the Ships may not be delay'd in the Country by a tedious Expectation of Lading, nor put to the charge of fetching Tobacco from the Houses and Plantations of the Inhabitants, which now Costs them in Sloop hire mens wages &c. at least Three Shillings p hogshead.

It is proposed.

That the Tobacco be delivered at the Store houses by the people themselves or Transported thither in Sloops or Boats belonging to the Country and that in recompense for the trouble and for the Conveniency of having their Ladings ready where the Ships lye, which they are fetch'd on Board with their own Boats and men, the Master of the ships shall allow and pay to the Freighter Two Shillings p Hogshead and that no Ships Boat or Men shall be suffered to take on Board any Tobacco but from the Store houses only and that to be carried on Board the Ship directly for Transportation.