

3. That no Tobacco Hogshead when fully finished shall exceed the weight of eighty pounds under a certain Penalty to be Inflicted on the Planter & Cooper — Equally —

4. That no Planter presume to false pack any Tobacco by putting therein any frost bitten Ground leaves or Seconds or Worse Tobacco in the Middle about or in any part of the knot then is at the head in open view, under a Penalty of having every hhd of Tobacco so false packed as aforesaid burnt by the Sheriff or other publick Officer and the Delinquent also to forfeit one thousand pounds of Tobacco for every such Default one half to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary the other half to the Informer or who shall sue for the same —

A Message from the Lower house by Mr. Robert Carville and Mr. John Lodge they bring with them the form of an Oath which they desire may be Administered by this house to the Clerk of their house whom they had brought with them to that Purpose the Oath being as followeth Vizt:

The Oath of the Clerk of the Lower house.

I. J. G. do swear that I will faithfully serve the Lord Proprietary & the Lower house of Assembly in the Office of Clerk of the said Lower house — During my continuance in the said Office, and that I will faithfully and Truly to the best of my Skill cunning and knowledge enter and Record the Orders Rules and Proceedings of the said house, and that I will not Divulge or Discover any the Debates or proceedings of the said house without Order of the S. house to any Person or Persons whatsoever unless to a member of the said house.

So help me God and the contents of this Book —

Which Oath was accordingly Administered to and taken by Mr. Thomas Grunwin Clerk of the Lower house and the same returned again to the Lower house by the same Messengers thus Subscribed Vizt: —

April 26th 1682 Sworn in the Upper house

Signed P. Order of John Hewellin Esq. of Assembly —

This house then proceed further to Debate and Consider of the Act for preventing the unreasonable Taxe of Cask and the Title thereof is thus altered Vizt: An Act Prohibiting the unreasonable Taxe of Hogsheads and for punish: False Package of Tobacco —

And as to the first Article concerning the falling the Timber by the last of April every Year for Tobacco whets Voted that the same take force frome after the 25th Day of September next under the Penalty of 400 Tobacco for every knot that shall be made of any other Timber then what shall be fallen as aforesaid.

And as to the second requiring Coopers to hew such Timber so fallen as aforesaid into Staves and heading by the last Day of June in every year respectively Voted that the same also take force from and after the said 25th Day of September next under the Penalty of 400 Tobacco for every knot that shall be made of any other Timber then what shall be hewn out into Staves and heading by the time limited to be equally recovered of the Cooper that sets them up and the person for whom the same are sett up or either of them —