

Liber B. The Gage for hhds

No. 3. Whereas divers Masters of Ships have Complained to this Court that they making Charter parties in England according to the Ordinary Gage of Virginia hogsheads and finding by Experience they Cannot perform their obligations by reason of the Extraordinary Size and Bigness of the Caske made in this Province without Extraordinary losse in their freight, besides the disappointing of divers merchants and planters fraighting upon the Said Ships, and also do Resolvedly declare that if Some remedy be not Speedily provided in the premisses, the will Chuse rather, tottally to decline the trade, then put themselves and owners, to Such apparent and unavoidable losse, The Court taking the Same into Consideration and weighing the Condition of the Inhabitants, for the Encouragement of Trade, have thought fitt to make a Standing Gage for all Tobacco hhds to be made within this Province, and the Gage to be observed by all Coopers and others, Setting up Caske, untill it Shall be farther ordered by an Assembly And all Magistrates are hereby athorized & required in their respective Limitts, both upon Complaint or View of Such Caske not made according to the Said Gadge (hereafter Specified) to destroy them, The Gadge to be Viz. 43 Inches in Length and 26 Inches over in the head.

Order to Paul Simpson for Attachm^t on the Estate of John Pritchard

Whereas Paul Simpson hath made appear to this Court that John Pritchard is indebted unto him the said Simpson the Sume of Eleven hundred pounds of Tobacco and Caske and the Said Pritchard being non resident in this Province, The Court doth order that attachm^t be Granted against the Estate of the said Pritchard to the value of one Thousand five hundred pounds of Tobacco to be Responsible for the said debt untill a Legall determinacōn.

p. 258 Present { Cap^t William fuller, M^r Michael Brookes
 m^r Richard Preston, M^r William Parker
 m^r Edward Lloyd, M^r William Parratt
 m^r Tho: Meeres,

John Lord } Whereas m^r John Lord hath Exhibited to this
 Ann Hamond } Court a Bill of Seven hundred pounds of Tobacco and Caske Due from Iohn Hamond to Nicholas Watkins, and also an order of Court obtained at Iames Towne the 6 of December 1650 upon the Bill to be paid by the Said Hamond, And the Said Lord Impleading Ann Hammond for Satisfaction according to the Said order, but not Shewing any power