

Lib. C. B. Her Ma^{ty}s Order in Councill at the Court of S^t James' the first of Aprill 1708 declaring two Laws to be repealed was read and is as followeth Viz^t

At the Court at S^t James the first
Day of Aprill 1708 P^rsent

The Queens most Excell^t Ma^{ty}e

L ^d Chancellor	M ^r Secry Boyle
L ^d P ^r sid ^t	M ^r Vice Chamberlain
Duke of Somerset	Lord Chief Justice Trevor
Earle of Derby	S ^r Thomas Mansell
Earle of Sunderland	S ^r Charles Hedges
Earle of Cholmondeley	M ^r Vernon
Earle of Seafieid	M ^r How
M ^r Bertie	Lieu ^t Gen ^l Earle.

Whereas upon the humble Rep^rsentacōn of the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade and plantations Dated the 23^d of the Last month Her Majesty was this Day pleased to approve of an Act lately pass'd in Virginia Entituled an Act for Improving the Staple and Regulating the Size of Tob^o Hogsheads and
p. 131 also to Disallow and Repeall two Acts passd in Generall Assembly of her Maj^{ty}s Province of Maryland, Entitled

An Act for ascertaining the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads pass'd the 3^d of October 1704 and

An Act to prevent Cropping Cutting and Defacing Tobacco taken on Board Ships & Vessells upon Freight pass'd the 15 of Aprill 1707

The first of which two last mentioned Acts doth Enact as is sett forth in the said Representation, That no Tobacco Hogsheads shall Exceed fforty Eight Inches in Length and thirty two Inches in the Head, and that in Case any persons shall make Hogsheads of a Larger Dimension he shall forfeit one hundred pounds of Tobacco for Each Hogshead so made, which the merchants Complain of as a Great hardship upon them for thō By this Maryland Act, their Hogsheads Exceede those of Virginia but two Inches in the head, yet in the Loading of a Ship the Difference is considerable, for a Ship Built to Carry seaven hundred Virginia Hogsheads can not loade above six hundred of those of Maryland; besides that very often such ships Do take in part of their Lading in Virginia, and part in Maryland, so that By Reason of the Different Sizes of the Cask the Mas^{rs} cannot take in their full lading nor stow the Cask so conveniently, and without Loss