

of Room as if they were of an equall size which is a great Lib. C. B.
Discouragement of the Navigation of this Kingdome.

The second Law, to prevent Cropping, Cutting and Defacing of Tobacco Hogsheads &c. Enacts That Every Mas^{rs} of a Ship, taking Freight shall Give Bond with one surety in the sum of two hundred pounds sterling, that he [will] Not for that Voyage, Cut, Crop, lessen, Disminish, Deface impair any Tobacco Hogsheads, taken on Board his said Ship, or suffer the same to be Done under the penalty of three pounds sterling for Every Hogshead so Defaced. p. 132

This the merchants complains of, as an other hardship upon them; for the penalty upon those that shall make the Hogsheads larger than the Size in the aforementioned Act is to forfeit but one hundred pounds of Tobacco, amounting to about six shill; whereas the penalty for Defacing or Endamaging a hogshead in the stowing, being three pounds Sterling, is more than the value of a Hogshead of Tobacco there, which the said Com^{rs} conceive to be unreasonable, for the large size of the Maryland Hogsheads obliges the masters to vse screws to squeeze them in their stowage, which is lyable to be interpreted a Defacing or Endamaging the said Cask. Her Ma^{ty} taking the same into Consideration, was pleased to Order in Councill, That Colonel Seymour Governour of Maryland or the Governour in Chief for the time being do move the Assembly, that instead of the aforesaid two repeated Acts, they pass a new law conformable to that of Virginia, in respect both to the Size of the Hogshead and to the penalty on the offenders therein, and that he Transmitt the same to this Board By the first Conveniency for her Majestys Royall approbation
Chr Musgrave

Ordered by his Ex^{ncy} & this Board that Proclamacōn issue to signifye the Repeale of the said Laws which was done accordingly.

Then was read the Report of Sr Symon Harcourt her Ma^{ty}s Attorney Gen^{ll} concerning Her Ma^{ty}s Secry and the Order with her Ma^{ty}s Order upon the said His Ex^{ncy} and this Board resolve to recomēd Gen^{ll} Assembly and by the pressing Arguments & Motives they can use to them endeavour to them to complye with her Ma^{ty}s Royall ple[asure] p. 133

But inasmuch as Sr Thomas Laurence has suggested that by the Assemblys applying the ffynes of those Lycences to the Defraying the publiq Charge for four Years He is defeated of £600 sterl, so that He computes them to be annually worth £150 sterl: p Annu. Whereas upon Inquiry and nice Inspection of the County Clerks Returns of the said Lycences they have not in all exceeded in four years Which tob°