

L. H. J. at once and thereby in all probability the Price of that Commodity would always be kept up.

May the 6th 1715

Jo. Hart

And Resolved by Majority of Votes that it would be of great Advantage all Tobacco should be got ready to be shipped earlier than usually it has been of late Years but that it would be prejudicial to the good People of the Province that any prefixed Time should be limited for the Shipping of Tobacco.

After which it was considered whether the Planters should not be obliged to have their Cask Timber hewn by a certain Time in every Year.

And whether it may not be fit to oblige the Coopers to set up all Casks yearly by a prefixed Time

And agreed to by the Majority of the Committee That it may be very advantageous to the Province in General that the Planters have their Timber hewn by a certain Time and that the Coopers set up their Casks by a prefixed Time in every Year.

Then the Conferees proceed in the Consideration of that Part of the Proposal relating to encouraging the Coopers by giving them Execution for their Pay, and it was carried by Majority of voices that the said Coopers pay be upon Execution at the Rate of Eighty Pounds of Tobacco or six Shillings and Eight Pence for every Tonn of Cask at the Election of the Employer.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Conl.

On reading which the following Indorsement was ordered to be made thereon.

By the House of Delegates

May the 7th 1715

This Report being read the House concurs with the same so far as it relates to hewing Timber for Tobacco Hhds and setting up the Hhds by a certain Time; but as to that Part of the said Report that relates to have Coopers Wages upon Execution this House Resolves the same to be no ways conducing to the publick Good and therefore cannot agree with the Proposal

Signed p Order Tho. Macnemara Cl. Ho. Del.

Col^o Matthew Tilghman Ward from the Conference about revising the Laws delivers M^r Speaker the following Report Viz.