

or Fifty Shillings Sterling, to the Party grieved; to be recovered in any Court of Record in this Province, against such Master or his Sureties, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, within Two Years after the Date of the Bill or Bills of Lading of such Tobacco. Session
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And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Security or Securities, of any Master of Ship or Vessel, within this Province, shall be liable to make Satisfaction, according to this Act, for the cropping, cutting, abusing, defacing or impairing of any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, as aforesaid, and prosecuted for the same, in any Court of Record within this Province, that can hold Plea thereof: And that every Naval Officer within this Province, shall, on pain of Fifty Shillings Sterling, certify under his Hand and Seal, who are the Security or Securities of any such Master, which shall be sufficient Evidence in any Court of Record where such Action is commenced, to prove who are the Security or Securities of such Master, for which Certificate the Naval Officer may have and receive one Shilling, and no more; and that the several and respective Naval Officers within this Province, shall hang a fair Copy of this Act in their respective Offices, for the Perusal of all Masters of Ships and Vessels, the said Naval Officer to have and receive for the said Copy, One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be allowed in the County Levy.

And forasmuch as by the Enlargement of the Tobacco-Hogsheads from the late Gauge of Thirty Inches Diameter on the Head, of this present Gauge a large Quantity of Tobacco will be exported in each Hogshead, whereby the several Duties and Imposts on Tobacco will be evidently Retrenched and Lessened, unless a just Regard be had to the Preservation of them in their usual Worth and Value, which this present General Assembly is highly obliged to, those Duties being generally applyed to the Support of Government, and other the most important Affairs of this Province; and therefore it is not only just, but necessary that the Duties upon the Hogsheads, which shall be of the Gauge therein directed, shall be in some sort enlarged proportionably to the Enlargement of the said Gauge. It is therefore most humbly prayed, That His Lordship, the Lord Proprietary, will be favourably pleased to grant that it may be enacted,

And be it Enacted, by his said Lordship, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, there shall be levyed, collected and raised to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, His Heirs and Successors, for every Hogshead of Tobacco which shall be Shipped in any Ship, or Vessel, to be exported out of this Province, or any of the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks or Places thereto belonging, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, the Sum of Fifteen Pence Sterling, in Lieu and Stead of the Twelve Pence Sterling per Hogshead, formerly imposed on every Hogshead of