

That for preventing the loss which happens to the Owners of U. H. J. Ships in their freight by the packing of Tobacco in Hogsheads of an unreasonable size, the Inspectors of Tobacco are to reject as unlawfull all Tobacco hogsheads of larger Demensions than Forty Eight Inches in length and Thirty Inches Diameter at the head but the Owner may have leave to repack his Tobacco in Sizeable Casks at his own charge. And that the Owners of Ships may know when to fit out their Ships with an Assurance of a lading on their Arrival, and the People have reasonable time to Transport their Tobacco to the Storehouses. It is proposed, that no Tobacco be Deliver'd out of the Storehouses, in Order to be laden on board any Ship before the first of February nor after the last of July, that the ships may be the better preserved from the danger of the Worm, and their men from the Distempers which often prove fatal to them in the latter Seasons

And for preventing frauds in his Majesties Customs by running Tobacco in Great Britain either Pilfer'd out of the Hogsheads after they are laden on board or purchased by Sailors in the Country and carried on board in Bulk and often of such kind of Trash as would not otherwise be Exported but for the low price paid for it And the hopes of Saving the Duty at home

It is Proposed

That every Master of a Ship at his Entry shall give Bond and make Oath not to Suffer any Tobacco to be brought on board his Ship but in Casks View'd and Stamp'd as aforesaid

That for so much as shall be necessary for the Crews smoaking p. 5 during the Voyage the Master shall provide the same of such Tobacco as has been approved by the Inspectors, which shall be brought on Board in Cask and set in some Open and publick place in the Ship That all Bulk Tobacco found on board any ship or water born in any Sloop Flatt or Boat belonging thereto, may be seized and the double Value thereof recovered in any Court of Record. That the Inspectors at the several Warehouses shall enter into a Book for that purpose the Marks Numbers Gross and Neat weight and Tare of all hogsheads of Tobacco View'd and stamp'd by them, and in what Ship or Ships put on board and shall send a Manifest of the Tobacco deliver'd to each Ship to the Naval Officer of the District where such Ships Ride, to be by him Transmitted to the Officers of His Majesties Customs in that Part of Great Britain to which such Ship is bound for the more speedy detecting any fraud in running any Tobacco Stolen out of the Hogsheads. The weight of the whole Export to be sent Annually to the Commissioners of the Customs. And for Obviating disputes concerning Freight Every Master of a ship shall be obliged within Ten days after his Arrival by a note under his hand to be set up at the nearest publick Storehouse to his Mooring, to publish at what Rate he will receive Tobacco for that Voyage.