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done to the great prejudice of Merchants planters and other Inhabitants
of this Province, Be it therefore enacted by the King and Queens most
Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of this Generall
assembly and by the authority of the same That all Tobacco pipes that
shall hereafter be made within this Province shall be of the size of
fourty four Inches in length and thirty one Inches in the head and not
under the size of forty three Inches in length and thirty Inches in the
head and that what Cooper or Coopers or other person or persons that
shall make Tobacco pipes and do not observe the gaage aforesaid shall
forfeit the said Caskes and upon Complaint thereof made be compelled
for his or their default by each respective County Court where such
person or persons do Inhabitt and that any Cooper or Coopers person or
persons whatsoever that shall agree with any of the Inhabitants of
this Province and undertake with him or them to sett up or make his
or their Tobacco pipes and Caskes shall and are hereby enjoyned to sett
up and finish one halfe of the said Tobacco pipes & Caskes by the tenth
day of October next and so by the tenth day of October in any year
and the said Cooper or Coopers person or persons so agreeing or undertak-
ing to sett up the said Caskes as aforesaid shall and are hereby enjoyned
to sett up and finish the other moiety or halfe part of the said Tobacco
pipes or Caskes by or before the tenth day of December next coming
and by or before the tenth day of December in any year, and if
any Cooper or Coopers person or persons whatsoever within this
Province so agreeing and undertaking the same as aforesaid shall
wilfully or otherwise neglect to make sett up complete and finish
the said Tobacco pipes and Caskes aforesaid in such proportions and by
such tymes as aforesaid shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds
of Tobacco for every Tunn of Caskes and Tobacco pipes left at that
tyme aforesaid unmade not sett up and unfinished to be recovered
in the severall County Courts where the said party or parties
Cooper or Coopers do at that tyme dwell or reside unless the
Cooper or Coopers person or persons agreeing or undertaking
the said works or tasks aforesaid shall or can before the Com.
of such County Court make it sufficiently appear that he was

hindered