

hindered in performing his said agreement or undertaking by sickness or
by some other lawfull Impediment to be adjudged and approved off by
the Commissioners of the said severall County Courts and for the prevention
of the unreasonably great tax of Tobacco the of very ill consequences
to the Merchants and other traders here within this Province and also
to avoid the many Inconveniencies of too waighty and unseasoned Casks
But it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with the advice
and consent aforesaid that from and after Publication hereof all
Merchants traders planters overseers and other Inhabitants of this
Province making any Crops of Tobacco shall provide and cause to be
fallen and sawed by the last day of Aprill by the furthest every year
Respectively all such timber as is intended or allotted for making
Tobacco the to the intent the same may be well seasoned under the
penalty of one hundred pounds of Tobacco for every the he or they
shall have sett up or made of any other Timber than what shall be
seasoned as aforesaid one half to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the
King and Queen their heirs or successors for the support of the Govern-
ment the other half to him or them that shall sue for the same in any
Court of Record within this Province where in no Stay nor protection or
wager at Law to be allowed, And be it enacted by the Authority
aforesaid by and with the advice and consent aforesaid that from
after the publication hereof no Tobacco the or Casks for Tobacco shall
be sett up or made by any Cooper or Coopers whatsoever of any other
Timber than what is herein before provided and the same to be
hewn and Divid into staves and heading by the last day of July in
every Year respectively and when sett up and finished not to waight
above Ninety pounds the under the penalty of an hundred pounds of
Tobacco for every the that shall from and after the Publication hereof
hereafter be sett up of any other timber than shall be so fallen and
hewn or Divid as aforesaid or shall when sett up or finished exceed
the waight of Ninety pounds as aforesaid to be paid by such Cooper
or Coopers as shall sett up or make any such Casks or Casks to be
discovered in the County Courts where the Offences shall be comitt