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their Ships hither which may turn to an apparent decay of Trade if not timely prevented, and that the Cooper Employes to make Cask and sett up Tobacco Hogsheads, do for the most part either through Idleness or wilfull neglect refuse or delay to set up and finish the quantity of Hogsheads & Tobacco Cask to be sett up and made hither, late in the year, and hitherto shipping time be almost done, to the great prejudice of Merchants Planters and Inhabitants in this Province Be it therefore enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesty and with the advice and consent of their Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the same; That all Tobacco Hogsheads that shall hereafter be made within this Province shall be of the size of forty 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 hogsheads and do not observe the foregoing, shall forfeit the said Cask and upon Complaint thereof made be censured for his or their default by each respective County Court where such person or persons do Inhabit. And that any Cooper or Coopers or person or persons whatsoever that shall agree with any of the Inhabitants of this Province and undertake with him or them to set up or make his or their Tobacco Hogsheads or Cask shall and are hereby enjoyned to set up and finish one half of the said Tobacco Hogsheads or Cask by the Tenth