

An Act Confirming and making valid the last Will and Testament of Augustin Herdian late of Cecil County Gent. as it now stands Recorded in the Commissary Generals Office of this Province.

for the Naturalization of Peter Ferdinando and his Children of Andrew Imbert, Claudius Daritree, Gerardus Weffels and James his Son, Abraham Ambrose, Lewis de Roch Brune, John de Vaglia Herman Van Burkelo, Nicolaes de la Montaigne, Henderick Sluyter, and Jacob Sluiter Junior

*of Carolina (1722) 1758*

An Act touching Coopers, and the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority of the same, that all Tobacco Hogsheads that shall hereafter be made within this Province, shall be of the size of 45 Inches in length, & 32 Inches in the head, and not under the size of 46 Inches in length, and 31 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 Gauge aforesaid shall forfeit the said Cask, & upon complaint thereof made the matter of fact being proved by two good and sufficient Evidences, it shall and may be Lawful for the Justices of that respective County Court where such person or persons do inhabit to give Judgment thereupon to the party or parties grieved, and that any Cooper or Coopers person or persons whatsoever, that shall agree with any the inhabitants of this Province, and undertake with him or them to set up or make his or their Tobacco Hogsheads and Casks, shall and are hereby enjoined to set up and finish one half of the said Tobacco Hogsheads and Casks by the tenth Day of October next ensuing the undertaking the making of such Tobacco Hogsheads and Casks as aforesaid, & the other moiety or half part of the said Tobacco Hogsheads & Casks to set up & finish by or before the tenth Day of December next ensuing such Contract as aforesaid, 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, set up, complete and finish the said Tobacco Hogsheads and Cask aforesaid, according to such Gauge and by such time as aforesaid, he shall forfeit the Sum of one hundred pounds of Tobacco for every Tun of Cask and Tobacco Hogsheads left at the time and times aforesaid unmade, not set up, or unfinished, to be recovered in the several and respective County Courts where the party or parties, Cooper or Coopers do at that time dwell or reside, unless the Cooper or Coopers, person or persons agreeing or undertaking the said work or task aforesaid shall or can before the Commissioners of such County Court make it sufficiently appear that he was hindered in performing the said agreement by sickness or some other Lawful Impedement, which Plea shall be adjudged of by the said Commissioners of the several and respective County's aforesaid.

And be it also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice & Consent aforesaid, that from and after the publication hereof, all Merchants, Traders, Planters and other Inhabitants of this Province making any Cropp of Tobacco shall provide, and cause to be fallen and sawed by the last Day of April by the furthest every Year Respectively, all such Timber as he intended or allotted for the making Tobacco Hogsheads to the intent the same may be well seasoned, under the penalty of one hundred pounds of Tobacco for every Hogshead he or they shall have set up or made of any other Timber than what shall be seasoned as aforesaid, one half to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King & Queen, their Heirs and Successors for the Support of this Government, the other half to him or them that shall sue for the same, to be Recovered in any Court of Record