

within this Province, wherein no Essoyn Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed

And Be It Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that no Tobacco Hoghead or Cask for Tobacco shall be set up or made by any Cooper or Coopers whatsoever of any other Timber then what is herein before provided, and the same to be hewed and staves and heading by the last Day of July in every Year respectively. Cooper, Coopers or other persons undertaking to set up such Tobacco as aforesaid, do at the compleating and finishing of the said Hoghead in respective House, burn in the Bulge of each respective Hoghead by him so aforesaid with a brand from the two first Letters of his Name, and every Hoghead by him so branded to weigh, and the true weight thereof with marking Irons to cut into the Bulge aforesaid, on penalty & forfeiture of the Loss of his Labour for every Cask or Hoghead not branded as aforesaid to the Implyer of such Cooper, as also the Sum of one hundred pounds of Tobacco for every Hoghead by him falsely weighed or marked as aforesaid, one half thereof to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King and Queen their Heirs and Successors for the use aforesaid, the other half to him or them that shall Sue for the same to be recovered as aforesaid.

Provided that this Act nor any thing therein contained shall be construed or taken to prejudice any Cooper or Coopers, or other person or persons from undertaking to set up Tobacco Hogheads as aforesaid for any Error or Mistake in the weight of each Respective Hoghead by him so weighed and marked as aforesaid, not exceeding five pounds weight in the Hoghead; and that all and every person and persons whatsoever that shall undertake to make his or their own Cask; shall and are hereby obliged to brand, mark and weigh every respective Hoghead by him so made, under the same penalty and forfeiture as is before mentioned and expressed

And Be It Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by & with the Advice & Consent aforesaid, that every Master or other Owner of any Servants or Negroes & Coopers, that shall employ any Servant or Negro to set up his her or their Cask or Tobacco Hogheads, such Master or other Owner shall be obliged to fall, saw, hew, and set up mentioned Tobacco Hogheads within the several and respective times as by this Law is before limited and appointed; and them when finished to brand mark and weigh under the same penalties and forfeitures as is before provided against Coopers and other persons undertaking to set up Tobacco Hogheads as aforesaid. In consideration of all which, the Receiver of any Hoghead of Tobacco shall pay and allow to the Owner or Owners thereof for each Hoghead Received the Sum of forty pounds of Tobacco, deducting out of the gross Weight the true Weight of each Hoghead marked on the Bulge aforesaid and no more, any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for Confirmation of all Proceedings Judicial Military and Civil, from the death of his Excellency Lyonel Copley Esq: their Majesty's late Governour and Capt: General of Maryland &c. unto the Arrival of his present Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq: the present Governour thereof.

W H E R E A S upon the death of Lyonel Copley Esq: late Governour of Maryland, Sir Edmund Andros Knight Governour of Virginia, in their Majesty's Names did assume and take upon him the Government and Chief Command of the Province, by virtue of a Commission from their Majesty's, bearing date the third Day of March 1697. in the fourth Year of their Majesty's Reign under their Signet and Sign Manual, wherein and whereby their Majesty's Power was pleased by these Patents to constitute and appoint the said Sir Edmund Andros upon the Death of Capt: Francis Nicholson, and in the absence of the said Lyonel Copley (and not otherwise) to be Commander in chief in and over this Province, and by virtue thereof the said Sir Edmund Andros in their Majesty's Names by his Proclamation bearing date the 25th. day of September 1697. in the fifth Year of their Majesty's Reign, Reciting that whereas by the death of the said Lyonel Copley their Majesty's late Capt: General and Governour in Chief in and over this Province of Maryland, and the absence of Capt: Francis Nicholson