

the said property of this province on the conditions
therein mentioned

Forasmuch as the laws herefore made for
ascertaining the gage of Tobs have in great mea-
sure proved Ineffective either for want of paying suffi-
cient penalties upon the Offenders of proper Methods
to Instruct them but more especially it seems to this
present your Assembly by requiring a Compliance
with such a gage as has been found by Experience
to lead to the ruin of such Traders were strict ob-
servers of the Generality of our Tob being of the
right and shape a Nature that is has been found
wholly Impracticable and in a Manner impossible
to packe up so much of it in a hoghead of the
said gage of thirty Inches in the Diameter of the
head as would suffice for the payment of freight and
other Charges arising thereon the freighters of such
small hogheads having been frequently brought
indebt by the smallness of the Quantity of Tob
contained therein to the great Damage of the Tob
Trade particularly of the fair Traders therein which
seems in a Manner to have brought the said laws of the
aforementioned Laws almost into a total Contempt
it being rather more mischievous to the freighters
to be brought indebt by their strict Observance
of that gage than to lose their Tob here for