

of any tithes of Tobs. shall allow and pay to the Owner<sup>259</sup>  
or owner thereof for such hogsthead received the sume  
of forty pound. of Tobs. to be added to the neat weight  
of such Tobs. And whereas the Inhabitants of this  
provinciall Ship then Tobs. on board Shippes and other  
Vessells upon freight are much abused by Copping, fitting,  
loosening and Diminishing of the hogsthead where  
in such Tobs. is paid by the Master of Shippes or other  
Vessells or by other persons under their Command and  
Government for remedy whereof for the future

**Be it Enacted** by the Authority aforesaid  
and Com. that if any master of a Shipp or other  
Vessell within this Province after the end of this  
present session of a Assembly shall receive any tithes or  
tithes of Tobs. on board his said Shipp or Vessell or  
freight and shall either by himselfe or any  
other Officer or person on board his said Shipp or  
Vessell under his Command either suffer any tithes or  
tithes of Tobs. to be cut Copt or Sounded in their  
length or breadth or by any other way or means  
abused defaced or Impaired that then and in every  
such case such Master of a Shipp or Vessell for every  
tithes of Tobs. cut or Sounded to be cut Copt or Sounded in  
their length or breadth abused Defaced or Impaired  
to be proved by the oath of any sufficient person  
to whom the Tobs. is consignod in great Brittain