

How the Forfeitures to be disposed for the use of Schools.

Continuance.

*Consent aforesaid,* That the several County-Courts wherein there is no Publick-School, shall at their several *November* Courts, yearly, apply the said Forfeitures towards the defraying the County Charge, and Cause the Clerk of each respective County-Court to keep a true Account of all such Forfeitures that the Several Counties may reimburse the same when there shall be a Publick-School in any of the Counties aforesaid, for the Use thereof, as aforesaid, which they are hereby required to do. This Act to continue until the twenty Ninth Day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty, and no longer.

An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogheads, and to Prevent cropping, cutting and defacing Tobacco taken on Board Ships or Vessels upon Freight, and for laying Impositions on Tobacco *per the Hoghead*, for the Support of Government, and for the encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the Manner of paying his Lordships Alienation Fines and Quit-Rents, for the term therein proposed, and for the taking of the *Three Pence per Hoghead* formerly raised for the Publick Charge.

Preamble as to the Gauge.

Forasmuch as the Law heretofore made for ascertaining the Gauge of Tobacco Hogheads, having in some Measure proved ineffectual either for want of laying sufficient Penalties upon the Offenders, or of proper Methods to inflict them, but more especially as it seems to this Present General Assembly, by requiring a Compliance with such a Gauge as has been found by experience to tend to the Ruin of such Traders as were strict Observers of it, the generality of our Tobacco being of so light and chaffy a nature, that it has been found wholly impracticable and in a manner impossible to pack or prize so much of it in a Hoghead of the late Gauge 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 in Debt by the smallness of the Quantity of Tobacco contained therein, to the great Damage of the Tobacco Trade, particularly of the fair Traders therein, which seem in a Manner to have brought the latest of the afore-mentioned Laws into a General Disuse, It being rather more Mischievous to the Freighters to be brought in Debt by their strict Observance of that Gauge, than to loose their Tobacco heretofore exceeding it. For Remedy whereof for the future,

Hogheads exceeding the Gauge.

*Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable, the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same,* That from and after the End of this present Sessions, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever suspecting, discovering or knowing of any Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco that shall exceed *Forty Eight Inches* in the Stave, or *Thirty Two Inches* in the Diameter, of the Head within the Croze, or that shall exceed *Thirty Seven Inches* Diameter