

ted, by Confession or Verdict, or be outlawed, or will not upon Arraignment answer directly according to Law, or shall wilfully and of malice stand mute, or shall peremptorily challenge above Twenty, shall for every such Offence or Offences as aforesaid, suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

AND be it further enacted, that any Person or Persons, who shall after the Publication of this Act, maliciously, wilfully and designedly, burn any Ship or other Vessel, Sloop, Shallop or Boat of Seventeen foot Keel or upwards, whether laden or empty, and the Aiders or Abettors of such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted or attainted by due Course of Law, shall suffer Death as a Felon or Felons without Benefit of Clergy.

THIS Act to continue for Three Years next ensuing, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly that shall happen after the said Three Years.

By Act passed in May 1747. P. A. P. 42. By Act passed July 17, 1754 P. A. page 8th, the above Act is continued for the like Space of time.

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An ACT for the Gauge of Barrels for  
 Pork, Beef, Pitch, Tar, Turpen-  
 tine, and Tare of Barrels for Flour  
 or Bread.

Passed August  
 5th, 1745.

ALL and every Barrel or Barrels, which shall be set up to put Pork, Beef, Pitch, Tar, or Turpentine, into; and also every Barrel or Barrels, wherein Pork or Beef shall be packed, or wherein Pitch, Tar, or Turpentine, shall be filled, either for Exportation out of, or Sale within this Province, shall be of Size and Gauge to contain at least the Quantity of thirty-one and a half Gallons Wine-Measure; and that the Contents of every Pork Barrel, at Exportation or Sale, shall be at the least two hundred and twenty Pounds of good net Pork, and of every Beef Barrel the like Quantity of good net Beef, well salted and preserved; and that every Tar or Turpentine Barrel shall be filled with good clean merchantable Tar or Turpentine, and every Pitch Barrel with good true-made merchantable Pitch.

WHATSOEVER Person or Persons shall wittingly or knowingly make or set up, or cause to be made and set up, any Barrel or Barrels for Pork, Beef, Pitch, Tar, or Turpentine, of less Size, Gauge, or Dimensions, than is directed by this Act, all and every such Person or Persons shall, for every such Barrel, forfeit and pay the Sum of *Two Shillings*