

Hogsheads one also to shew the Report two Acts pass'd in
 general Assembly of her Maj.^{ty} Province of Maryland, in the

An Act for ascertaining the Gauge of Tobacco
 Hogsheads pass'd the 3^d of October 1704 and

An Act to prevent Stopping, cutting and Defacing Tobacco
 taken on Board Ships & Vessels upon Freight pass'd
 the 15 of Aprill 1707

The first of which two last mentioned Acts doth enact as is lett
 forth in the said Representation, That no Tobacco Hogsheads shall
 exceed forty eight Inches in Length and thirty two Inches in the
 Head, and that in case any persons shall make Hogsheads of a
 Larger Dimension he shall forfeit one hundred pounds of
 Tobacco for each Hogshead so made, which the merchants
 complain of as a Great hardship upon them, for tho. By this
 Maryland Act, their Hogsheads exceed those of Virginia but
 two Inches in the head, yet in the Loading of a ship the Difference
 is considerable, for a ship built to carry seven hundred
 Virginia Hogsheads cannot load above two hundred of those
 of Maryland; besides that very often such ships do take in
 part of their Lading in Virginia, and part in Maryland, so
 that By Reason of the Different Sizes of the fask the masts
 cannot take in their full lading nor stow the fask so conveni-
 ently, and without loss of Room as if they were of an equal
 size, which is a great Discouragement of the navigation
 of this Kingdome.

The Second Law, to prevent Stopping, cutting and Defacing
 of Tobacco Hogsheads &c. enacts That every mast^r of a
 ship, taking Freight shall Give Bond with one surety