

or that voyage, or open, diminish, Deface  
or impair any Tobacco Hogheads, taken on Board his Ship  
nor suffer the same to be done under the penalty of  
three pounds Sterling for every Hoghead, so Defaced.

This the merchants complain of, as an other hard ship  
upon them; for the penalty upon those that shall make  
the Hogheads larger than the size in the aforementioned Act  
is to forfeit out one hundred pounds of Tobacco, amounting  
to about six Mills; whereas the penalty for Defacing  
or Indamaging a hoghead in the Stowing, being three  
pounds Sterling, is more than the value of a Hoghead  
of Tobacco there, which the said Com<sup>rs</sup> conceive to be  
unreasonable, for the large size of the Maryland Hoghead,  
obliges the masters to use screws to squeeze them in their  
Stowage, which is liable to be interpreted a Defacing  
or Indamaging the said Cask. Her Ma<sup>ty</sup> taking the  
same into consideration, was pleased to Order in Council  
that Hon<sup>ble</sup> Seymour Governour of Maryland or the  
Governour in Chief for the time being do move the  
Assemblies, that instead of the aforesaid two repeated  
Acts, they pass a new Law conformable to that of  
Virginia, in respect both to the size of the Hoghead  
and to the penalty on the offenders therein, and that  
he transmit the same to this Board by the first  
conveniency for her Majesty's Royall approbation.

W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>rs</sup>grave

Ordered by his Majesty's Board that Proclamation  
should be signified to the Governour of said Court  
which he should accordingly do.

Then was read the Report of Seymour